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CITY AND PROVINCIAL ITEMS

From Thursday's daily.

—Rev. J. W. Macmillan has been secured to give an oration in connection with the I.O.O.F. celebration at Blaine on July 4th.

—Officer Abel, of Victoria, came over this morning with a lunatic, whom he took over to the asylum. The unfortunate was by no means a stranger to this city, he recently well known and popular in business circles in the Capital City.

—J. Abercrombie, 16 years old, son of a farmer living four miles from Mission has been drowned near Mission Junction. Abercrombie was bathing in the slough with others. He was a good swimmer and was only a few feet from where he could have waded. He suddenly threw up his arms and sank, not coming up again.

—At English Bay each evening large number of people may be seen on the sands, enjoying the excellent bathing. The number of campers is increasing daily and the season promises to be a most delightful one. The fact that water is at last to be laid on will serve as an impetus to the Bay becoming more popular than ever. The tram line to the Park (Hastings) will be laid down within easy reach of the sands.

—Yesterday a shot which was fired in No. 5 shaft, Wellington, knocked out a prop. After the explosion was over Jacob Lathia and Gus Kalke returned to the spot, and while in the act of replacing the prop a portion of the roof fell upon Messrs. Lathia, Kalke's arm being broken. Earlier in the day Alfred Scales was seriously injured through the premature explosion of a shot of giant powder which he was tamping.

—A Mrs. Nelson, a half-breed, reported to the police on Wednesday night that she had been held up on Pender street at 7 p.m., and $8.00 stolen from her. She said that she had just drawn the money, the proceeds of the sale of a ranch, from the Bank of Montreal that afternoon. It was, she said, made of $5 bills. Her story is heavily discounted by the fact that no such sum was drawn from the Bank of Montreal by anyone on Wednesday afternoon.

—Residents in the West End are complaining bitterly of the way in which their gardens have been despoiled of late. The coincidence that the school examinations have been going on this week and that many flowers have been used to decorate the rooms leads some to conclude that the children are to blame. The World is inclined to think that people of larger growth have to do with the depredations. It is worse than a shame that the efforts of worthy citizens to beautify their premises with a beauty the city should be set at naught. Some women and youngsters have a bad habit of begging flowers. One of them told that carnations might be taken. "Roses," replied she, with elevated nose, "is what I want."

From Friday's daily.

—The street cars will begin running to the Park to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock.

—David Christie Murray has been invited to preside over for Dominion Day. He is at present at Esquimalt.

—The Burrard Bicycle Club will hold a run this evening starting from the corner of Cambie and Cordova streets at 7:30.

—There will be a special celebration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Paul's church, Hornby street on Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

—Dunlap, Cooke & Co., are showing a splendid assortment of new collars including the Harvard, which is the very newest thing out.

—Jack Wise was committed for trial for perjury at the police court this morning. He was given a severe dressing down by the magistrate.

—The commencement exercises of the Academy of the Sacred Heart will be held in the Y. M. I., hall this evening. There will be a novel entertainment in addition to the usual exercises.

—At Victoria last evening a public meeting was held to hear what the aldermen had to say in regard to letting the filter bed contract other than the lowest tenderer. There was a lively time, but the meeting broke up without action being taken one way or the other.

G. A. Roedde, practical bookbinder, paper ruler and blank book manufacturer, Whetham block, Cambie street, Vancouver. Orders from the country will be promptly attended to. Correspondence solicited.

—The new lines to the Orient have instituted a rate war, and freights have dropped from $6 Mexican a ton to $4 Mexican, at which rate there is absolutely no profit for the carier.

—C. Duncan and a number of gentlemen interested in quoting matters laid out the cards at the Cambie street grounds last evening. This is preparatory to the matches to be held on Tuesday.

—A telegram received at Victoria from Whatcom announces that Ernest, the 10-year-old son of Col. Holmes, D.A.G., was drowned in the Assiniboine river yesterday afternoon while bathing.

—In the district court this afternoon before Capt. Mellon, J. P., the case of Cullen vs. Forbes is in progress. It is the outgrowth of a difference of opinion as to the ownership of some logs.

—The valves for the two new street watering carts have arrived. All three carts will be used to moisten the route of the march of the soldiers back from Stanley Park after the military review.

—At the police court this morning one Indian was fined $5 for being drunk, another was fined $25 for having whisky in his possession and a third was remanded till to-morrow. They all said that they got the whisky from a white man.

—The Westminster Bar at a meeting unanimously resolved that Judge Bole should be authorized to take Supreme court cases in addition to those which come before him as a Supreme court Judge when sitting in Chambers.

—George Dickson, a colored man who was engaged in Victoria on Wednesday but turned loose in the police court on the understanding that he should leave town, was on Thursday night caught by the watchman at the outer wharf in the act of jumping off with the intention of committing suicide.

—This morning's Victoria Colonist said: "The passengers on the Charmer this morning have among them two 'short change' men, who found it healthier to move over to Vancouver. They gave their names as J. Felham and George Miller." They had better keep moving. Vancouver has no use for them.

—W. C. Bruce and J. O. Anderson, representing the Orange and A. P. A. lodges of Tacoma, are making Victoria a visit for the purpose of completing arrangements for the celebration of the Battle of the Boyne there on the 12th prox. The visitors promise an excursion of, at the lowest estimate, 500 Orangemen, with a band of 30 pieces.

—The excursion of the Art, Historical and Scientific Association to Fairy Falls occurs on Saturday afternoon. The Comox will make two trips one at 8 a.m., and one at 1:30 p.m., from the Union Steamship wharf. The morning trip will be for families and the afternoon one for members of the legal and other professions who have Saturday afternoon off.

—The Wild Swan had all her bunting out to-day in honor of the anniversary of the crowning of her Majesty Queen Victoria at Westminster. The Royal Arthur is expected to arrive this evening, but it is possible that on account of the state of tide she will anchor in English Bay until morning. She will be accompanied by the Nymphe and two torpedo boats.

—The Victoria Times is responsible for the following: A. E. Macnaughton recently received from Vancouver a jet black pug pup, four months old, which is considered a great curiosity by fanciers. The little fellow's parents are both thoroughbreds, and he has a pedigree registered several generations back. All the rest of the litter were the usual pug color. This is the first black pug born on the coast, and, in fact, there are very few on the continent.

—Someone has been industriously circulating a story in Nanaimo that an epidemic of diptheria is raging in Vancouver. This is absolutely false and The World will take it as a favor if the Free Press will make a note of the fact, as the circulation of such a tale might keep people from enjoying their trip to this city on Dominion Day. There is no epidemic of any kind here at present but we propose that enthusiasm and hearty welcomes will be epidemic when our friends from the Black Diamond City arrive.

From Saturday's daily.

—In the Police court this morning the charge against Jim Foon Yuen of having murdered Louis Pomerleau was withdrawn and the prisoner discharged.

—D. Carmel has been appointed Lloyds' surveyor for British Columbia, and has received the papers from London conveying his authority.

—Legal proceedings have been instituted to prevent the letting of the contract for the superstructure of the whole, viz., for Victoria to the firm of Walkley, King & Casey.

—A number of enquiries have been received at this office asking when the Vancouver Jockey Club will be held this year. R. Leighton, secretary, will, no doubt enable to furnish the requisite information.

—A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Capt. Collister, Dallas road, Victoria, on Thursday evening. The contracting parties were Harry O. Miles, of Great Falls, Montana, and Miss Clara M. Collister, the youngest daughter of the family. Rev. Solomon Cleaver performed the ceremony and supporting the bride and groom were Miss Jessie Robinson and J. R. Collister. Mr. and Mrs. Miles left for their new home in Great Fall.

—All advices place the catches of the sealing schooners now in the Japan coast as follows: Casco, 1,200 on June 2; Brenda, 770, May 28; Umbrina, 1,010, May 25; Sidie Turpel, 799, June 2; Retriever, 80 May 31; Pioneer, 60, June 1; Ada, 1,124; Palmi 1,124, and Mermaid, 1,156, June 1. The reported catches are: Allie I. Algar, 740; Arietas, 740; Bonanza, 800; E. B. Marvin, 900; Edward H. Webster, 840; Idahetta, 314; Jane Gray, 1,120, and Agnes Macdonald, 710.

—The Princess street Methodist church has been undergoing repairs and interior alterations during the past week. The old dingy and blackened walls have been tastefully papered and the whole interior of the building thoroughly renovated. Those who have accompanied "better" worship there will scarcely know the place when next they assemble. Though the repairs are not yet complete the congregation will worship at the usual hour to-morrow and special arrangements for a reopening service will be made later.

—In the Horsefly Gold Mining Co., (Foreign) vs. Whipple and others, application was made at Victoria on Friday by Lindley Crease before Mr. Justice Drake for a writ of attachment against defendants Whipple and others and Shaw for disobeying the injunction granted to plaintiffs to restrain all defendants from gold mining on the property claimed by plaintiffs at Horsefly Creek, Mr. A. L. Belyea contra. An order was made for writs to issue in one week unless cause was shown to the contrary before the expiration of that time.

From Tuesday's daily.

—The Government telegraph line to Alberni is now in working order.

—The decision against the fruit sellers as regards keeping open on Sunday will be appealed.

—City Engineer Tracy has been invited to go to Vernon to examine the plans and location of the proposed water-works system.

—Two Indians, named William and Johnny, were arrested on Monday on a warrant issued by T. C. Atkinson, police magistrate of New Westminster. They are charged with assaulting an Indian policeman.

—S. Tingley, general manager for the B. C. Express Co., Ashcroft, came in by Sunday's express. He came direct from Barkerville and states that the crops in the upper country are looking remarkably well. The excitement in mining matters still continues and people are pouring into the country. Several minor strikes were reported lately. Miners and prospectors are in high expectations as to the future of Canada's Eldorado.

—A despatch from Seattle says: In the criminal department of the Superior court, Harry Good, who shot and severely wounded police officer J. W. Glasscock, appeared for sentence. Judge Thomas J. Humes ordered that he pay a fine of $1,000, or in default serve 333 days in the county jail. It is understood that Good who took the sentence very hard, will serve the time which the court fixed in default of the payment of the fine.

From Wednesday's daily.

—R. Thomas, Edward Street in Kurtz's cigar store, has been presented by his wife with a bouncing baby boy.

—The new shell for the Burrard Inlet Rowing club has arrived and may be seen at the club's boat house.

—The steamer Sikh, recently of the Northern Pacific Steamship Co., is now running between Hong Kong and Australia.

—Joseph Pierson who returned to-day from Cariboo, says that the estimate of between $20,000 and $30,000 for the Horsefly clean-up is very conservative.

—R. H. Marshall and D. A. Campbell have left New Westminster on their bicycles to ride to San Francisco. They expect to reach their destination in 15 days.

—Owney, the tramp dog, which is making a tour of the world has arrived in the city in care of E. O. Atkinson, of the mail service. Owney takes the next boat for Australia.

—A man named J. Hunt is reported to have been murdered near Ross' ranch between Harrison and Nicomen. Governor Moresby and Capt. Pittendrigh, coroner, have gone up to investigate.

—Rev. J. Dart, bishop-elect of the diocese of New Westminster, intends sailing from Liverpool en route to this Province on August 1st. The bishop-elect will be consecrated on Saturday next.

—At the annual meeting of the Parksville school district for the election of trustees, Mrs. Florence H. Davis and William Morrison were elected for three and two years respectively in place of Geo. Plummer and Hy. Pillar.

—David O'Neil, of Trail Creek, B. C., is in the city looking for a Mrs. Olivette O'Neil Warner, his sister, and wife of Dr. Warner, late of Spokane but now of Florida. Mrs. Warner has disappeared and until she can be found an estate valued at $300,000 cannot be divided up. O'Neil is reported to be a mining king, having a claim valued at $300,000 in Trail creek. A Spokane despatch says that the parties are unknown in that city.

—The truck wheelers on the C. P. R., wharf struck to-day for a change in their scale of wages. They now get 17 1-2 cents an hour. They are satisfied to continue to work for that if given 10 hours work a day. As it is, though they have to stay around the wharf all the time in case they might be needed, they do not get work all the time and do not average more than $30 a month. They would prefer to get a fixed rate of $1.75 a day and work 10 hours a day, being willing to employ themselves at any other needed work when their is no freight to handle.

AN EXPERT'S OPINION.

Of the Mining Camps of the Interior —Revelstoke a Coming Place.

C. R. Dent, M. E., returned to the city a few days ago after a tour through West Kootenay. In conversation with a World reporter he stated that he returned rather hastily, in order to meet a number of English gentlemen who have come out to look over the mineral field of the Kootenays. They were met here, but being on pleasure bent first, went on to San Francisco. Returning north, they will meet Mr. Dent at Spokane, and spend four or five weeks with him investigating mining prospects. They come favorably impressed with this Province generally, but more particularly —naturally—with the mining outlook of West Kootenay. Revelstoke, he feels assured, is destined to become the destributing point for that unquestionably rich section of the Province.

"We hear much on the coast of Rossland and Trail Creek. What is your opinion?" was asked.

Mr. Dent replied: "I think that the future success of Rossland cannot be doubted. They have the mines and what is more, the mines have wealth. It is bound to become the greatest camp in British Columbia, if not of northwest America. And yet it is not a boom town by any means. Everything is bright and buzzing and capital does not lack an opening for profitable investment. What striked me as peculiar is the undoubted fact that Canadians do not realize that money is to be made there, and, in fact, throughout the whole of the Kootenays. It must be ancient history to you that the Americans have been, so far, the means of making our mineral resources known to the world. In Rossland especially one sees this; solid cash is being put into the mines and claims, which abound practically within the confines of the embryo town. The size of the place, well, I suppose there are about 1,800 people there."

Mr. Dent being asked whether all eyes were at present turned only to Rossland, said that such was the fact. As South Africa had the ear of the investing public of England, so Rossland at present out west was not receiving the attention it deserved. But, he said, never for one moment doubting Rossland's future greatness, as great as and greater, he felt assured that Trout Lake City was a coming place also. Behind it are mines, of which much has been heard, and added to this a number of prospects have been bonded within the last two weeks. These have gone on paper to Helena and Butte people. Reverting to Revelstoke, information was imparted that a gentleman was there, whose name he could not remember, representing the largest smelter in America, which is situated at Kansas City. The object of his visit is with a view of locating a smelter in Revelstoke. One thing which might militate against Revelstoke's prospect at present is the unfortunate "mix-up" about the town site, matters being in such a state that no title deed can be depended upon. However, there can be no doubt that a large smelter will be erected there, at no distant date, as it is the natural outlet to West Kootenay. Another year or so Revelstoke is bound to have of 2,000 or 3,000 inhabitants. "I might," said Mr. Dent, towards the close of a very interesting conversation, "go more into details, but, I am sure, the facts have been gone over time and time again in your paper. Generally, I feel sure British Columbia is to see a veritable boom this year in mining matters."

Mr. Dent leaves for Barkerville, and then returns south to Spokane to meet his associates, many of whom he met in England on a visit to that country last fall.

TWO MORE CANNERIES BURNED.

Disastrous Conflagration at Steveston—Phoenix and Dumfries Establishments Consumed with Stock and Equipment.

The passengers by the Cutch on their way home to Nanaimo last night saw a display of fireworks that was not down on the Dominion Day celebration programme but which was undeniably grand and will long be remembered. It was an expensive display, too, as the Anglo-British Columbia Packing Company is sadly aware to-day, though just how expensive has not yet been figured out. What the returning excursionists saw was the burning of the Phoenix and Dumfries canneries, which are situated on the dyke about half a mile east of Steveston and just east of the group of six canneries referred to in the reports of the burning of Costello's cannery. The fire started about 1 o'clock the morning in the upper part of the Dumfries cannery, though just what caused it is only a matter of conjecture. There was no fire in the vicinity of the place where the blaze broke out during the day before. Some nets were hanging near and they may have burst into flames spontaneously Everything possible was done to stop the rush of the fire but without avail. The two canneries are close together, there being just a landing stage between them in fact. In the fire besides the buildings and machinery destroyed the company lost 25 boats, all the nets, the stock of canned salmon for the season and all other fittings about the canneries. The wind was fortunately, blowing off shore, and the buildings at the rear were saved. The intense heat made the carrying of fire brands or cinders towards the other canneries. The World spoke to the representatives of the company the afternoon but they declined to commit themselves to any estimate of the loss. The insurance is carried in Ceperley's office and Mr. Ceperley has gone out to Steveston to look into the matter. In his absence no one in his office could give any statement of what companies the insurance is placed with or the amounts. The loss will be easily over $30,000.

AFTER A PATROL.

The Dominion steamer Quadra returned recently to Victoria from a patrol of the west coast in the interests of the sealing industry. At the different stations where Indian hunters are engaged for the British Columbia fleet, all was going on satisfactorily, the hunters joining their respective vessels without trouble. Capt. Walbran states that the captains of the sealing schooners have reported to him their great satisfaction at the presence of the Quadra at the Indian villages where their hunters are shipped, and the beneficial effect her visit had had at each place. Three uncharted rocks in the entrance to Eucuiet harbor were examined and located during the cruise; the necessary corrections will be duly forwarded to the department to have the dangers marked in the nautilicy charts. Very good weather was experienced throughout the cruise.

ALWAYS ON HAND.—Mr. Thomas H. Porter, Lower Ireland, P. Q., writes: "My son, 18 months old, had croup so bad that nothing gave him relief until a neighbor brought me some of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, which I gave him, and in six hours he was relieved. It is the best medicine I ever used, and I would not be without a bottle of it in my house."

KOOTENAY SILVER MINES.

A Paper by the Chief of Mining Statistics at Ottawa.

At a recent meeting of the Mineral Society of Nova Scotia, at Sydney, a paper by E. D. Ingall, M. E., chief of mining statistics, Ottawa, of which the following are extracts, was read: Until a comparatively recent period the mineral production of the Province of British Columbia was almost wholly confined to coal and gold, the latter chiefly attained by washing the shallow auriferous gravels that are distributed widely throughout the Province. The discovery and working of veins yielding silver ores is of later date. According to Dr. Dawson, the largest deposit of galena now known is the Blue Bell mine, on the east shore of Kootenay lake, was discovered as early as 1825; and amongst the earlier discoveries of this class of ores is that in the Coast Range mountains at Hope on the Fraser river. The galena varies in grain from large cubes down to a fine steely fracture. It is sometimes enriched by the presence of ruby silver and the richer silver minerals scattered through it. What is known as "carbonated" ore occurs with the galena, but this is not really carbonate of lead, as one might suppose, but is the carbonate zone matured, whilst the silver occurs disseminated in the native condition. The whole probably results from the decomposition of the gangue and of the silver bearing galena of the vein. Other minerals are associated with the galena in places and in varying quantities. Of these zinc-blende is the most prominent; iron pyrites occuring in fair quantity, other metallic ores being only occasionally present. The pure galena is solid ribs seems to effect more particularly the narrower veins cutting the shales, whereas the big developments in incarcerus strata contain a large proportion of zinc-blende, which lessens their value. Another class of veins shows rich arsenical and antimonial silver ores in a gangue composed mostly of quartz. In one case a tunnel was seen on a new prospect, where, in its length of 75 feet, it was estimated that the ground broken had yielded from 50 to 60 per cent. pure galena assaying 125 ozs. of silver to the ton. Once again, another prospect pit was seen showing a two-foot rib of absolutely pure "steel galena" with ruby silver, the ore assaying 880 ozs. of silver to the ton.. When one sees such exposures, you cannot help feeling that the district has a very hopeful future before it. There is a singular fact that prevails in relation to the yield of silver by galena. All the world over the galena found in veins cutting through shales is richer in silver than the galena found in veins cutting through limestones, and it here appears that the schistose rocks are like the limestones—less argentiferous. The galena found in the schistose rocks seems to average lower in silver than that occurring in the shales.

CHILLIWIACK'S NEWSY CHIPS.

Chilliwack, June 29.—Last Wednesday was the date of a long-expected event, when the residence of J. McCutcheon witnessed the marriage of his daughter Sadie to Robt. Marshall, of the firm of Marshall Bros. The ceremony was performed at 11 a. m. by Rev. C. Ladner in the presence of a few invited guests. The bride always charming, looked lovely in her cream silk, cream silk, and was supported by Miss Flora Reece, while George Marshall, assisted his brother, possibly by way of acquiring nerve for an ordeal which Dame Rumor talks of as not far distant. The presents received by the wedded pair were numerous and handsome, the most elegant being a silver tea service presented by the congregation of the Methodist church, in which Rob has been choir leader for some time, and which he also was a member of the choir until recently. After an epicurean repast, the "bride and bridegroom, pilgrims of life, henceforward to travel together," departed amidst a shower of rice, old slippers, etc., to spend the first portion of the honeymoon in pretty, quiet Hope, with relatives of the bride, after which a trip to the Provincial cities is contemplated. On their return the young couple will reside in a pretty home on Mill road. In closing this account of the marriage of two of our most popular young people, it cannot be amiss to quote a remark made to me recently that "Rob and Sarah seemed so well suited to each other."

Like perfect music unto noble words.

An accident that narrowly escaped being a terrible tragedy occurred on Tuesday last. J. Irwin and Oswald and Theodore Maynard had driven George Clark to Popcum, from which place he was to cross the river and take the train for Ontario. On their return they drove down the camp slough road, and unhitched to water the horses in the slough near Mr. Armstrong's house. Some sudden noise terrified the animals, which bolted into the water, and afterwards, unable to return, drifted down the stream and got fast in a jam-pile. The young men went out in a canoe and succeeded in cutting the harness so as to free one horse, which managed to reach land. In trying to liberate the other, the canoe upset, compelling the young men to shift for themselves. They swam ashore, says Mr. McConnell, in untold miles, and the years that are to come will witness a development of Southern country that will be a surprise to everybody. If matters continue to go on as they are going now, Canada's interests will be the most populous section of the Province, and the wealthiest. Mr. McConnell looks well after his trip, which, he says, did him much good physically as well as financially.

LADNER'S NOTES.

Ladner's Landing, July 2.—The weather is still perfection.—Rev. Mr. Glasford will preach to the Orangemen here next Sunday afternoon.—The machinery for the creamery has arrived and was hauled out to the building yesterday.—The Church of England held a strawberry festival last Thursday night in the town hall. Rev. Mr. Dorrell ably filled the chair. The following programme was well rendered; Selection, Delta Orchestra; song, Rev. A. A. Dorrell; recitation, Miss F. Brown; song, Mr. King; Jimmie Butler and the Owl, Thos. Higginson, Abbotsford, brought out Mr. Higginson's linguistic powers to the fullest; song, Thos. Wiley; reading, Rev. A. A. Dorrell; duet, Miss Nellie Harris and T. Wiley; selection, Delta orchestra. Fancy and useful goods was then placed on sale with strawberries, etc., interspersed.—The ordination services and induction of the Rev. J. C. Cameron were very impressively conducted here last Tuesday night. Several ministers were present.—St. Stephen's church had its strawberry festival on Friday night. Your correspondent was a little disappointed at not being able to go, but I hear they had a splendid time.—The Sunday school union held their annual picnic at Boundary Bay on Thursday next. DELTA.

THANKS, AND NO!

The Kaslo Prospector says: The World man on the Wing was in Kaslo this week. He is making a tour of the country again in the interest of The Vancouver World. There is no mountain so high but what he can climb to the top. And there are few newspaper men even in Kootenay who have seen more of the different sections than J. T. Wilkinson. Therefore, what he writes can usually be relied on. Aside from him, we are not aware of a single newspaper man at the coast who has any intelligent idea of the geography of West Kootenay. This can be proven by picking up any issue of the coast papers in which they refer to Kootenay. Some of them do not know how many papers are printed here, and what credit is given them is often misplaced by 30 or 40 miles.

One trial of Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator will convince you that it has no equal as a worm medicine. Buy a bottle, and see if it does not please you.

OUR DESTINY.

What the Thunderer has to Say on the Weighty Problem.

Of the large problems on the successful solution of which the future of the British empire and the stability and welfare of its component parts will depend, there are very few indeed which are not more or less directly illustrated by Canadian experience; and it is at least probable that the particular solutions which Canada seems destined to find for them will, whether for good or for evil, largely affect the organic structure of the Empire, if only by their contrast with the very different solutions which they are likely to receive, and are indeed always receiving, elsewhere, says the Lodon Times. There is scarcely any limit to the speculations which are suggested to the political thinker by the condition and experience of Canada. Canada is our nearest great colony, and it possesses a climate not unlike that which has developed the sterner qualities of the Anglo-Saxon race. Its growth has been slow, but steady and sturdy, based upon agriculture and settled industry, and comparatively unaffected by the wild ways of speculation and adventure which have made for a more feverish, but perhaps less substantial growth elsewhere. As a member of the Empire Canada stands midway between east and west with a seaboard on both oceans, and with a coal supply so rich and so favorably situated as to make its western coast the natural base of the dominant sea power of the Pacific, and, on the other hand, with a land frontier three thousand miles in length towards the great republic of the west. Whether these unique conditions, pregnant, it may be, with the fate of the whole world, point to the absorption of Canada in the United States, or to her acting as the flux provided to the laboratory of a new Anglo-Saxon nation, of the whole Anglo-Saxon race, is a question which only the future and probably only the far-distant future can determine. What is certain is, that the future history of Canada in the international relations of Great Britain and the United States has tended more than anything else to the peaceful and not inequitable settlement of arbitration of questions which, in less favorable circumstances, might have proved intractable to diplomacy. It is perhaps not altogether fanciful to surmise that the benefits unfortunately achieved in this direction may possibly be the germ of future developments almost too vast and too far-reaching for political imagination of men accustomed to living to conceive. The course of the world's history is determined quite as much by forces inherent in the nature of things as by the action of individual men or by the collective impulses of nations. It is only by co-operation with the favoring forces of nature that great men and great nations can fulfil their destiny. To ignore these forces or to resist them is to perish. To interpret them aright is the eternal riddle of the political sphinx, and the fate of nations which fail to guess it is the commonplace of history. What may be the future of Canada in relation to the United States on one hand and the British Empire on the other no man as yet can tell. Richmond, as it looks before and after and strives to measure the forces which prescribe and determine the course of human affairs can decipher the problem here propounded is big with the fate of untold generations of mankind. Like the United States, Canada is a federation purely democratic in constitution and spirit, but, unlike the United States, it is not a republic. Here it resembles the United Kingdom; but the contrast at once emerges in the fact that the United Kingdom still retains a fondness for aristocratic forms, class distinctions, and hereditary institutions which are quite alien to the spirit of Canadian democracy. Canada, in these important respects, points in contrast and comparison with the other British colonies. It has solved the problem of confederation considerably to advance on the lines resembling those in the democratic form of its political institutions, but, whereas, democracy in Australasia seems to be moving fast towards a federal republicanism in Canada seems to be quite in the opposite direction. The difference is fundamental, and its ulterior effect is almost incalculable. Canada's relations to the other British colonies in the necessity which confronts it of establishing a modus vivendi between European races of diverse origin and traditions, but it differs again in having no serious native problem to deal with. The destiny of Canada's function is the organic structure of the Empire is fraught with problems of the deepest moment to humanity.

THE COMING TWELFTH.

Arrangements for the big Orange celebration to take place on the approaching 12th of July at Victoria are almost completed. The various lodges in the Province and also large contingents of the brethren from Tacoma, Seattle, and various points on the Sound across the water will take part. The procession will form at 10 o'clock and after a march through the principal streets of the city will proceed to the Caledonia grounds when dinner will be served. A great platform meeting will be convened at 2 o'clock by Grand Master Robert Sparling and the following well known champions of Protestantism are expected to be present and deliver addresses: Dalton McCarthy, Q. C. M. P., of Toronto; ex-Judge Van Hossen, of Tacoma, who is well known as the prosecuting attorney of the Molly Maguire murders; Rev. Dr. Reid, of New Westminster; Donald Ross, of Vancouver; Rev. D. McCrae, of Nanaimo; Principal Netherby; John Braden, M. P. P., and Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Victoria. A first-class programme of sports has been arranged. The demonstration will be the largest that has ever taken place in British Columbia. Arrangements are almost completed with the C. P. N. Co., which will enable the Vancouver contingent to leave this city on the evening of the 11th. On the Sunday preceding to the 12th the brethren will attend divine service in the Reformed Episcopal church when a special sermon will be preached by Grand Master Sparling.

DROWNED IN THE FRASER.

Dr. Walkem, M. P. P., of Nanaimo, has receive a letter from his son, Vyvyan, who is a member of the party on the British Pacific exploring survey, dated at Hantsville, B. C. In part it says: We left Ashcroft on Sunday, June 16th, and are now about 35 miles each day. In crossing the Chilcotin river it became necessary to swim the 14 pack horses across. Johnny Wycott, who was acting in the dual capacity of guide and in charge of the animals, was drowned in the attempt to cross the river. The pack horses had to be driven into and across the river. Wycott rode into the river on his horse, but when in the middle he got off the horse's back and hung on to the saddle. In some unaccountable manner, the reins got under the foreleg of the horse, pulling his head under the water. The horse sunk taking young Wycott down with him and both Wycott and the horse floated out to a sandbar, but it is feared the body of the unfortunate Wycott floated down the Fraser river. His father and the members of the party dragged the river, but their efforts proved unsuccessful. Vyvyan Walkem speaks in glowing terms of the Chilcotin country, with its boundless pasturage, the crops and immense herds of stock. Vegetation is more advanced there than it is on the coast line. The survey party continued on their work, and it will be some time before they will again be within reach of mail communication.

A PROMISING PROPERTY.

F. H. Lantz, of Beaver lake, Quesnelle, passed through Ashcroft last week on a short visit to this city, says the British Columbia Mining Journal. Mr. Lantz has had charge of contract work on the Montreal Hydraulic Gold Mining company's property on Quesnel river, commonly known as Drummond's claim or property, of which the latter gentleman is the manager and personally superintends the work. Mr. Lantz is in a position to know something of the gravel banks in which the company have been operating for over a year. "So far," said he, "the results have been satisfactory, and I believe that the banks have averaged 25 cents to the yard down to pay streak, which is about 15 feet deep and which is much richer." "How rich is the pay streak, Mr. Lantz?" said our reporter. "Oh, I can't say. It is very rich, and wherever struck has proved very rich. The company don't care about any fuss being made over the operations, but every shaft, tunnel and drift has shown good results."

SERIOUS CONFLAGRATION.

The Brunette Mills and Laidlaw's Cannery at Sapperton Burned.

About 5 o'clock on Wednesday evening, when The Daily World was being published, a despatch reached this office that the Brunette mills, at Sapperton, were burning, and that the complete destruction of that fine establishment appeared inevitable. The flames spread with great rapidity, licking up everything in their path. The loss is estimated at $100,000, but to what extent the property was insured we have not been able to ascertain. The Brunette mills were one of the most complete on the coast, also fell a prey to the devouring element. The loss on it is estimated at $50,000.

There were several vessels loading at the mills, and had narrow escapes from burning.

The loss will be a serious one to those interested in these establishments and the employes, as some $6,000 per month were paid out in wages. The mill was worked to its utmost capacity, running night and day.

It is reported that the insurance on the mill and lumber was $60,000.

RICHMOND NOTES.

Eburne, July 2.—The weather still continues beautifully fine, just our usual British Columbia weather. I hope everybody in Vancouver, both residents and visitors, enjoyed the Dominion holiday, for I am sure the weather was all the most fastidious could desire. Some of the fishermen have commenced their haying. Next week it will be more general, then good-bye to holidays and play for a time. This is expected to be a splendid hay and grain season. The roots are not proving as good as was at first anticipated. Some new kind of grub has made its way into and entirely stripping off the top out of the young plants. At any rate, they are making great havoc in some gardens. It has been reported that the potato bug has made its appearance on Sea Island and the South Arm as well. If that is correct, the root growers will have a sorry thing to contend with. I hope it is the case, but generally there is some truth in such reports.—The strawberry festivals passed off very successfully last week. The Oddfellows' came on the Saturday night of history. What may be the future of Canada in relation to the United States on one hand and the British Empire on the other no man as yet can tell. Richmond, as it looks before and after and strives to measure the forces which prescribe and determine the course of human affairs can decipher the problem here propounded is big with the fate of untold generations of mankind. Like the United States, Canada is a federation purely democratic in constitution and spirit, but, unlike the United States, it is not a republic. Here it resembles the United Kingdom; but the contrast at once emerges in the fact that the United Kingdom still retains a fondness for aristocratic forms, class distinctions, and hereditary institutions which are quite alien to the spirit of Canadian democracy. Canada, in these important respects, points in contrast and comparison with the other British colonies. It has solved the problem of confederation considerably to advance on the lines resembling those in the democratic form of its political institutions, but, whereas, democracy in Australasia seems to be moving fast towards a federal republicanism in Canada seems to be quite in the opposite direction. The difference is fundamental, and its ulterior effect is almost incalculable. Canada's relations to the other British colonies in the necessity which confronts it of establishing a modus vivendi between European races of diverse origin and tra