

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

NEW DENVER.

Nearly 150 men are prospecting the country at the foot of Slocan lake. I. Cague, of Cariboo Creek, brought in some fine looking rock to be assayed on Tuesday, which he obtained from his gold property there.

Senator Teller, of Denver, Colorado, has been in the Slocan for a few days evidently surveying the great silver camps whose reputation has become continental.

Since August 1st the following shipments of ore have been made: 80 tons from Slocan Star to Everett, and 35 tons from Noble Five to Pilot Bay.

Messrs. Harrison & Bendrum, proprietors of the L.H., started down to their claim Saturday. This is an excellent gold property, and it has been stated they were offered but refused a large sum of money last week.

David Donald, who has for three months been prospecting west of Arroyo lake with the waters of Cherry Creek and about Gold Stream, returned to New Denver Wednesday, and reports no finds whatever. He says it is the roughest work he has ever undertaken, and he has had an experience of over thirty years in these mountains. Cariboo are very plentiful in that district.

NELSON.

Several claims have been staked in a new locality on the left bank of the Kootenay river.

The parties who had bonded the Royal Canadian group were unable to come to time with their payments, due the first of this month, and consequently the bond has fallen through. An extension of time of two months was asked for and the interest to be reduced from the whole to half the claims, but the owners refused to entertain the proposal.

About 25 men are at work on the ore bins for the Hall mines. The towers for the tramway at this end are all erected as far as the spur of the morning Mountain where the Silver King trail crosses the right of way. Last Sunday the camp was moved to the opposite hill just below the wagon road, and work is proceeding there. The camp, run on the right of way, is not so deep as might be expected, and only two eighty feet towers will be required to carry the rope across it. The iron work for the job has been shipped from San Francisco and may arrive this week.

A collision occurred on Wednesday between the steamers Alberta and Ainsworth by which the engine beam of the latter was broken. George Hughes obtained an assay from the rock from the Best, a claim on Seaton Creek, showing 900 ounces of silver and 16 per cent. copper.

Shipments from the No. 1 mine, Ainsworth, will be delayed for some little time in consequence of the damage to the road by forest fires. Many bridges are burned and in places where the road was built on crib work it is entirely destroyed. The latter about 40 miles above Robson. They were quite out of grub and had to find their way down the river the best way they could, as they were unable to attract the notice of any of the passing steamers. They report the district passed through as a barren granite country with no sign of mineral.

The Jenny Lind, adjoining the Reid & Robertson on Four Mile Creek, has been bonded to some Spokane parties. About 75 per cent. of the claims are recorded in New Denver district are staked on Lemon and Springer Creeks, and some exceptionally high assays have been obtained from rock coming from these creeks.

NELSON TRIBUNE.

The company that owns the War Eagle mine, at Rossland, has declared a dividend of ten cents a share on its 50,000 shares of capital stock.

The owners of the Fern, on Hall Creek, twelve miles south of Nelson, are packing ten tons of claims to the mine to Hall Creek siding on the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway as a trial shipment to test its value. The ore will probably be run through the Poorman mill, as it is free milling rock.

On Saturday last August Schort came in from Huck Creek, where he and four others are developing a claim, the ore of which runs over \$200 in gold. They have been working there since the spring. When asked if they wanted to bond or sell the property, Mr. Schort said they did not, as they had ample means to work the property themselves. Mr. Schort is backed by Tacoma parties.

Some of the ore brought to Nelson by George Long from the Lily B., a recent discovery on Springer creek, at the foot of Slocan lake, was assayed by A. L. McKillop. It yielded 11.35 gold and \$2,088.40 silver to the ton. Of course the ore was picked specimens and the assays cannot be taken as the value of all the ore in the claim, but they go to

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show that the Springer creek discoveries show very high-grade ore. Tracklaying began on Friday on the Kaslo & Slocan railway, and during that afternoon the shrill scream of the locomotive was heard for the first time in the city. Another barge loaded with nearly two hundred tons of rails, fish plates, bolts, washers and switch gear, arrived during the day, and another was expected that night. Grading is sufficiently advanced to permit the tracklayers to proceed without delay, and the steel will be put down as quickly as it can be brought in from Bonner's Ferry.

The tunnel on the Wellington mine, Kaslo-Slocan district, has reached the vein at a depth of 250 feet from the surface. The vein was found to be within well defined walls and made up of good ore. The tunnel is nearly 700 feet long. The Wellington is the only mine in Kootenay that is operated by a Canadian company. The company operating it is called the Kootenay & Columbia Prospecting & Mining Company, Limited, of Ottawa, and is capitalized at \$40,000. Edward Watts is superintendent at the mine.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, B. C. Aug. 15.—The bush fires around here are nearly all burnt out. Owing to there being no boats at Departure Bay, the mines have not been running full time for a few days, and in consequence, the pay roll will be a little short this month.

The football teams are being organized for the coming season, and practice will be commenced shortly. Wellington expects to have two teams in the field this year.

The surveyors have been at work for some time on the new waste, trying out streets and lots. A considerable amount of roadwork has been done and more is being projected. Several new buildings are already under way and shortly be ready for business. The new opera house and lodge rooms will, when finished, add materially to the appearance of Wellington.

The attendance at the public school is very large. Miss John, of the lowest division, having nearly a hundred pupils, but it is hoped an assistant teacher will be supplied. Preparations are in progress for the agricultural exhibition to be held here next month. Many business men have given valuable prizes.

FROM THE WEST COAST.

Mr. Sutton Obtains Some Good Specimens from Alberni Mines. The steamer Maude, Captain Roberts, returned late last night from the West Coast. Considerable fog was encountered, but no accident occurred. The Maude left here the day after the Warrimoo met with the accident at Carmanah Point. Captain Roberts said a high sea was running and if the Warrimoo had not come off when she did little would have been left of her.

Mr. Sutton, who has been commissioned by the provincial government to prepare a report on the Alberni mines, has secured a large number of specimens, which are pronounced to be excellent. He is enthusiastic over the future of the district. A large number of men, including two survey parties, have gone into the mountains recently. The canyons are being explored, and a second run of salmon commenced at Clayoquot a few days ago, and there are prospects of the cannery having a good pack. Upwards of three thousand cases have already been put up.

John Gries, J. P. of Clayoquot, had a narrow escape from drowning recently. He was crossing the sound in a canoe with sails up, when his dog, which he had with him, managed to upset the canoe. Mr. Gries had to struggle with the shore through a lot of kelp and against the tide. He was in the water for over an hour.

The passengers from the West Coast were: W. F. Peakey, J. H. Sealey, J. Anderson and two boys, H. Wheeler, J. Kirkpatrick, W. Disher, W. H. Mercer and J. Gursion.

BIRTHS ENCOURAGED.

A Remarkable Inducement to Travel by the Great Northern Route. The Great Northern Steamship Company has announced a new inducement for traveling on its steamers, the Northwest and Northland. It is an offer of \$250 in gold for babies born aboard its steamers. This does not mean \$250 for the first baby born on either of the steamers, but \$250 for each succeeding baby born on board. If twins are born the prize will be \$250 in gold for each twin, and if it is a case of triplets each triplet will get \$250 and the mother will get \$250, or \$1,000 altogether. There is but a single condition attached to this offer, and that is that a committee of four, consisting of General Manager John Gordon, Assistant General Manager Fred P. Gordon, General Passenger Agent A. A. Hurd, and General Agent D. H. Morland, shall have the privilege of naming the babies. Returns will be received at the termination of every trip of each steamer from now on.

THE WARRIMOO ENQUIRY.

Capt. Arundel Had an Old and Un-corrected Chart. Capt. J. Gaudin, agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department, this morning held an enquiry into the cause of the accident to the Canadian-Australian steamship Warrimoo. Capt. Arundel, the officers and several of the crew were examined at length, the enquiry lasting several hours. The most important point brought out was one regarding the chart. It was shown that the chart used on board the Warrimoo was not the latest one, it being impossible to obtain the latest one at Sydney before the vessel sailed. Several changes had been made in the chart in the vicinity of where the accident occurred since the one used on the Warrimoo was issued. These changes were made from the chart issued by the government.

After considering the evidence Capt. Gaudin will prepare a report and forward the whole to the authorities at Ottawa.

Frank Abbott, summoned at the instance of Henry Davis, was convicted in police court this morning of a breach of the public morals by-law. He was fined \$5 by Magistrate Macrae, and besides that the costs of court, amounting

LOCAL NEWS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily. —George W. Aikman, of the land registry office, and Miss Julia Williams were married last evening. Rev. Father Van Nevel officiated.

—Hall, the bluejacket, who broke one of the large plate-glass windows in Erskine's store, to-day elected to be tried by the speedy trials court.

—It is said that the C.P.R. will at once survey and proceed with the construction of a line of railway from Trail Creek landing, on the Columbia river, to Rossland, to be in running order this year.

—Mr. Cunningham, who is erecting one of his patent coal-cleaning plants at the Kootenay, has been in the city this morning for Union by the Joan. He was accompanied by an engineer and other workmen.

—Several small lots of fruit received from California were condemned yesterday by R. M. Palmer, inspector of fruit pests. Although there were 100 boxes of pears infected with codlin moth and boxes of apples which had San Jose scale.

—The provincial police have heard nothing of the report from Shawigan lake that a Japanese logger attempted to hang one of his fellow countrymen. It is said that the man was found by a white man hanging to a tree nearly strangled.

—In the city police court to-morrow Mr. John J. Russell will apply to Police Magistrate Macrae for the papers in connection with the case of E. W. Walker. His object is to obtain information to lay before Premier Bowell during his visit to Victoria.

—His Excellency the Governor-General and party are expected here to-morrow evening on a private visit. They will occupy Government House. After remaining here for a short time they will go to their ranch at Fernon, returning to Victoria before going east.

—A special meeting of the city council is to be held on Thursday evening. The principal business to be disposed of is that of the sewer. The council will endeavor to form some plan to carry out the work. Most of the property owners on the business streets have expressed their willingness to have the work done under the local improvement system.

—Last evening it was discovered that an attempt had been made to burn a cottage at Oak Bay, owned by Mr. R. A. Cunningham, and occupied by Mr. Phipps. A bundle of rags saturated with coal oil, was placed under the house and set on fire. The rags were smoldering when the fire was discovered. The matter has been placed in the hands of Supt. Hussey.

—Another attempt was made a few days ago to burn the Telegraph hotel on Store street. A lot of old paper was piled against the back wall, which is a wooden one, and set on fire. It was blazing when put out by an occupant of the building, and a few buckets of water. The boards were badly charred and in a short time the old building would have been beyond recovery.

—Latest reports of the fishing on the Fraser confirm the results already announced. The run of fish is phenomenal, large and has taken the canners by surprise. Their supply of tin, in many instances, has run out, while the large catches have brought prices down with a rush. Last night, as nearly as could be estimated, the pack to date was as follows: Canada Pacific, 11,000 cases; Balm, 9,000 cases; Phoenix, 15,000 cases; Fraser Valley, 8,000 cases; Brunswick, 8,000; Lulu Island, 15,000; Federation, 9,000; New Star, 10,000; Gulf of Georgia, 6,000; Atlas, 3,000. On the Fraser last night, it is estimated there was a total of 700,000 salmon, representing 70,000 cases. The pack up to the present is placed at 270,000.

—Brigadier Clibborn, of the Salvation Army, colonel, left this morning to examine available land along the line of the E. & N. railway and in Comox district. There is some land north of Comox that is said to be suitable for a colony. Adjutant Archibald, who went over to clear the way for the colonist, returned home to-day. He thinks it probable that small colonies will be established at Edmonton and on Vancouver Island. In conversation with a Times reporter, the adjutant said there was a mistaken idea as to the class of colonists that the army would send out. Most of the colonists would be young men, picked from the large corps of the British cities. It would be fatal to the scheme to send out the riff-raff or overflow of the Darkest England scheme. Brigadier Clibborn has had lots of experience in colony matters, having done similar work in South America.

From Wednesday's Daily. —T. Trumets killed a large panther at McPherson's Station a few days ago. —Messrs. J. A. Aikman and A. F. Englehardt were thrown out of a two-wheeled cart on Cadboro Bay road last evening. Both were pretty well shaken up and scratched.

—There was a double wedding at the Chinese refuge home on Cormorant street last evening. Two of the inmates were married to prosperous residents of the Chinese quarter. Rev. J. A. Gardner, of Vancouver, officiated.

—The finals in the mixed doubles handicap net played off at the close of the Tennis tournament last week were contested yesterday. Miss Eastley and P. S. Lampan beat Commander and Mrs. Magriddle by scores of 6-4, 7-1. The former, therefore, are the champions in that event.

—The work of removing Beaver Rock from the channel off the Marine Hospital has been completed. This work was commenced by the Dominion government about fifteen years ago, and they have been pottering away with it ever since, spending a few hundred dollars each year.

week a large party went up. They take the Victoria railway train in the morning and at Sidney catch the steamer Mary Hare. Several hours can be spent at the bay and the city reached again early in the evening.

—The steamer Mary Hare, which plies between the islands and calls at Nanaimo Tuesdays was searched yesterday afternoon upon her arrival by Constable McLean for a carcass of deer supposed to be concealed on board, word having been received to that effect from Salt Spring. No deer meat was recovered.

—It is understood that the decision of the full court in the case of Robert Blyth, convicted of abducting Belle Rockwood, of Port Hadlock, and sentenced to five years' imprisonment, referred to the full court for consideration on a question of jurisdiction, will not be rendered until the chief justice returns to the city.

—Mr. Beaumont Boggs' residence, Victoria West, was damaged this afternoon by fire to the extent of \$400. The fire was on the roof of the kitchen and it is supposed it was caused by a spark from the chimney. The fire department went over, using both the chemical and engine to put out the blaze. The house and contents were insured for \$3500.

—J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, is endeavoring to get Prof. Robertson, Dominion dairy commissioner, to include Comox in the points he will visit on the island. He has written to him pointing out that Comox is one of the best dairying districts in the province, and a visit from him with the travelling dairy would be productive of much good.

—The Northern Pacific liner Straits of Dover arrived off the harbor last night and went to the quarantine station this morning. Up to 3:30 o'clock she had not left there, but was expected at the outer wharf within an hour from that time. She had a big cargo of freight aboard. As she left Yokohama before the Empress of Japan her news advices are unimportant.

—From Mr. W. Armstrong, the Alberni mail carrier, the Free Press learns that the extensive bush fires do not extend to French Creek, and that the mountain and Alberni districts are comparatively clear of bush fires. As he passed yesterday afternoon the fire was burning fiercely on Knights' Hill. It was not thought the worst was over for the present, although a good smart fall of rain would be of incalculable value.

—Isaac Churtan, a tramway conductor on the Fort street and Esquimalt line, had a very bad fall from his car on Store street at 1 o'clock this afternoon, but fortunately escaped with only a few cuts and bruises. The tram was moving at a rapid pace and Mr. Churtan attempted to step from the car to the trail. He lost his footing and hold and was thrown violently to the ground. That he missed going under the wheels and sustaining serious injury by the fall was remarkable.

—The mules sent a few days ago to Alberni by the Mineral Creek Gold Mining Company will be used in packing out several tons of ore from the company's mines to the Alberni wharf, and from there it will be shipped to Tacoma by a private car. From the mines a portion of the ore of the wagon road will be packed on the backs of the animals, but for the ten miles of the road will be carried in a wagon—Nanaimo Free Press.

—The garden party at the grounds of the Douglas estate yesterday afternoon drew a large crowd, and the funds raised for the Reformed Episcopal church. The grounds looked very attractive, and the pretty booths and stands were well patronized. The flower show was excellent, and the afternoon was very enjoyable. The B.C.B.G.A. band, which played a long and well selected programme. Mrs. Dewdney and His Worship Mayor Teague and Mrs. Teague visited the grounds in the afternoon.

—Capt. J. G. Cox was seen to-day regarding the report telegraphed from San Francisco to the effect that the revenue cutters had been ordered to board all schooners and seize all skins and that the schooners were in imminent danger of being seized. The captain looks upon the report as a "fake." The regulations are the same this year as they were last, and the officers have no fear of being molested. Collector Milne says the report cannot be true. As long as the sealers keep outside of the sixty-mile limit they will not be molested.

—The congregation of the Church of Our Lord, Reformed Episcopal, held its annual meeting last night at the school house. The reports for the year were read, and with a financial statement, and J. C. Newbury were elected wardens. The letter of Bishop Oridge resigning the rectorship of the church was read, and the resignation spread upon the minutes. The matters dealt with in it will be reported on later by the committee. The retiring officers and ladies' committee were given hearty votes of thanks.

—Mr. J. J. Russell, who has announced his intention of interviewing Premier Bowell during his visit here with reference to the case of Barrister P. G. Walker, applied for copies of the police court records in connection with the case at the regular session of the court this morning. Court had really been adjourned and Magistrate Macrae had to be called in to attend to the matter and informed Mr. Russell that he must apply for such information at his office and not in open court. It is understood that the request will be complied with.

From Thursday's Daily. —The steamer Thisle will resume operations at the halibut banks towards the end of the month.

—The steamer Schome, from the Sound this morning, brought 1000 cases of salmon in cans. They were consigned to Robert Ward & Co., and will, it is understood, be shipped to the Fraser river at once.

—William Morris, arrested several weeks ago on suspicion of having stolen \$80 from the captain of a trading sloop, is again in custody, this time for vagrancy. He was arrested last night in a street in Victoria.

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with Drake, Jackson & Helmeck, asked for a remand on his behalf until to-morrow. Magistrate Macrae granted the application. Morris lived in Vancouver for some time, but for a couple of months past has been here.

—A stone weighing nearly half a ton was being hoisted into position at the government buildings yesterday when it fell through the shipping of a chimney. In falling it chipped a piece of the cornice near the entrance. Both can be replaced without difficulty.

—Mrs. T. Sydney Dobbin died this morning after a very brief illness, at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Angus McKenzie, Lake Hill farm. The funeral takes place on Sunday next at 2 o'clock from the family residence at above, and St. John's church at 3:15 p.m.

—In a letter to a friend in this city Mr. A. S. Aspland states that he has been appointed first tenor in the choir of St. Mary's R. C. Cathedral of San Francisco and also first tenor of one of the largest synagogues there. He has been promised the position of first tenor in an opera company that will tour the coast next year.

—The Hawaiian Commercial, the newspaper started at Honolulu by Mr. W. J. Gallagher, says that an effort is being made to put the steamship Islander, of the C. P. N. Co.'s fleet, on the route between San Francisco and Honolulu, in opposition to the steamship Australia. The officials of the C. P. N. Co. know nothing about the reported "effort."

—The city is receiving a visit from Mr. James French of Montreal. Mr. French has the honor and pleasure of being the guest of Sir William Van Horne's private car, and Vice-President Stevenson and family came west in his care. He is now awaiting their return from Alaska. He paid his respects to the staff of the local C. P. R. office this morning.

—At the public meeting held at Alberni on Saturday last for the purpose of naming a candidate to run in Cowichan-Alberni for the provincial house, Geo. A. Huff was unanimously chosen again. He was proposed by W. H. Bainbridge and H. McKenzie, and made a most excellent speech. The meeting was held at the home of Messrs. Bainbridge, Serrault and McKenzie all spoke in favor of general support for a local man as the proper person to represent the district.

—Adjutant and Mrs. Archibald, S. A., leave in the morning for the Mainland on their way to London. They will remain two days at Vancouver, conducting meetings, and will also make short stops at all the Canadian cities. Mrs. Archibald has been in poor health lately, and it is not improbable that when the business which takes them to London is concluded they will be sent on some foreign work with the hope that a change may do her good. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald have made many warm friends here among all classes, and their leaving is generally regretted.

—James Dunsmeir has very kindly placed the steamer Joan at the disposal of the managers of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home for an excursion on Saturday Aug. 31. The children will be given an outing at James Island, and besides that, excursion tickets will be sold to any who desire to go. Leader Finn and the members of the B. C. B. G. A. band have kindly offered their services for the day free, and the offer has been gladly accepted. The excursion will leave Dunsmeir's wharf at 2 o'clock and will return about 8.

—The accident to the Warrimoo having delayed her departure, Mr. Jamieson has been able to arrange to have Mr. Samuel J. Clemens, otherwise and better known as Mark Twain, appear at the Victoria Theatre in talks and readings on Saturday evening next. Mark Twain is one of the most noted humorists of the day, and the large audiences which welcomed him last week in Portland and in the Sound cities were in no way disappointed, according to the press. A private letter received from Portland states that the party included: Premier Bowell and his private secretary, Mr. J. L. Payne; Hon. T. M. Daly, minister of the Interior, and Mr. Daly; Mr. Hayter Reed, deputy superintendent of Indian affairs; Mr. J. M. Bowell, collector of Customs at Vancouver; Mr. W. Yowell, superintendent of mines in British Columbia; Mr. Charles Todd, Indian agent at Metlakathla, and Mr. W. H. Lomas, the Indian agent for Cowichan.

—Hon. Mr. Daly and the officers of the Indian department are making an official tour of the Indian stations, while the premier is combining business with pleasure. The party were met at Oak Bay by Hon. Senator Macdonald, collector of mines for the Dominion house, collector Milne and others. They will remain at the Mount Baker Hotel until Sunday or Monday.

This evening a deputation from the board of trade will wait upon the premier and endeavor to train a meeting to take place at the board of trade rooms.

During his stay in the city Premier Bowell will be interviewed by a deputation on quarantine matters. He will consist of His Worship, Mayor Teague, Wellington J. Dowler, C. M. C. Dr. George Duncan, medical health officer, and as many of the aldermen as desire to attend. The deputation was prepared for the interview this afternoon and it will be arranged for an hour to suit the pleasure of the premier.

Lady—I wish to take the train for Departure Bay. The limited leaves in half an hour. Lady—But I don't want a ticketed divorce. I want a whole one.

Mrs. Young—John, did you succeed in matching that piece of dress goods I gave you this morning? Mr. Young—No, my time was too precious to waste in that way.

SPORTS

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