Freight Raised On British Goods

Low Rates For Homebound Voyages Cause Outward Rates to Rise.

Large Fleet of Disengaged Vessels on the Coast—Moana is Due.

Freights are higher now on goods coming from England by sailing vessels, for the distressingly low charter quotations for sailing vessels from British Columbia, Puget Sound and Pacific Coast ports from Alaska to Cape Horn has resulted in a doubling up of sailing freight rates from European ports to the Pacific Coast. Indeed, in some instances, the tariff on goods shipped from the old world to the Pacific has more than doubled. Some of the sailing vessels which arrived on the Coast since December 1, took cargoes in Europe at 8 shillings a ton. Now ships running out of those ports to the Pacific are getting 20 shillings. The cause is at once apparent. They cannot pay expenses, much less make money, at the return cargo rates, which have prevailed on this Coast for the past three months. In truth, many sailing vessels were forced to tie up on their arrival and await more satisfactory quotations.

These come slowly. The wheat crop has been moved; that is, there is very little of the past season's crop remaining for shipment. It is needed for home consumption, where better prices are to be had than in foreign markets. Again, the wheat crop throughout the Pacific Coast states fell far short of the earlier estimates as to the yield.

Nevertheless, there is an improved condition in Coastwise charters, especially for lumber, the rate of which advanced 50 cents a ton during the week just closed. Off shore lumber figures are also better. There has also been a slightly perceptible stiffening in grain charter quotations. The latter comes mainly through the tying up of so many ships.

Had it not been for the visitation of a government subsidized French sailing fleet, Pacific Coast charters would never have dropped to their present quotation. The "Frenchmen" wrought havoc in grain rates. In the earlier fall they made quotations never heard of before on this Coast. They were able to do so only through the subsidy given by the Government whose flag they are flying.

There are now about 125 sail and steam vessels tied up in Oakland creek, the marine rendezvous for San Francisco unchartered vessels. Portland has her quota; likewise Victoria, Townsend and Vancouver. At the present time there are but three sailing vessels, the Galgate, Alice A. Leigh and M. E. Watson awaiting charter.

CROMARTYSHIRE ARRIVES.

Vessel Which Sank La Burgoyne Reaches Port From Manila.

The British ship Cromartyshire, Capt. Nicholl, passed up on Sunday from Manila for Tacoma. The Cromartyshire was bound to the Royal Roads from Manila, which port she left 66 days ago, but the tug having taken out her orders, Capt. Nicholl decided to tow up the Sound, and she reached Diamond Head quarantine station on Sunday night. The Cromartyshire will be compelled to discharge ballast and be fumigated at the Port Townsend quarantine station owing to the cholera being epidemic there, all ballast from the Philippines is held under suspicion by the quarantine officers. The Cromartyshire reports having spoken the ship Big Bonanza 12 days out from Manila. The latter vessel was off the Cape Friday, but has not arrived, having probably been driven off by the adverse winds prevailing. The Cromartyshire is the vessel which was in collision with the French passenger steamship La Burgoyne July 4, 1898, and participated in one of the greatest marine disasters on record. Five hundred and forty lives were lost in the confusion which followed the collision and sinking of the French liner. The Cromartyshire stood by and rescued 165 persons from watery graves. The sailing ship was badly damaged when towed two days later to Halifax, from where the story of the catastrophe was sent out.

Last year, while carrying coal from Leeds to Fort Elizabeth, fire broke out in her cargo. The vessel was off St. Francis and her master vainly endeavored to beach and scuttle her. Contrary winds kept the packet off shore and fanned the flames until the crew were compelled to abandon her. While making a landing Capt. Reed was drowned. Two days later the floating fireship was picked up towed to her destination.

MANAUENSE SOLD.

Capt. Caine Sells to Northwestern Commercial Co. for $65,000.

The steamer Manauense, which came to Victoria from Liverpool during the Revelstoke rush, and has since been plying many seas in many trades, has been sold by Capt. E. E. Cain, of Seattle, for $65,000, to the Northwestern Commercial Co. The Manauense has had an interesting career. She was built 22 years ago in the port of Glasgow. She is now floating the Danish flag. For a long time she plied between San Francisco and the Philippines as a United States transport. It is the purpose of the Northwestern Commercial Company to operate the Manauense between Seattle, Nome and Siberia. The company is closely allied to the Northeastern-Siberian Company, which has a trading, mining and exploration concession for a large area of Siberia bordering on Behring sea and the Arctic. John Rosene, president of the purchasing company, is a managing director of the Northeastern-Siberian Company. His associates are also heavy stockholders in the latter concern. The Northwestern Commercial Company is one of the pioneers in the Nome business. It not only operates several vessels, but has various stores and trading posts in the Nome district.

THE VENTURE CHARTERD

To Carry From Four to Six Cargoes of Ore From Quatsino to Crofton.

The steamer Venture, Capt. Buckholtz, has been chartered by the Yreka Mining Company from N. P. Shaw & Co., owners of the local steam freighter, to carry ore from the mines of the Yreka company on the Southeast arm of Quatsino Sound, to the new smelter at Crofton. It is expected that the Venture will make from four to six trips to Quatsino Sound to carry ore from the mines. The mining company expects to ship the first cargo by the Venture about the 10th of next month. There is now between three thousand and four thousand tons of ore on the dump, and now that the aerial tramway has been completed at the West Coast mine, the shipping of ore will be carried on without delay. The cargo of the Venture will be the first taken to the Vancouver Island smelter from the West Coast. It is not known when the Venture will leave port for Quatsino. The steamer is now in the upper harbor, where she has been lying since the repairs made necessary by her recent stranding on Trugwell Island, near Metlakatla, on the Northern British Columbia coast, were completed.

The steamer Queen City, Capt. Townsend, left for Quatsino and way ports on the Vancouver Island coast last night. She had twenty passengers from Victoria, including N. S. Clarke, of the Yreka mine; J. Milward, the electrician who has gone to Bamfield Creek to make an inspection of the cable station; Mrs. Stone, of Claoose; J. Godson, of Alberni; T. Curnow, S. Pach, S. Jenkins, T. Prisk, C. E. Taylor, M. E. Douglas and F. V. Hobbs. The company of the Queen City will spend Christmas on the Island coast, for the steamer is not expected to return to port until Monday night.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Amphion's Company Send Remembrances to Victoria Friends.

Lying at a far-away port in Mexico—Acapulco—is the British cruiser Amphion, of the North Pacific squadron, and her officers have not forgotten their many friends in Victoria at this festive season. Yesterday a despatch was received from the Amphion, which read as follows:

Acapulco, Mex., Dec. 22.
Colonist, Victoria:
Christmas greetings to all friends in Victoria.
AMPHION.

The Colonist hopes that the doughty sons of the sea on the Amphion will enjoy the festivities, although they are far from home—for they regard Victoria as their home, at least, while the cruiser's commission on this station lasts.

THE SEAL HUNTERS

Will Not Go to Sea for Less Than $3.50 Per Skin.

A meeting of the seal hunters was held last night at the King's Head, at which the hunters came to the conclusion that they will not accept a lower wage than $3.50 per skin. A short time ago the hunters held a meeting and decided to ask for that wage, and named a date to which they would hold out for that price. At last night's meeting they decided not to go to sea for less than $3.50. There were about thirty present. Joseph Morell presided.

A TRAP FOR SMUGGLERS

The New Bell-Net Method Adopted by Italy.

Spurred thereto by the losses sustained through smuggling, the Italian government has determined to erect along the Swiss-Italian frontier many miles of metallic netting covered with bells. The object is to prevent contrabandists sending over the frontier dogs and other animals loaded with dutiable goods—a device which has proved very profitable to smugglers in the past, as it was carried out mainly at night, when the guards could not see, the dogs of course being trained to carry their load to the smugglers' accomplices in the next country.

The netting has not as yet been carried the entire length of the frontier, but it will be extended shortly. No one can climb over it, nor can parcels of any kind be thrown over, as it is too high, and when it is touched the numerous bells start clanging and attract the attention of the customs officers.

Experiments have proved that the cost of the device will be fully covered by the extra duties obtained from persons who would otherwise escape, and in the course of time a profit will be realized for the government.

JAMES BAY BRIDGE.

Ald. McCandless Moves to Resume Work of Filling the Flats.

Ald. McCandless has posted a notice of motion on the bulletin board at the City hall, which, if it accomplishes nothing else, will re-open the question as to when and how the James Bay mud flats are to be filled in. He is not satisfied to have the work remain unfinished indefinitely, and thinks that during the winter months it is desirable that the city should take steps to fill in at least a portion of the flats. His reasons for this action are set forth in his notice of motion, which, in full, is as follows:

Whereas a large amount of money borrowed for the reclamation of the James Bay flats is still unexpended, with no immediate prospect of the work being continued;

And whereas there is in the city at the present time a considerable number of unemployed men who could be profitably engaged in the completion of the above work:

Therefore be it resolved, That the engineer be requested to report as soon as possible on the best method of filling in a strip at least 100 feet wide adjoining the retaining wall, so that the present bridge can be removed and a permanent roadway built, in accordance with the original design, with a view of furnishing employment to a number of men during the present winter.

Poisons accumulate in the system when the kidneys are sluggish—blotches and bad complexion result—take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

THE HUMBERTS.

Capture of Swindlers Who Victimized Paris.

Madrid, Dec. 20.—Madame Humbert, her husband, Eva Humbert, and the three D'Aurignacs, Romain, Emile and Marie, who became notorious in connection with the great safe frauds in Paris, have been arrested here.

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FAILS TO WIPE OUT SALOONS

Vancouver Commissioner Can-Not Get A Seconder For His Motion.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 20.—Licence Commissioner Taylor's motion to cancel all saloon licenses in the city, but one, did not have a seconder at the Licensing Board meeting last night. A number of lawyers were present in the interest of clients. Applications for liquor licenses for Japanese were refused. Proprietors of wooden hotels who were ordered to change their hotels to brick structures six months ago, and who have not done it, were given an extension of three months' time.

The receipts and expenditures of the Dominion Day celebration have at last been published. The receipts were $2,686.55, and the expenditures the same, so that there is no deficit this year.

The Chinese gamblers recently arrested have been fined $20 each.

Ernest Salmon, convicted of stealing sugar from the Sugar Refinery, pleaded guilty to another charge of petty theft in the police court yesterday and received a long term of imprisonment.

TRAIN COLLISION.

Twelve to Fifteen Killed and Many Injured.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—A phone message from Byron Hot Springs says a rear end collision occurred near there tonight, in which many people are reported to be killed and injured. About 15 were killed. The Stockton flyer ran into the "Owl" train, which left this city at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon for Los Angeles.

A later report from the "Owl" wreck at Byron Hot Springs says 27 injured have been brought to Byron Springs. So far as can be ascertained the list of dead numbers 12 to 15. Most of the killed and injured were residents of Fresno.

AN ACTION FOR LIBEL

W. J. Taylor, K. C., Will Ask Mr. Paterson to Prove His Charge.

On Monday last at a political meeting at Fulford Harbor, Mr. Paterson, opposition candidate in North Victoria, is reported to have made a libelous charge against the legal firm of Eberts & Taylor. Yesterday a Colonist reporter called upon Mr. W. J. Taylor, K. C., and asked if he intended to take any action in the matter.

"Is it true Mr. Taylor," asked the reporter, "that you are going to take legal action against Mr. Paterson for the statement he made at Fulford Harbor last Monday night?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Taylor.

"What damages do you claim?"

"Merely nominal. The action will give Mr. Paterson and myself a chance to state upon oath the facts of the matter."

"What are the facts?"

"Simple enough. The Shuswap & Okanagan Railway company owed Eberts & Taylor a bill of $1,000 for services as the company's solicitors. The S. & O. company sold its undertaking to the Larkin-Paterson syndicate—the syndicate to pay all the company's liabilities. This $1,000 was a liability of the company settled with the company and officers before Larkin-Paterson had anything to do with the company. After the sale by the company the syndicate endeavored to get me to accept less than the firm's bill, and I refused. Understanding that they would not pay the amount at all, I saw the late Theodore Davie and told him of the circumstances, and asked him if the bill was reasonable. Mr. Davie said it was reasonable, and in any event he couldn't see what Larkin-Paterson had to do with it anyway, as it was the company's affair. I asked him if he though it fair that the syndicate should take out about a million from the province with $300,000 or $400,000 profit without paying local liabilities. He replied decidedly not, and I'll see that they pay it. This is the class of men who bring my countrymen into undeserved ill-repute by their meanness in money matters."

"Then Mr. Paterson's statement that he never retained your firm and yet paid you $1,000 is correct?

"Quite, but its half the truth and worse than a deliberate falsehood."

"It is Mr. Paterson's interpretation you object to?"

"Yes, he may have considered that parting with $1,000 of the $300,000 or $400,000 his syndicate made in profits was an outrage. It may have hurt, still his syndicate had contracted to pay it, and why shouldn't they do so?"

"Will Mr. Eberts join you in this action?"

"I don't know. I am doing this off my own bat, as I attended to the matter personally."

VESSELS TAKEN UNDER BLOCKADE

One of Them Has a Cargo Belonging to a German Firm.

Caracas, Dec. 20.—The British cruiser Indefatigable has made the first prize under the blockade, capturing the Venezuelan schooner Julia, which was going to Higuerota, a seaport in the province of Mirada. The Julia's cargo, by the irony of fate, belongs to the German firm of Blohm, which has lodged a protest with the United States consul.

Laguayra, Dec. 20.—The Trinidad schooners Mercedes and Inmaculado, belonging to a French subject, but flying the Venezuelan flag, tried to leave this port today, and were seized by the British cruiser Tribune. A commissioner boarded the Tribune and explained to her commander that no notification of the blockade had been given before the schooners cleared, and claimed also that the cargo belonged to foreign subjects. The commander of the Tribune refused to release the Mercedes and Imaculado, saying that he was obeying his superior's orders.

The commander of the Tribune today sent the British consul for publication, the official announcement of the blockade, dating from today, according to the notification that the ports of Laguayra, Carenoco, Guanta, Cumana, Carupano, and the mouth of the Orinoco river were under the supervision of the British naval forces. The British cruiser Retribution and the United States cruiser Albany, left today at noon. The Retribution is reported since to have arrived off Carenoco. The German charge d'affaires, Herr von Pilgrim Baliazzi, spent two hours on shore here today. He was recognized but was not molested. Madame von Pilgrim Balazzi arrived here this afternoon. She is very ill, and had to be carried to the British consulate, where she will remain until the arrival of the German training ship Stosch, which will take her to Willemstad, Curacoa.

Hamburg, Dec. 20.—The German steamer Siberia sails for Venezuela on December 23, taking a complete crew for the captured Venezuelan cruiser Restaurador, besides large supplies of ammunition and coal and a number of new officers for the German cruiser squadron now in Venezuelan waters.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

Substantial Showing Made by Silver-Lead Mines.

Ore is going out from the local division in a regular stream just now, shipments being heavier than they have been for months. This week they took a big jump, totalling 240 tons. The Enterprise was the principal shipper, sending out 180 tons, the bulk of which went to Nelson. Their output for the month will be very heavy. From the Arlington 40 tons was shipped. As they have reduced their force at that mine shipments will be easy throughout the winter. The Ottawa shipped another car this week to Nelson, it being of second grade ore. They have part of another car at the wharf which is of No. 1 grade, and is expected to give handsome returns. At the wharf are also lots from Republic and Black Prince, which are to be shipped in a few days. For the year shipments total 6,164 tons, being now on the home stretch in an effort to equal last year's record.

For 1900 the exports from this division amounted to 2,847 tons, made up from ten properties. Last year the exports totalled 6,329 tons, from fourteen properties. Following is a full list of the local shipments this year to date:

Mine.	Week.	Total.
Arlington	40	3750
Enterprise	180	2220
Ottawa	20	47
Neepawa	...	101
May	...	5
Paystreak	...	5
Duplex	...	11
Fourth of July	...	1
Florence	...	4
Speculator	...	13
Hampton	...	
	240	6164

ROSSLAND SHIPMENTS.

Ore Output of the Camp For the Week.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 20.—Ore shipments for the week ending tonight were as follows: Le Roi, 3,170; Centre Star, 1,800; War Eagle, 1,380; Giant, 60; Velvet, 60. The week has passed uneventfully in connection with the big mines. The shipment to date this year has been 331,220 tons as compared with 279,133 for all of 1901, showing an increase for the year to date of 52,087 tons. The experimental plant for testing Rossland ores by the Elmore oil concentration process is being set up at the company's office here and a number of ore samples are already filed for tests. The War Eagle and Centre Star's experiment at Silica continue steadily and with good results.

FELL EXHAUSTED AND UNCONSCIOUS.

Mrs. R. W. Edwards, 33 McMurray St., Brantford, Ont., suffered for five years with nervous exhaustion, headache and dyspepsia. "The pains in the head would almost drive me crazy, I could not sleep nights, but would walk the floor in agony until I fell exhausted and unconscious. For the past nine months I have used Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and from a mere skeleton this medicine has built me up in flesh and weight until I am strong and well." It would be scarcely possible to produce stronger evidence of the wonderful power of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

MR. J. J. HILL MAY RETIRE

Great Northern President Will Devote Himself to Northern Securities.

Persistent rumors from Chicago declare that James J. Hill is soon to retire from the presidency of the Great Northern, in which position he will be succeeded by F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie system. The change will be made to allow Mr. Hill to give his undivided attention to the affairs of the Northern Securities Company. In this connection the Chicago Record-Herald says:

"Should this prove true, it is the purpose of Mr. Hill to extend the security holdings of the $400,000,000 corporation, and strengthen his position in the Northwest by the purchase of several railroad properties. Plans for the company will take so much of his time that active guidance of the affairs of the Great Northern will be impossible. Although Mr. Hill denies his rumored retirement the story bears an air of probability. Should he retire it is likely that he would be succeeded by Fred Underwood, for whom he has the highest regard. Mr. Underwood brought Mr. Hill to Chicago yesterday on a special train over the Erie, and the two presidents have taken several trips of a similar nature over the road during the past six months. It was Mr. Hill who put Mr. Underwood in charge of the Erie, and for some time there has been a rumor that the latter is to be given an important berth on one of the Northern lines.

"Ambitious plans are said to be forming regarding the future of the Northern Pacific, not the least being the construction of a large fleet for the lake carrying trade. The move is contemplated, it is stated, for the purpose of putting the Northern Pacific on a parity with the Lehigh, the Great Northern and other systems in lake transportation. Traffic East and West between the big centres is tending more and more towards part rail and part lake service, and accordingly the railroad systems of the Northwest must be able to compete in water as well as on land if they expect to keep up their earnings. It is stated that the company may also decide to construct a number of passenger boats having secured an interest in the business of the Bertrams, shipbuilders of Toronto. The latter, it is said, will construct a $1,000,000 plant, completely equipped, at Sandwich, across from Detroit. The primary object of this plant will be to build boats for the Canadian Pacific, but it is also the purpose of the new company to enter the field for general contracts for building and repair work. Nearly all the repair work of the Canadian vessels is now done in American shops."

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MR. ROSS AT WINNIPEG.

Yukon's First Member on Way to Ottawa.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—(Special)—J. H. Ross, M. P., the new member for the Yukon, arrived in the city today en route for Ottawa. Mr. Ross was met at the depot by a number of his personal friends and received their hearty congratulations on his election and almost complete recovery of his health.

The general store at Letellier station, occupied by B. Benoit and N. Comeault, was destroyed by fire last night.

D. Moore, one of the best known engineers on the C. P. R., and a Moose Jaw old-timer, is dead, after a brief illness.

FIFTY YEARS MARRIED.

Sergeant Robert Walker and family have returned from New Westminster, where the well known local police officer went as already stated in the Colonist, to attend the golden wedding of Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan MacKenzie, respected residents of Clover Valley. All the surviving members of the family except the eldest son were present, together with the grandchildren, 32 in all, as follows: H. H. MacKenzie, wife and children; R. H. Walker, Victoria, wife and children; Chas. MacKenzie, D. E. MacKenzie, wife and child; Frank J. MacKenzie and wife; R. D. MacKenzie and wife; D. H. Miller and wife; R. L. Reid and wife. There were also Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong, of this city, and Alex. Anderson, of Cloverdale, first cousin and brother respectively, of Mrs. MacKenzie; Mr. Chas. Splan, nephew of Mr. MacKenzie, wife and children; Mrs. M. Johnson, and Rev. Wm. Bell and wife. Mr. Bell, who was lately of Cloverdale, but is now stationed in Sapperton, was for many years the pastor of the aged couple. Mr. Alex. Anderson, the brother, was present also at the ceremony, which took place 50 years ago, but did not follow the example of his respected sister, and is still enjoying single blessedness.

HIGH TARIFF VS. LOW TARIFF.

The great question before Canadians today is the tariff. From one end to the other of this broad Dominion the question of a high or low tariff is being discussed. Honest discussion is what the people of Canada want. It will be interesting to know that the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal has opened its columns for a full and free discussion of this important question. The leaders of both political parties are invited to give their views. Farmers, manufacturers, importers, etc., will have an opportunity to express themselves. The Family Herald, being a purely non-political paper, absolutely independent of all political parties or interests, is the one paper in Canada wherein such an open discussion can be carried on. With the Family Herald and Weekly Star's immense circulation at every post office in the Dominion this will be a splendid opportunity for the leaders of both parties to air their views on the tariff question, and the public will naturally expect to hear from them through the Family Herald and Weekly Star. The discussion will be watched and read with interest.

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Soon the digestive system becomes deranged, the appetite impaired and in many there is a tendency to diarrhoea and formation of gas in the intestines. There are frequently recurring headaches, attacks of dizziness, and severe pains in the back and limbs.

The accumulation of watery fluid—dropsy—continues in the cavity of the chest, and may at any time cause death from heart failure or dropsy of the lungs. Sometimes uraemia, stupor, convulsions and death occur suddenly, before the other symptoms have become prominent, and while the dropsy is still slight in quantity.

As Bright's disease causes a wasting away of the cells and tissues of the kidneys, themselves as well as of the whole body, it can only be perfectly cured if treatment is begun in its early stages, when the first symptoms become noticeable. Because of their remarkably prompt and direct action on the kidneys, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills have time and again proven their superiority as a preventative and cure for Bright's disease.

While toning and invigorating the kidneys, and making them active in removing uric acid from the blood, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills also regulate the action of the liver and bowels, and encourage the digestive organs to properly perform their duties. Their use will quickly stop the dreadful wasting process, which accompanies Bright's disease, and restore the deranged organs to health and activity. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

Economy in Kootenay Mines

Big Reduction Made in the Cost of Mining and Smelting.

Low Grade Ores May be Worked at a Fair Profit Now.

The management of the Rossland-Kootenay mines will be William Thompson, general manager, and Andrew G. Larson, general superintendent. Mr. Larsen has been identified with the Nickel Plate and the Kootenay since November of last year. He was formerly connected with the 'Frisco and other Coeur d'Alene properties.

Manager Thompson leaves shortly for England to lay before the directors of the Rossland-Kootenay details respecting the position of the Nickel Plate and the Kootenay, and to go with them into the question of utilizing the enormous deposits opened up and blocked out in the Kootenay. The problem of reduction work hinges exclusively around the Kootenay's ore, the product of the Nickel Plate being regarded as a "sweetener" in any process that may be decided upon.

It has been thought heretofore that the company would undoubtedly decide upon the erection of a smelter on the pyritic system, the Kootenay ores being ideal for treatment by this process. Now, however, a new element has developed through the amended attitude of the Canadian Smelting works operating the Trail smelter. It is intimated that since the Rossland-Kootenay company took up the establishment of its own smelter seriously, the Trail smelter, heretofore, somewhat indifferent to all appearances to the possibilities of the Kootenay mine, has evidenced a strong disposition to purchase the output of the mine, and extended rates that are so low as to affect possibly its future programme.

TRAIL SMELTER.

The Trail smelter is handling some 12,000 tons of War Eagle and Centre Star ores monthly, and these ores are ordinarily classed among the refractory ores characteristic of the Rossland camp. The product of the Kootenay mine, by reason of its self-fluxing qualities, would make an admirable "mixer" for War Eagle and Centre Star ores and save the smelter a part of the cost of importing lime flux at heavy outlay. Moreover, the Kootenay ore is an admirable flux for silver-lead ores, and it is expected that the assistance of the federal government will have the effect in a few months of stimulating materially the production of silver-lead ores.

Report has it that the Trail smelter has extended a rate of less than $2.50 per ton to the Kootenay mine. The fact that the Kootenay mines is opened up to the 1400 foot level by horizontal workings permits of all ore stoped to be delivered at the mouth of the lowest tunnel by gravity, and thus obviating the expensive hoisting plants necessary in other Rossland mines, and other economies that conditions at the mine permit, may make it possible for the Kootenay ore to be extracted and delivered aboard cars at $2.50 or less, making the total cost of extraction and treatment not more than $5 per ton. Conservative estimate of the average value of the ore now blocked out in the mine places the figure at $7 per ton, which admits of a margin to the company.

Whether the company chooses to accept the smelter's offer or determines to establish its own reduction works, the result in any case will be beneficial to Rossland, and the outcome of the present deliberations is awaited with keen interest.

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THE GUN.

William J. Bucket, while hunting pheasants and grouse at North Saanich last Sunday, succeeded in making a bag of four blacktail coons, the largest weighing 33½ pounds. Great credit is due Mr. Bucket, as coons in late years have been very scarce. Their skins, especially at this time of the year, will make very fine furs.

THE TURF.

It has just leaked out that the British Columbia contingent that took the Victoria mare, Karabel, to San Francisco to race, made a big killing in the first race at Ingleside course, December 14. Karabel was well backed for place (2nd) and show (3rd) at 60 to 1 and 20 to 1, and landed the trick in a most exciting finish. The race was over the Futurity course, six furlongs, and was run in 1.14¼. Karabel carried the highest weight of the 11 starters and got off 10th at the start. The San Francisco Chronicle says: "A wild killing was attempted in the first race with the mare Karabel, who is here from British Columbia. She was 200 to 1 in the betting, while 60 to 1 and 20 to 1 were obtainable for place and show respectively. Six horses came under the wire noses and heads apart. It was about the closest race of the season. The judges placed Handpress (108 lbs.) first, Karabel (111 lbs.) second, and Parsifal (105 lbs.) third. To several people in the press stand it looked as if Buck Taylor, who came very fast, was inside the money" for third.

Two other British Columbians were to the front at the meeting. A couple of two-year-olds, Puss-in-Boots, who won at 5 furlongs, and Someones, who was second, beaten a head at six furlongs, carrying 118 lbs.—8 more than the winner.

The three are from the Mallowmoe farm, North Saanich. That they were able to compete with the flyers at the California premier meeting, where about 1,200 race horses from all America are in training, speaks well for provincial stock.

The Victoria Hunt Club had its weekly meeting at Colwood yesterday afternoon, and it was without doubt the finest run this season, the distance being covered in 35 minutes, which usually takes 45 or 50 minutes, from the start to finish. The hares were hard pushed, the last jump into the road near the Colwood hotel being taken just four minutes before the entire field, with two exceptions, finished. The going was good and the jumps were all that could be desired. The field was not so large as last Saturday, but nevertheless those taking part had a most enjoyable afternoon's sport.

Christmas week is being looked forward to by the members, there being two runs next week, the first one on Christmas Day takes place from the barracks, and on the following Saturday from Hillside avenue.

CLOSING EXERCISES

"Noel" by St. Anne Pupils—Miss Dearing's Scholars In Attractive Programme

The closing exercises at St. Anne's Academy took place yesterday afternoon and attracted a large audience. The assembly hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, teachers and pupils having devoted many hours to the work.

The principal item on the programme was the drama, "Noel," in which the performers showed what careful training could accomplish with the natural talents possessed by the young ladies. The argument of the drama is a follow:

Scene I.—Midnight—Shepherds minding their flocks; appearance of a beautiful angel, who announces the glad tidings. (Shepherds represented by four senior young ladies); speaking and singing of the beautiful historic words, rendered with feeling and clearness of expression. Scene I closes as shepherds depart to follow the command of the angel.

Scene II.—The Three Kings—Dressed in handsome robes of satin and ermine enter as a beautiful electric star moves over the stage. Kings, sing and recite their parts, and leave to follow the star.

Scene III.—Shepherds find the cave of Bethlehem and adore the infant God. Kings enter next and adore the newborn, and offer gold, myrrh and frankincense. At this period a host of beautiful angel appears among the trees and mountains and join in singing a grand "gloria."

The drama was preceded by a piano solo, "Noel," also an address of welcome, delivered by a senior pupil, a concert recitation by ten little girls, and a tableau "The Annunciation." The angel's part was beautifully taken by Miss Ethel Scott, whose sweet voice showed to good effect in the singing of the "Angelus." Miss M. Brown took the part of the lovely Virgin of Nazareth, and did her part very well.

The entire play was combined in a beautiful tableau, and this ended the performance.

The closing exercises given by the pupils of Miss Dearing yesterday afternoon proved a great success, and showed that Miss Dearing and her staff are very capable instructors. The programme was as follows:

AFFILIATED WITH McGILL

High School Now Victoria College Secures Recognition From the University.

Frank H. Eaton, city superintendent of schools, received a letter yesterday from Dr. Petersen, president of McGill University, conveying the gratifying news that the Victoria High school has been granted affiliation with McGill.

It will be remembered that some months ago the Public School Trustees applied for and were granted incorporation of the High school under the name of the Victoria College, and sought affiliation with McGill. The statutes of the university provides for the affiliation of schools regularly incorporated as colleges and governed by a Board of Directors, and it was in accordance with such provision that the application was made. Dr. Petersen was absent in Europe when the application was forwarded, which explains the delay in receiving his reply.

The arrangement so happily completed will enable High school pupils to take the first year's university course without being obliged to put in the necessary residence at McGill.

A man's wife should always be the same, especially to her husband, but if she is weak and nervous, and uses Carter's Iron Pills, she cannot be, for they make her "feel like a different person," so they all say, and their husbands say so too!

MILITARY LAND GRANTS.

Capt. Tatlow Interesting Himself on Behalf of South African Volunteers.

Capt. Tatlow went to Victoria yesterday and while there will interview the government officials and ascertain just what remains to be done to secure the grants of land for those men who enlisted in British Columbia for South Africa subsequent to the 11th day of May, 1901. Though nothing can be done before the House meets, Capt. Tatlow wishes to be prepared with his facts and figures when it does meet. The act granting 160 acres of land to every volunteer from British Columbia was passed in 1901, but does not include men who went in any of the contingents that left here after that date.—The Province.

Patience—"What's in a name, anyway? Patrice—"I once knew a family who had two hyphens in theirs."—Yonkers Statesman.

HALF OUR ILLS ARE CATARRH.

[Letters From Two Prominent Men.]

CONGRESSMAN DUNGAN.

Congressman Irvine Dungan of Jackson, O., elected to the Fifty-second Congress as a Democrat, in a recent letter from Washington, D. C., says:

"I desire to join with my many friends in recommending your invaluable remedy, Peruna, to anyone in need of an invigorating tonic, and whose system is run down by catarrhal troubles. Peruna is a permanent and effective cure for catarrh and I would advise all who are afflicted with this disease to try this remarkable remedy."—Irvine Dungan.

Everybody is subject to catarrh. Peruna cures catarrh, acute or chronic, wherever located.

Hon. Thomas Gahan of Chicago, member of the National Committee of the Democratic party, writes as follows:

"I was afflicted with catarrh for fifteen years and though I tried many remedies and applied to several doctors I was not able to find a cure. I took Peruna for twenty-two weeks and am now entirely cured."—Thomas Gahan.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be glad to give you his valuable advice free.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

THE BOUNDARY QUESTION

Secretary of Ministe and Commerce to Insolent Pa

From Montreal Witness.

A letter is published in Tribune from Mr. P. C. secretary of the Minister Commerce, upon the Alas question, so that the may be considered as sem Tribune said editorially re antly and arrogantly: more reason for disputing boundary) or submitting it than there would be for with the Buchanan-Pakenh twenty-one years later. Canadian friends, who rail offering to arbitrate som they themselves regarded more than fifty years, tak proposition that they subm tion their title to British C not, they would do well discreet silence upon the Alaskan arbitration. Pe assured that there could b far stronger case for giv whole coast from Pug Behring Strait than for break through our territo et Lynn Canal." To say has acquiesced in the pr boundary for fifty years false as anything could Tribune ought to know th if it does not. Mr. O'Ha facts again on this point of the Tribune and its re lowes:

"In 1867 Alaska was United States, but not un ing year did congress offe sary legislation to comple Three years elapsed, and Canada became territorial the boundary difficulty. months elapsed—viz., unt 1872—when Canada drew the question, and asked States to join her in de boundary. The secretar replied in November, 1 matter would be laid be From that date for sever ada officially brought the attention of the America to be met with the sa replies. In most recent United States has shown in the matter, and has en cussions, yet refusing an ment for submission to Why? Canada asks tha the Venezuelan boundary applied, as Great Brito cally forced by the Mint that now historic arbitratio than let the dogs of war ed to it. Is it not fair to the United States shoul same mode of settlement? Mr. O'Hara's very strong case for Canada, Witness readers are which proves that ou "firmly entrenched by sou ary evidence," and comme

"Unfortunately for Britain would consider lo risked a war (which God the United States over dispute, and, unfortunately not the strength within h her right. The United S ment knows this well, a an ungenerous waiting while colonizing the disp What does ex-President upon this point? "An settlements in the disp would necessarily complic tion and furnish a conv for the refusal of any specting the territory co settlements. He was thinking at the time tha ments, full of sound, tha often come home to roo day must come when a se take place, and