Confidence In The Richard N.

Tecoma Mining Men Spend Ten Thousand Dollars on a Tunnel.

Fail to Strike Ore and Will Now Sink a Shaft on · Property.

"We have spent over \$10,000 and have stitle to show for it, but we are not discouraged for we are convinced the property is all right," said Mr. F. J. kinedart, superintendent of the Intermational Mining & Development company when speaking to a Oolonist representative at the Dominion hotel yes-

Mr. Rinehart has just returned from visit to the company's property on the Chemainus river, where they have been arrying on mining operations since last Messrs. H. A. Hoover and C. F. Owen, two of the directors of the company, and the three gentlemen left for Ta-coma last night, where they will report

coma last night, where they will report to a meeting of directors the result of their inspection of the mine.

The company's property, which consists of a group of six claims, known as the Richard N. group, is situated on the Chemainus river, about 10 miles above Mount Sicker, and six miles due month of the lower end of Cowichan lake. Access is had to the property by a trail, cut by the company, from the Half-way House, a distance of about mix miles.

In October, 1902, the company secure an option on the property and Mr. Rine-hart proceeded with a gang of men to make the trail and build a blacksmith bunk house and other buildings and, these completed, began the work of mining.

The claims lie in the same belt of The claims lie in the same belt of schist as the Lenora, Tyee, Richard III., Victoria, Copper Canyon and other well known properties, and the outcroppings gave promise of a large body of good are. None of the surface indications were wanting, and a few test pits along the ledge revealed some rich samples of copper-gold ore. The owners felt convinced they had a good thing, and decided, after considering the best way of developing their property, to run a tuntual, which they supposed would strike the ore body at a considerable depth. ore body at a considerable depth, is decision did not agree with Mr. mehart's opinion, as he favored sink-on the outerop, but he was overed and the tunnel was begun. Work the tunnel hes proceeded are visions. on the tunnel has proceeded ever since, and it is now in 265 feet, and has passed the point at which it was expected the vein would be struck, but although several small veins and stringers have been crossed in its course, no large ore Dody has been found. Mr. Rinehart thinks he has been working under the he has been working under the ore, or that they miscalculated the strike of the vein, for he has no doubt that the ore is there. Like the Lenora and Tyee, the ore bodies in the Richard III are len-ticular, and Mr. Rinehart explained how ersily they wireful the viscoliar and the con-

Edmonton, N. W. T., July 16.—Niles Johnsen, the Swede, whose trial for murder has been in progress here, was acquitted last night. The evidence against him was very weak.

AT BISLEY.

Some of the Scores Canadians Made Yesterday.

Bisley Camp, July 16.—Today in Armour company match, Capt. Davidson, 8th Royal Rifles, Quebec, scored 46 points, and Sergeant Balls, 10th Royal Grenadiers, 45, distance, 900 yards, with ten shots. In the Ely revolver competition, at a distance of about 20 yards, at a stationary target, siy shots and time tion, at a distance of about 20 yards, at a stationary target, six shots and time limit, 3 minutes, Capt. Margetts, 25th Battalion, made 39 points, Major Mc-Robie, a member of the team, was second, with 37 points. Lord Kitchener will visit the camp on July 24. If he comes he will inspect the Canadian team.

MASONIC GRAND LODGE.

Ontario Brethren Settle a Disputed Case.

Windsor, July 16.—(Special.), — The Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada is Optario, opened the 47th annual communication in the drill hall here this af-

ternoon. A report exonerated St. George Lodge, Toronto, and John Phillips, who was initiated in that lodge, from blame in the matter of the complaint filed by Corinthian Lodge 27. Rossland, through the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. The opinion was expressed that Corinthian Lodge should now confer degrees upon Phillips and a recommendation was made to the Grand Lodge to pay the fees of counsel in Toronto and British Columbia in conducting an investigation.

THE GROWING WEST.

In a recent editorial, the Toronto Star writes the following appreciative words of Crofton:

"As an illustration of the way towns "As an illustration of the way towns spring up in the West, the case of Crotton, on Vancouver Island, may be mentioned. A smelter is being constructed there, with a daily capacity of 350 tons, which is expected to be in operation by the first of August. Four months ago the place had no existence, and now it has a population of over 500, and buildings are going up rapidly. There is a daily steamer service between Crotton and Sidney, with which a large barge has entered into daily competition, and the steamer from Sidney to Nanaimo has also begun making daily calls.

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"Thus, at a place where, on the opening of spring, the winds sighed through lonely trees, there is now a brisk town and the waters of the bay are startled by the wheels of three rival steamship lines competing for the trade of the port."

REFUSED USE

Preferred Tontine Mercantile Co. of Victoria Placed Under the Ban.

The July issue of the United States Postal Guide, issued by the Postmasterdeneral, Washington, contains a notice nstructing the postmasters in the United States not to issue money orders payable Co to the Preferred Tontine Mercantile ompany of Victoria, and to return all letters and advices, whether registered or not, directed to the company, its officers or agents. The reason for this is given in the introduction to the notice, which reads as follows: "It having been made to appear to the Postmaster-General upon evidence satisfactory to him, that the Preferred Tontine Mercantile company and its officers and agents as such at Victoria, B. C., are using the United States mails in the conduct of a scheme or device for obtaining money by means of false and fraudulent pre tences, representations and promises, and for the distribution of prizes of unequal value by means of lot or chance, in vio-lation of the Act of Congress, entitled 'An Act to Amend Certain Sections of the Revised Statutes Relating to Lotter-ies and for other Purposes,' approved September 19, 1890."

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The case of Dockings vs the B. C. Electric Railway company, the first on the list at the sitting of the Supreme court for the trial of civil cases, is nearing an end. Yesterday Mr. McPhilips, for the company, moved for a nonsuit, which was refused, and then the arguments of coulisel were heard, Mr. McPhillips, K. C., for the company, and Mr. R. Cassidy, K. C., for the plaintiff, Mr. Justice Walkem will charge the jury this morning.

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The July sitting of the County court commenced yesterday, there being a lot of minor cases on the list. In Chamber the following applications were disposed of:

B. C. L. & I. Agency vs. Wilson, G. H. Barnard, for plaintiffs, obtained leave to amend reply. J. H. Lawson, in for defendant

leave to amend reply. J. H. Lawson, jr., for defendant, Booker vs. Wellington Colliery company, A. P. Luxton, for defendants, applied for review of taxation of costs. Certain items allowed by the registrar were ordered struck out. C. H. Barker, of Nanaimo, applied for plaintiff.

A London boy on his country holiday, was asked by a carter to hold one of his horses. "Which 'orse?" asked the lad. "The off 'un." said the driver. "Horphan," said the boy. "How d'ye think Hi knows which ow 'em's a horphan. Garn, you don't kid me."—Cleveland Leader.

Annual Picnic

Committeelof the Grocers' Asso clation Have Arranged the Programme.

Outing to Be Held at Koksilah Park on Wednesday Next.

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the annual pienic of the retail grocers to be held this year at Koksilah, met last evening, and completed the programme which is a most elaborate one. Trains will leave the E. & N. station at 8 and 9 a. m., and 2 p. m., and the sports will commence immediately upon the arrival of the first train. Besides the sports there will be a gymnastic exhibition by the members of the Victoria Athletic club. The committee has decided that the events will be open to amateurs only, and that no competitor will be allowed to win more than two first prizes; Contestants for the cups must be employees of members of the association, and the cups are to be won three years in succession, be-There will be no entrance fees. Messrs. J. H. Todd & Sons have presented a set of silverware for a tombola prize for the wives of grocers. The programme follows:

PROGRAMME.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

William Johnston, Conservative M. P. for South Belfast, died of pneumonia at Ballykilbeg, County Down, Ireland.

Very Rev. William Choka, vicar-genera of the Roman Catholic diocese of Nebraska, is dead.

The coroners' jury at Chehalis, Wash., has decided that the body found near those on Manday night is that of Dayid

has decided that the body found near in there on Monday night is that of David Merrill, the convict who escaped from the Oregon penitentiary on June 9th, with Harry Tracy. Mrs. Wagoner, who found the body, will claim the reward of \$1.500 which was offered by the state for Merrill, dead or alive.

The censorship over telegrams from Capetown has been abolished except in the case of press dispatches.

THE CORONATION.

First Meeting

HONORS FOR COLONIALS. Freedom of Edinburgh For Laurier and

Edinburgh, July 17.—The municipality of Edinburgh has decided to confer the freedom of the city on Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Ganada, and Sir Robert Bond, Premier of Newfoundland, on the occasion of their visithere July 26th, to receive degrees from the univer-

MR. CHAMBERLAIN

London, July 17.—The premier, Hon.
A. J. Baltour, presided today at the foreign office at the cabinet meeting of the new administration. The colonial secretary, Joseph Chamberlain, was sufficiently recovered from the effects of the cab accident which disabled him, to be able to attend, though he discarded his hansom in favor of a more luxurious carriage. He was pale, but otherwise he showed no signs of his injures.

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Progress of The Province

Annual Report of the Victoria **Board of Trade Read** Yesterday.

Able to Attend Premier Baltour's First Result of Election of Officers

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NEW COAL TOWNS.

Substantial Communities Built Up by the Coal Industry.

One of the features of the development of the East Kootenay and West Alberta coal fields is the numerous thriving towns that have sprung up lately. While these towns are "mush room" so far as rapidity of growth is concerned, the resemblance ends there, for as a rule, the buildings have been constructed by the coal companies operating in the respective camps and the structures are of a comparatively permanent nature.

Robert S. McKibbin, Western representative of the Canada General Electric company with headquarters at Ross.

In the board rooms, President McQuade occupying the chair and the following members attending:

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J. Pitts, Ald H. M. Grahame, Henry Croft, Simon Leiser, Lindley Crease, G. H. Burns, C. H. Lugrin Capt. J. G. Cox and James Thomson.

Mr. F. Elworthy, was re-elected secretary by acclamation for the fourteenth time.

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