

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

—Victoria Meteorological Office.

During the past week the weather has been unsettled and at times threatening, both throughout British Columbia and the North Pacific states. The pressure has continued abnormally low and cloudy weather has prevailed on the immediate coast; the rainfall has been light on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, but heavy at Barkerville and on the north-western coast at Port Simpson. While heavy rain has been falling in force, except occasionally at the mouth of the Columbia river and at San Francisco, where they attained the force of a moderate gale. Temperatures have been somewhat lower than usual at most stations, becoming, however, intensely hot on some days between the ranges. Thunderstorms were frequent and occurred at Port Simpson and Barkerville on the 19th; at Tacoma on 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, Portland 22nd, Spokane 22nd, Salt Lake City on 20th, 21st and 22nd, and in the Northwest at Minneapolis on 20th and 21st, Winnipeg on 20th and 21st, and Port Arthur on 21st. In the North-west Territories and Alaskan weather conditions have been variable; for the greater part of the week the pressure was low and storm areas centred in Alberta and Manitoba; the rainfall was light, and only heavy in a few sections, and temperatures over the whole were moderate.

At Dawson the weather has been chiefly fair, with a few showers and seasonable temperatures.

At Victoria, there were 49 hours and 54 minutes of bright sunshine; the highest temperature was 68.0 on 24th; lowest, 51.7 on 24th; rainfall, 0.14 inch.

At New Westminster, highest temperature, 72.0 on 20th; lowest, 48.0 on 25th; rainfall, 0.08 inch.

At Kamloops, highest temperature, 86.0 on 19th; lowest, 56.0 on 24th; rainfall, 0.36 inch.

At Barkerville, highest temperature, 70.0 on 19th and 25th; lowest, 34.0 on 21st; rainfall, 1.90 inches.

At Port Simpson, highest temperature, 60.0 on 21st and 24th; lowest, 48.0 on 25th; rainfall, 1.95 inches.

At Dawson, highest temperature, 70.0 on 20th; lowest, 42.0 on 25th; rainfall, 0.18 inch.

Local News.

—The clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending August 25th were \$50,711.

—The Lampson street school will be closed till Monday, 31st inst., owing to the moving of desks in the different rooms.

—Two Chinese, Sam Kee and See Wah, were charged with infractions of the Fire Prevention By-law in the police court on Wednesday. They were fined \$5 each.

—The Conservatives of the Islands constituency have nominated Mr. Bullock, of Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring Island, to represent them in the coming campaign.

—Advices come from the North of a nugget worth \$94 having been picked up on No. 3, Nugget Gulch. There was a stampede to Nugget Gulch this spring, but nothing of moment came of it.

—A dispatch from London says: "Pending the arrival of the Colonel Grant's successor, Major W. Gervill, commanding No. 8 company, Royal Garrison Artillery, has been granted the local rank of lieutenant-colonel commanding the troops at Esquimalt."

—On Wednesday James Lory, of 114 North Clatsam street, passed away very suddenly. His death resulted from heart failure. Some months ago the deceased had undergone an operation, and had almost recovered from this. This afternoon he suddenly fainted away and expired almost immediately. He was 50 years of age and a native of Cornwall, England. He leaves a widow and four children in this city.

—No. 3 Company, Fifth Regiment, will shoot a match with No. 5 Company, under Lieut.-Col. Gregory's cup on Saturday, the 29th instant. The following is No. 3 Company's team: Captain W. H. Langley, Lieutenants Patton and Winsby, Sergeants Anderson and King, Bombardiers Richardson, Doyle and Gray, Gunners Toller, Seale, Neil, Cross, Atkin, Vaughan and Brewster, Spare men, Gunners Dick, Strachan, Wallace and Hord. Any of the above men unable to attend will please notify the captain.

—A young man named Sidney Brooks Appleby appeared before Magistrate Hall in the police court on Tuesday on the charge of stealing bicycles. Dealers in wheels were his victims, and he succeeded in getting the best of three, Thomas Pimley, Eden Bros, and Moore & Harris. His methods were simple. He merely hired the bicycles and pawned them. The police have been watching Brooks for some time, and investigation of his latest escapades resulted in his arrest by Detective Macdonald. Constable O'Leary yesterday afternoon. This morning he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on each charge, the terms to run concurrently.

—There was an attendance of between 40 and 50 at the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, which was held at Pioneer hall Tuesday. The usual display of communications were first dealt with, after which a private discussion on the advisability of amalgamation with the British Columbia Trade Union was held. After due consideration a resolution was passed to the effect that the matter be left in abeyance for the present. The question of the arrangement of club parties for the British Columbia Coast during the summer months was discussed. It was suggested to urge upon the C. P. R. to make a flat rate of \$22.50 for the benefit of tourists. A motion to that effect was put and carried unanimously.

—The semi-annual meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria will be held in St. Andrew's church on Tuesday next, 1st September, at 2 p. m.

—The charge of assault preferred against William Allen by Chinaman was dismissed in the city police court yesterday. Geo. Powell defended the accused.

—Tenders are being invited by the department of public works for the erection of a bridge across the Chemainus river, near Westholme. The new structure will be in the place of the present one crossing the river.

—Tuesday afternoon the funeral of the infant daughter of Thos. Veit, of Russell street, Victoria West, took place from the family residence. There were many friends in attendance and numerous floral tributes. Rev. Mr. McEae conducted religious services.

—Mrs. Harriet Bell Staff, a former resident of Salt Spring Island, died at Vancouver on Sunday last. Deceased was a daughter of the late Colonel Abraham Colquhoun, and leaves a family of three sons and one daughter. E. L. Harrison, one of the former, resides in this city. For fully forty years Mrs. Staff lived at Salt Spring, and was well known and widely respected by all of that district. The remains were brought from Vancouver last evening.

—The three-month experimental suburban train service inaugurated for the first time by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway on June 1st has met with considerable success, and no doubt will next season show a marked increase. Several parties having purchased tickets with the intention of building and living at Shawanigan Lake during the summer months. The rate of fifty cents return will remain in effect up to and including Sunday August 31st, after which date the present train service will be continued for some time into September, but the rate will be one dollar return, tickets good for thirty days.

—Owing to the rapid approach of fall and consequent shortening of the evenings, it is not likely that the Merchants' Baseball League series of games will be completed this season. Up to the present teams representing the feedmen and printers of the city have made the best showing. The former nine has played four matches and won three, and the latter won the three which it contested. As the evenings now become dark very early the last few games have been failures and all efforts to bring off the remaining matches of the schedule have been abandoned. It is unlikely that the players on the different contesting teams will be able to get off in the afternoon, so that the league has been practically declared a draw between the feedmen and printers.

—Victoria Hive, No. 1, Ladies of the Maccabees, held their regular weekly meeting Tuesday evening. There was a fair attendance, and visitors from Victoria and Baxter Hive were present. Mrs. Spofford, of the Victoria Hive, was elected to the position of Lady Commander and accepted, and Mrs. Edwards was selected to take over the duties of that office. Mrs. Fred C. McKinnon was elected mistress, and Mrs. B. McKinnon as lady mistress at annual. After routine business a few remarks were made by Mrs. Spofford. She told of her visit to Tacoma and Seattle as the guest of Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister, Supreme Commander. The paper read the order on the Sound was shown by the very rapid increase in membership. While there fully 200 members had been added to the roll.

—The strike among the miners employed on the Marble Bay property at Van Anda has been settled, and the men will return to work on September 1st. The strike on the Van Anda property still continues. According to Nanaimo Herald the strikers two weeks ago sent letters to Manager A. Grant, of the Marble Bay property, asking for an increase in wages, and the manager promptly refused and paid the men off. The miners sent for their organizer, Jas. Baker, who, after he arrived, at Van Anda, at about investigation of the cause of the trouble. The men had no complaint to make, and after consideration they sent a committee to Mr. Grant asking for a return of the letters. They were satisfied with his demands and signified their willingness to start in again.

—United States District Attorney Frye yesterday filed formal charges against the late Charles Todd, a nameless assassin, lanceur, for bringing four packages of unmanifested ambergis, amounting to about \$9 lbs., into this port from Victoria, the market value of the ambergis being estimated at \$40,000. Says Tuesday Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Todd is charged as the master of the craft, with smuggling the ambergis into this country. While it is not claimed that any duty is due on the ambergis, the attorney for the government asks its confiscation, and that of the launch as well, because of alleged violation of the manifest regulations. It is alleged by the district attorney that the ambergis was shipped August 14th from Victoria, and was landed at Seattle August 21st. The prosecution makes no allegation as to the owner of the launch."

—The manager of the Seamen's Institute, the thankful acknowledges the receipt of reading matter during the month of July from the following: Mrs. J. J. Tassel, Mrs. Sijbell, Mrs. R. Maynard, Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, The Navy League (B. C. branch), J. C. Mackay, H. B. Burnet, R. R. Smith, and the various friends. The Times and Colonist, daily papers, and Mrs. Stainer, J. C. Mackay and one anonymous donor, flowers. Cash donations received during the month of July are as follows: J. S. Gibbs, \$1; Capt. H. G. Lewis, \$2; A. Friend, \$1; C. Lowenbury, \$1; J. Percy & Co., \$2; J. N. Henderson, \$2; Wilson & Co., \$2; and \$2. Special thanks are due to Mrs. M. R. Smith for this month to Mrs. M. R. Smith for the very acceptable gift of a handsome eight-day clock for the institute, which has long been wanted. During the past month literature has been supplied to the crew of the steamship Robert Adamson.

—The relatives of the late Thomas R. Miceen extended their sincere thanks for the sympathy and kind tokens extended by many friends of the deceased.

—Angus Bell was brought down from Soaness Tuesday for treatment for fractured leg. He arrived by the E. & N. railway, and was taken to the Jubilee hospital.

—The voting on the C.P.R. hotel by-law takes place on Tuesday, September 15th. The vote will be taken at the city market building, with W. W. Northcott as returning officer.

—Mrs. Hannah Gray, a former resident of this city, died on Sunday at Seattle. Deceased was 70 years of age. She was the relict of the late Samuel Gray, who conducted a carpenter business with offices on Government street for some years. The remains arrived from the Sound on Tuesday for interment at Ross Bay cemetery.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Ann Ross took place on Monday afternoon at the residence of the late Mrs. religious services. There was a large attendance of sympathetic friends. The following acted as pall-bearers: W. J. Stenson, D. J. Clarke, P. A. Graham, W. C. McNeill, W. A. Lorimer and P. Oakes.

—From now on there will be a slight change in the schedule of the launch Kootenay in her trips to and from the Gorge. This has been made necessary on account of the approach of fall. The little steamer will tie up an hour earlier, which means that she will leave Mar- shall landing for the last trip down at 8 p. m., instead of 9 p. m.

—S. M. Okell, patentee of the porcelain salmon can, received from Halifax yesterday several jars of lobster, which have been packed experimentally on the Atlantic coast in the porcelain can. The shell fish were in beautiful condition, and the result is so successful that next year it will be employed extensively by the packers there.

—Passengers of the R. M. S. Empress of China were given three hours' asoore at this port on Tuesday. They were many among them who landed with a view of spending several days in this city, but they did not have the time at their disposal to make good use of their visit in seeing the many attractions of this city. The China proceeded to Vancouver on Monday.

—Brig. McMillan of Spokane, who has been appointed to the local branch of the Salvation Army, was tendered a reception on Monday. There was a special programme of music. Captain Jackson and Mrs. Jackson gave a number of excellent rendered selections. Towards the conclusion refreshments were served, and the remainder of the evening spent in a social manner.

—The Ladysmen's Recorder, a weekly published by A. C. Thompson, formerly of this city, made its first appearance on Saturday. The new paper announces itself as a supporter of the Liberal-Conservative cause. At the present time it is published in Nanaimo, but the editor announces that in a short time it is intended to have it issued from an office in Ladysmith.

—Towards the close of the next month Major-General Sir C. S. B. Parsons, K. C. M. G., commanding the troops in Canada, will inspect the forces at Esquimalt and the defenses of the harbor. There is no truth in the rumor that Sir Charles is about to relinquish his command, which he has now held for nearly a year and a half with entire satisfaction to all concerned.

—It was a large and appreciative audience that attended the Metropolitan Episcopate meeting on Monday. Under the auspices of the social department. Every number of the programme was well received. Following is the programme: Mr. Harrison, reading; Misses Gervill, well; Mr. Bick, recitation; Mrs. McCullum, recitation; Mr. Martindale, vocal solo; Miss Foxall, recitation; Mr. Grant, recitation; Mrs. Daball and Miss Mack, vocal duet; Miss Graham, club swinging.

—Commodore Frank Finnis, an officer well known on the Pacific station, where he commanded H. M. S. Amphion for three years, and some of those of the West Indies station, will retain command of the new South Atlantic squadron till June, 1906, or for the usual period, depending on the June of last year, when he assumed the command of the late south-east coast of America squadron. His flagship the Cambrian, now at Montevideo, was visited by a severe epidemic of the typhoid fever, which one officer and twenty men were incapacitated from duty.

—Down the Straits off Neah Bay a sailor of a man, believed to have been a sailor from the barque Carrollton, was picked up a few days ago. The corpse was partially identified from the life preserver around it, which bore the name of the vessel. A message in the paper states that a piece of manila paper with the name Robert Adamson inscribed and \$2.50 in silver were taken from the clothes of the man. The Carrollton sailed from the Sound on Saturday, laden from Port Hadlock for San Francisco. She had shipped her crew at Port Townsend.

—J. T. Little secretary of the Y. M. C. A., returned a couple of days after having attended a convention of paid workers of the association at Portland, Ore. Seen yesterday Mr. Little said he had a most profitable time. Papers on all phases of the work were read by representatives from Frisco, Portland and other cities. He had been impressed with the large membership of the association at Portland, and the number who attend night classes held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Referring to the work in Victoria he remarked that he was much gratified at the progress of the Y. M. C. A. in this city. There was plenty of room here for a Y. M. C. A., and the increase in membership and the interest being displayed by Victorians in his opinion assured a prosperous future.

—The class firing of No. 5 Co., Fifth Regiment, will be held at Clover Point range this afternoon. To-morrow No. 3 Co. will hold their class firing, with Capt. W. H. Langley in charge.

—Horace James Pellow, aged 15 years, died Wednesday at the residence of his mother, Pine street, Victoria West. The funeral will take place at 2.30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at the residence, and later at St. Saviour's church.

—The Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W. will meet in this city on September 14th. The question of rearranging the assessment will come up at the meeting. In connection with this there will also be considered the advisability of cutting off from the Supreme lodge of the United States.

—The ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home beg to inform their friends and the public, that it is now out of debt. The home, however, has still to be supported by voluntary contributions, and the committee solicits the continued generous help of all towards the institution.

—On the Copper King mine, which is situated on Mt. Brenton, a rich strike is reported. The mine is owned by Nanaimo people, and has given excellent promise for a long time. The new strike has been found at a depth of 90 feet. A comparison of the ore found with that now being uncovered on the Lenora property reveals a great similarity.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. S. Gray took place Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Embalming Co. Services were conducted by Rev. P. Westman at the parlors and grave. There was a large attendance of sympathetic friends and many floral tributes. The following acted as pall-bearers: D. Anderson, D. Spencer, J. J. Sheek and W. B. Deaville.

—Mrs. N. Green, who left Wednesday for Vancouver, was presented by her companions of the Forest, with a beautiful silver butter dish and knife. Worthy Chief Companion Mrs. K. Davies, who made the presentation in a few well chosen words, wished Mrs. Green, on behalf of the Companions, health, happiness and prosperity in her new home.

—According to word received from Halifax, the Sird R. C. A. now stationed at Work Point barracks, will leave early in December for Hongkong. Enquiry at the barracks elicited the information that as yet nothing definite is known there. It was anticipated, however, that the ship will leave in December. The Sird Company, R. C. A. now at Halifax, is likely to succeed the Sird at this station.

—As will be remembered, Henry Frederick, representing the Household Journal, New York, passed through this city a few days ago on the last leg of a record breaking tour of the world. His experiences were then detailed in an interesting and somewhat sensational manner. He is now in New York City, where he is expected to reach the New York Central railway, making the circuit in 64 days 7 hours and 50 minutes.

—Pupils of the various local public schools are taking a great interest in the plan of issuing certificates to those who pass examination in the subjects of Physical Instruction and St. Clair. What is required of the candidates before they are entitled to certificates has been outlined. Most of the boys of the Victoria school are taking the course, and a number have passed. Certificates are now in course of preparation.

—During the past two weeks there has been a marked increase in tourist travel. The proprietors of the different local hotels are doing a rushing business. Since Monday last visitors have with different formations, the members of the Washington State Press Association, together with delegates of the Trans-Mississippi congress and the regular travellers, occupying almost all accommodations. Local restaurants are also benefiting by an influx of visitors.

—This fall will probably see some of the best lacrosse teams of Canada visiting on the coast. It has already been announced that the champion Shamrock twelve, of Montreal, have entered into a contract with New Westminster to play a series of games there, and now, according to a dispatch from Vancouver, the visit of the Shamrock is assured. They will come at the same time as the Shamrock's visit to the coast, and it is probable that a series of games will take place between the Shamrock, St. John's, Victoria and New Westminster.

—Mayor McCandless has received from Rear-Admiral Bedford official notice of the approaching visit of the United States Pacific squadron under command of Rear-Admiral Henry Glass. As before stated in the Times, the fleet consists of the cruiser New York (flagship), Marblehead, Concord and Bennington, which are now at Bremerton on the Sound. They will arrive here on Saturday week and remain several days. During their stay at this port they will be entertained by the city, and special arrangements will be made to make the visit of officers and tars pleasant.

—Henry Rutland, the Johnson street clerk, has emerged triumphant from the proceedings instituted against him under the Clothiers' Early Closing By-Law. The case, which had been hanging fire for some time, was disposed of a couple of days ago, and as a result the city has received a knock-out. The city solicitor, who conducted the prosecution, withdrew the charge against Mr. Rutland in view of the decision of the City Council, where the principle was thrown out that the province had not power to create a new criminal offence. The penalty for an infraction of this by-law was a fine of \$50, or, in default of payment, or default, imprisonment for not exceeding twenty-one days. This makes all similar early closing legislation ultra vires. The case was defended by Lindley Crease.

MATTER OF LEASES AND CROWN GRANTS

MINING MAN GIVES HIS IDEAS ON THEM

W. M. Brewer Predicts Depopulation of Cariboo Unless Question of Title Is Satisfactorily Settled.

W. M. Brewer, M. T., returned Wednesday from a trip to the Cariboo country. Being an observing man Mr. Brewer always gathers a considerable fund of information regarding mining matters on these periodical tours and this last jaunt was no exception. A Times representative on Thursday sounded him on the subject of hydraulic titles, a matter which was largely discussed during the convention of the Mining Association here.

"Unless the question of title to hydraulic leases is satisfactorily settled and absolute title is guaranteed after the fulfillment of reasonable conditions," he said, "I firmly believe that the entire northern portion of British Columbia will be depopulated within a short time as far as the mining industry is concerned. I know this is a bold statement, but when you see camps which less than two years ago had between three hundred and five hundred diminished to six or eight men (and I have seen this within the past three weeks) it sets a man thinking as to the cause of causes."

"Thorough investigation has convinced me that in the Quesnelle district of the Cariboo country, along the north and south forks of the Quesnelle river, Four Mile creek, Little Lake channel which has its outlet at the mouth of Mordecai creek, Spanish and Black Bear creeks, and Horsefly river, there are enormous quantities of gold-bearing gravels which can be worked profitably by hydraulic or drift mining. They are not poor men's propositions, but owing to the cost of constructing canals and flumes to bring a supply of water sufficient to work them they require investment of heavy capital, ranging from about two hundred thousand to one hundred thousand to equip them so that satisfactory results can be obtained."

"The day for the poor man to be able to work claims in the Cariboo country has passed. But there are ample opportunities for prospectors to locate and exploit the various occurrences of gold-bearing gravel in the river channels which exist in northern British Columbia, and especially in that portion which I recently visited. But under the existing leasehold laws there is no incentive for a prospector to discover pay gravel of this character because after his discovery it is impossible to interest capitalists to even investigate the merits of such properties. This is owing to the fact that the first question he will ask is one regarding the matter of title, and when his lawyer looks into present laws he will find that the proposition is immediately turned down. In the majority of cases it would be absolutely impossible to secure a sufficient supply of water and to construct the necessary canals and flumes to obtain hydraulic or drifting operations at a point where it is impossible for him to obtain dumpage, deep drainage for drift mining would be the wisest kind of insanity. Consequently there are areas which must either be acquired and controlled by one company who have the control of the dumpage facilities or else remain unworked until the area which has at present dumpage facilities has been worked out."

"The acquisition of a number of leases on one channel by one corporation is not beneficial to the country at large, but when the channels themselves, which are clearly demonstrated that there are only certain points at which operations can be carried on and sufficient dumpage facilities obtained to insure success, for which to start hydraulic or drifting operations at a point where it is impossible for him to obtain dumpage, deep drainage for drift mining would be the wisest kind of insanity. Consequently there are areas which must either be acquired and controlled by one company who have the control of the dumpage facilities or else remain unworked until the area which has at present dumpage facilities has been worked out."

"The other instance is on the Miceen Mining Company's property on Horsefly creek, where Mr. Campbell and his associates have expended in the neighborhood of \$150,000 to test the deep channel for the purpose of obtaining hydraulic ground to be quite rich (which they were not, because of the channel's depth, although they have sunk about 480 feet to bedrock) the cost of pumping and handling the material by this method, because they had no dumpage facilities or opportunities to obtain drainage, would in my opinion have been so great as to result in financial disaster. There is in my opinion no question that the Cariboo country could produce several hundred million dollars in the future by hydraulic and drift mining operations provided encouragement with regard to title is offered capitalists. The present state of the organization by the province to the detriment of the country at large is another argument against this. But what are the present conditions in

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the sections I have visited? They are that a long list of cancelled leases is posted up at the mining recorder's office, and that in the neighborhood of two hundred leases are really subject to cancellation to-day because the requirements of the statute have not been complied with, and the ground is just as tightly tied up as it could possibly be under any crown grants.

SINGULAR DISCOVERY.

How a Bullet Fired at Noble was Found—Munoz and the Revolver.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

One of the bullets fired at Harry Noble in the Bodega saloon last Sunday morning was recovered on Monday in a markedly singular manner. It appears that Detective Sergeant Palmer was in the office of the Victoria hotel on the following Monday evening when he heard a gentleman remark that he had found a bullet. Glancing over the man's shoulder he saw that he had been an impression which was to be found on the others discharged at Noble, and he inquired where it had been found. The gentleman explained that he had been at St. Joseph's hospital on a visit to his wife, who was ill there, and was sitting on a bench on the balcony when the bullet dropped at his feet. How it came there it is not definitely known, although it is thought to have been in the blankets and was shaken outside.

Mr. Pichon, of Pichon & Lenesty, the gunsmiths, has identified Frank Munoz, the man charged with the crime, as the person who borrowed a revolver from him shortly before 11 o'clock last Sunday night. Munoz said he wanted the weapon for some other party, who was a customer of the firm's. He purchased a box of ammunition at the time. When Munoz was confronted with Mr. Pichon he stupidly denied having secured a revolver at his place; said he hadn't been there at all. From this store the police have traced him to White's saloon, across the street, then to the Regent, Bee Hive, Wilson, and lastly to the Bodega, where he was seen by a man shortly before the attempt to murder Noble was made. Munoz has not yet retained counsel, but it is understood there is a likelihood of Geo. Powell appearing for him. It is improbable that the case will be proceeded with to-morrow, as Noble will not be well enough to give his evidence.

MINING REFORMS.

Provincial Association Will Submit List of Requirements to Candidates For Legislation.

Rossland, Aug. 26.—The executive of the Mining Association of British Columbia in session to-day resolved to carry out the war for reforms in connection with mining legislation into practical politics. It was moved by Messrs. Galt and Howe that all candidates for election to the legislature in the present election be interrogated as to whether they would support the aims of the organization by their vote and influence. This was in general sense, but the following were particularized:

1. To repeal the two per cent. tax.
2. To amend the Mineral Act so as to provide that failure to keep up a free miner's license shall not operate as a complete forfeiture of rights as required under the act, but that some reasonable provision be adopted for the extension of time within which the certificates may be renewed.
3. To entitle the owners of mineral

claims to the use of the timber on such claims for mining purposes, without the imposition of the royalty now enforced.

4. Crown grants on mineral claims to be reduced from \$25 to \$10.
5. To inquire into the operation of the Boiler Inspection Act, with a view to ascertaining to what extent the said act works unnecessary hardships upon the operators and owners of steam boilers, and to remove any amendment and just grievance.

6. To amend the Placer Mining Act to enable holders of crown grants to secure a title thereto by crown grants.
7. To pass a Conciliation Act for the settlement of labor troubles.
8. To revise and consolidate the acts relating to quartz and placer mining; to remove numerous anomalies in the existing acts and to simplify the laws relating to mining.
9. The desirability of opening Indian reserves throughout the province for mining purposes.

Copies of the foregoing in extenso are being sent to candidates nominated throughout the province and to newspapers.

The executive adjourned, to meet in Kamloops on November 23rd.

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BORN.

STEPHENS—At Himalaya Cottage, Cranberry Point, Aug. 24th, last, the wife of C. E. Stephens, of a son, C. E. Stephens, born on Aug. 24th, last. KNAUF—At Vancouver, on Aug. 24th, last, the wife of J. A. Knauf, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

HICKS-WOODMAN—At Sloan City, by Rev. W. Simmons, William C. Hicks and Miss Jennie Woodman.

DIED.

STAFF—At Vancouver, on the 22nd inst., Mrs. Harriet Staff, aged 72 years.
THURKE—At Vancouver, on Aug. 24th, Walter J. Thurke, aged 56 years.
FRASER—At the family residence, No. 104 North Clatsam street, on the 26th inst., Rev. Alexander Fraser, aged 59 years, and a native of Invernesshire, Scotland.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date, J. John M. McKinnon, intending applicant to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the lands described lands, situated on Swanson Bay, Group IV, Coast District, Province of British Columbia, containing all the vacant lands within the boundaries of lot 12, and containing an area of 320 acres, more or less, to be sold by public auction, on August 17th, 1903.

THE PROPOSED NATIONAL

SPEECH IN COMMON BY BURRARD

R. G. Macpherson On Advise
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R. G. Macpherson, Burrard
in the debate in the House
on the Transcontinental
Thursday, August 20th.

Mr. Speaker:—I shall not follow the argument of the gentleman from East Simcoe (Mr. Blair) to view this question entirely from a different angle for his own proving. I shall speak from the standpoint of the province of British Columbia.

I would not have taken the minister of railways and Mr. Blair made the statement to justify his action, that the province of British Columbia was not asking for a continental line be built there actually no hurry. West is concerned that a constructed. Either the line has a very short time to be built or the line is not to be built. Trade seriously, when on October last year the following was made to the hon. gentleman, the official capacity of minister in the city of Victoria on his visit to British Columbia.

"The board desire to place on record as in favor of as given to the C. N. R., so as at an early date as possible transcontinental line across the province. They desire to be in view of the very rapid of the prairie region, it is not to be built. The grain there produced reached the ocean."

Now, sir, there is only one deduction to be drawn from the speaker's remarks—either he lied him, or he took the Victoria line to be men who were able for their actions, and he led to what irresponsible. The board of trade in one of the cities of the coast might either deduction the hon. gentleman not emerge with any credit to himself. In speaking question, I wish to speak of British Columbia and point out to the House of Commons the fact that British Columbia has a common other than devotion flag and yielding homage to the British flag. It was a common aspiration. But its men of courage and determination that small and isolated they

Recognized the Great of British Columbia if it is a railway line through the eastern part of Canada. West. The building of a Pacific railway has made the fishing hamlet of Nanaimo a city. It made a for Canada, one of the bright of the crown of confederation. men who, while proud to be British Columbians, are also proud to be Canadians. I was in 1883 a principal for present greatness of Vancouver. It was a new trade with New Zealand. It was made a new trade with the United States and created a new inhabitants are a

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