# PLEBISCITE DAY

The Poll in Victoria on the Prohibi tion Question Exceeds All Estimates.

Prohibitionists and Antis Turn Out in Force Some Incidents of the Day.

"Business is closed for the day, go and vote." Such was the motto, painted on canvas and posted on the door of nearly every saloon in the city, which conveyed to many a reminder which 1esulted in an increase of the number of votes polled to-day on the question "A e you in favor of the passing of an act prohibiting the importation, manufacture or sale of spirits, wine, ale, beer, cider and all other alcoholic liquors for use

To-day was the decisive and concluding one in a campaign which has been prosecuted with exceptional vigor by those on one side and which has been remarkable for the extraordinary apathy of the "antis" during the early part and the unparalleled awakening shown by during the closing days of the campaign.

The day opened wet and miserable, heavy showers falling at intervals throughout the polling hours. Returning Officer H. A. Munn and his staff of capable assistants had made every possible arrangement for the expeditions registering of the vote, the facilities heing similar to those provided at the povincial election. The temperance workers were early in evidence and t.e.e has been no apparent lack of vehicular acclosing of the saloons and bars were in strong force, the compulsory holiday having given hotel proprietors and their assistants the opportunity of putting in some good work in the way of e.ec. on-One of the features which has created considerable interest has been the perambulating band hired by the "antis" and which has been the subject of some police interference. The band was not so much objected to by the temperance side as the mottos which were displayed on the wagons and carried aloft true old-time election style. The displaying of such mottos is clearly against Election act provisions and yielding to the moral suasion of the police the "antis" consented to hide them, provided the temperance people were also complled to abide by the law and remove such bunting as they had displayed. This of course was agreed to and the streamer which for weeks past has stretched across Broad street, "Prohibition Headquarters," was incontinently

Of course many and various estimates have been made of the probable result. One prophet placed the majo ity against prohibition at three to one, which may be considered the top notch on the rega-tive side. From that the estimates have varied to a majority of several hundred for prohibition. Those who have experience in elections and are closely in touch with the voting possibilities of the city seem to be fairly unanimous D the ion that prohibition has been defeatn Victoria by a good, if not by a great,

The poll has exceeded all expectations. At 4 o'clock more than 2,000 votes had been east, and should there be a proportionate number in the last hour the total will exceed that recorded in the pro-vincial election, which was between 2,500 and 2,600.

This is the first time that an election conducted under the Dominion Elections
Act has been held on the provincial
voters' list, and owing to the fact that
the Dominion electoral district of Victoria embraces portions of the principal electoral districts of Esquimalt and electoral districts of South Victoria, much confusion arose. Some of the voters in Esquimalt and South Victoria district came to Esqui-malt and Parson's Bridge and other places, only to be told that they must vote in the Nanaimo district. fusion arose over the fact that they had voted at these points in the last provindeustand why they should not do so again; the reason of course, being that they did not reside in the Dominion electoral district of Victoria.

Another feature of the election was esceach returning officer attending to the vision list to which he was assigned. This made the summarizing of the result very much simpler than it would otherwise have been. The polls close at 5 o'clock and the result will probably be known within an hour after that time.

Montreal, Sept. 29.—There is little interest in the prohibition vote to-day and great many people will not go to the polls. The saloons are all wide open. It is expected there will be a majority

against prohibition.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 29.—Voting on the prohibition question is proceeding very quietly in Halifax and Dartmouth. There is an utter absence of animation about the polling places. The vote will be very light.

Kingston, Sept. 29.-Voting is proceeding briskly here. Both parties appear to be working earnestly and a pretty full vote will be polled.
London, Sept. 29.—Comparatively little nterest is being taken in the plebiscite here, and a small vote is being polled, Hamilton, Sept. 29.—Little interest is taken in the polling today; not many

### persons are voting. THE YUKON ROYALTY.

Mr Dufferin Patullo recently private secretary to Major Walsh, administrator of the Yukon territory, estimates that per cent, of the people in the gold

fields are Americans. Altogether, it seems that probably 95 out of every hundred miners in the Canadian gold fields are not Canadians, nor likely to settle in Canada. If they ge the gold, they will go home to spend it they don't get it, they will go else where to find work.

This is the sort of population which agitates against paying 10 per cent. roy. alty on the gold product to the people rho give them free the right to mine and take gold. case, theirs, is it not?-Ottawa Journal.

## CANADIAN NEWS

Montreal, Sept. 28.—J. J. McLaren, Q.C., who was in Montreal yesterday, said the vote polled in Ontario upon the plebiscite would be much smaller than recorded in connection with the provincial plebiscite. The latter was made the occasion of a double event, the munic nal elections throughout the province being neld simultaneously. There was no such stimulus in this case. The liquor dealers, moreover, had kept singularly quiet, which led to a certain apathy on the part of the temperance people

LOCAL NEWS. Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) —Rev. Father Lauzon was the officiating clergyman at the funeral of Hazel E. Purser and Hazel Levy yesterday -The funeral of the late Roy McKay

took place to-day at 2:30 from No. 51 First street. The Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted the services at the house and at the cemetery.

-Constable Campbell, the provincial officer at Bequimalt, had Ah Fook up yesterday before Magistrate Reed at that place charged with supplying liquid to an Indian whom the officer agreeted on Saturday. The Chinaman was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labor.

-Following an invariable custom the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, will celebrate the seventh anniversary of the opening of the church by special services next Sabbath. The Rev. Mr. Woodside, for 50 years a Presbyterian missionary in India, will take the morning service. The usual anniversary tea-meeting will be held in the church on Tuesday evening, the 4th October.

-R. E. L. Brown, M.E., was yesterday evening married to Miss Marion Higgins, of New York. The ecremony took place at the Driard hotel and was performed by Rt. Rev. Bishop Christic. The wedding was private, the guests being confined to the immediate friends of the contracting parties. The honeymoon will include a trip to Europe. The newly-wedded pair left last night over the C.P.R. for the East. newly-wedded pair left I the C.P.R. for the East,

-Superintendent Hussey is instructing the officers of the force throughout the province that the saloons must close on Thursday nevt. The superintendent has gone to considerable trouble to ascertain the opinions of those intrusted with the enforcement of the law and his action is doubtless based upon their judgment in regard to this vexed question. His action places this province in the same category as Ontario, where the attorneygeneral has issued a circular to the hotel and saloon-keepers along the same lines

-John McGregor, a brother of the late Dr. James McGregor, for many years city librarian of Victoria, was killed on Sunday by falling from a second story window in the Paris house at Seattle. He fell a distance of twentyfour feet, and struck on the pavemen on his head, being instantly killed. He was 35 years of age and had been sailing on the Alki. Rumors of foul play are heard in connection with the matter, which is being investigated by the Seattle police.

-Mayor Ovens, of New Westminster, has acknowledged the cheque for \$400.50 forwarded by the A.O.F. societies in this city for the relief fund in the following. communication received last night by me secretary: "Kindly convey my thanks to your committee for their efforts put forth for the relief of our suffering people and for the generous donation re ceived in your favor of the 20th in the form of a cheque for \$400.50, feel as you do that although no immediate need may exist by the end of the year it will be much needed. Again thanking you most sincerely. I am, your very truly, Thos. Ovens, Mayor."

-The executive of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held a meeting last evening in Dr. Hollen's office. The president reported that during the month six cases of cruelty were dealt with. Rev. Dr. Campbell reported that Archdeacon Scriven and himself addressed the pupils of the high school on the proposed "Band of Mercy" of that school. The teachers gave them every possible help. It is expected that "Bands of Mercy," whose object will be mainly educational along the lines of the society, will ere long be established in every public school of the city. The secretary was instructed to secure badges for members of the "Bands."
A strong and influential membership committee of the enciety was The executive of the B.C.S.P.C.A. meet on the last Monday of each month. is a society worthy of large membership.

-After many months of absence Foss, the important witness for the defence in the Bella Adams murder case, arrived this morning on the Danube. The case was accordingly caned this morning, and quite a crowd was present, interpreting that the case would proceed. They were, however, doomed to disappointment, for another adjournment for one week was granted at the request of Mr. Powell. who said that owing to the uncertainty of Foss' arrival and the scanty funds at the disposal of the defence, he had brought three of his witnesss, one from Kamloops, one from Seattle, and a third from Port Angeles. Col. Gregory for the crown opposed such a long adjournment as unnecessary, but Mr. Justice Walkem decided to grant the request, adding, however, that the case positively proceed on Tuesday next.

-The people of Saanich are to be treated next Monday evening to an enertainment of a unique, interesting and at the same time extremely funny kind "An old fashioned singing It was presented in Victoria entitled last spring, and a large number were unible to gain admittance, so large was the crowd that filled Temperance Hall. Mrs. Norton and Mr. J. G. Brown are again in charge and will no doubt see, as they usually do, that the affair will be a successful one from every point of To accommodate those who desire attending this entertainment a special train will be run on the Victoria & Sidney railway, leaving Hillside avenu station at 7.15 p.m., stopping at Boyal Oak and Saanichton where the enter-tainment will be held, proceeding thence Sidney to bring passengers from there, the fare being placed at the nomi nal fee of twenty-five cents for the re turn journey. This will be som that all can enjoy, young or old, This will be something The company will number some thirty peo-ple, and as the object is a good one, amely, the reduction of the debt on emperance Hall, Victoria, it is expectnamely, the ed that the Agricultural Hall, Samichton, will be filled to overflowing.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

-Mr. Hamilton Armour is being plac ed in charge of a branch office of the British Columbia Mining Record, which Mr. H. Mortimer-Lamb, the managing editor, is establishing in Rossland.

-The C.P.N. Company announces the issue of return tickets to the New Westmirster fair from October 4 to 13, good for four days from date of issue, for \$2.25. The tickets include one admission to the fair and are good on either the New Westminster or Vancouver steamers.

-Referring to the statement in the morning paper to the effect that Mr. Turner did not receive the letter sent him by Mr. Belyea notifying him of the sitting of the commission until 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon; it appears the letter was left for Mr. Turner at his club at noon, the messenger being told that Mr. Turner would be there "shortly." In any case it appeared from Mr. Hel-

mcken's statement that he had seen Mr. Turner and given him information similar to that contained in the letter, so that the delay in the expremier's receipt of Mr. Belyes's communication cannot be taken to explain his absence at the sitting of the commission. It is the sitting of the commission. It is learned that Hon. Mr. Martin, ex-chief commissioner of lands and works, has privately expressed his decision not to attend the sittings of the commission.

On the subject of prohibition an exchange says: Compared with other states, Maine has some things of which nay well be proud. Among them are se: (1) The lowest rate of taxation; (2) the small est percentage of mortgages;
(3) the smallest convict record; (4) the largest percentage of real estate owners;
(5) the largest per capita savines bink deposits. Prohibition has evidently done a grand deal of good in Maine. a good deal of good in Maine,

The grades on the E & N. railway from Goldstream to the Summit are being re-steeled and the old rails, which have not been renewed on that section of the line since its construction, are being brought into the city. They have been unloaded by means of a chute on to the City of Nanaimo wharf, where to-day they are being re-loaded on to the Thistle. The latter will convey them to Comox, where they will be utilized on the colliery line.

-Reports come from Glenora of the narrow escape from drowning of R. H. Hall, manager of the fur department of the Hudson's Bay Co. in this city. While crossing the Stikine river he lost his cance and was swimming for the shore when he was seized with cramps, being rescued only in the nick of time by an old Indian. His involuntary bath in the Stikine has induced a high fever. which confines him to his room, but

-F. Napier Denison, of the meteorological office here, has been in Vancouver establishing a system for announcing to the inhabitants of the Terminal City the hour of noon. A chronometer has been placed in the C.P.R. office, regulated daily from the Teronto office, and this is connected by wire with a detona-tor on Deadmans Island, which will daily at the hour of twelve ignite and explode a quantity of gun-cotton. The new arrengement is expected to give a per-fect time service to Vancouver.

Referring to the debate which took place in Winnipeg at the sessions of the Naminion Trades Congress in regard to the Chinese labor question, there are two things which should be stated in order to remove misauprehension. The motion introduced by Delegate J. H. Watson, of Vancouver, was to the effect that the head tax on the immigration of Chinese should be raised from \$50 to \$500, not should be raised from \$50 to \$500, not to \$75, as reported in the press despatches. This is the position consistently advocated by the Trades organizations and still adhered to. It will be remembered also that in the report of the proceedings upon that question Delegate Little of Carbon was said to have expressed his desire to see Icelanders included in the restrictive legislation. The day following Delegate Little made, an application which the information upon which ying that the information upon which ed by him on his way up from Quebec, and he had since learned that the Ice-landers had labor organizations and obssimilated with the population. The apolquoted facts proving that the Icelandic population make good trades union men.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The sale of land for taxes in the municipality of Maple Bidge has been further adjourned until October 1stn at 12 o'clock, at the Town Hall, Port

The Bishop of Columbia has forwarded to the relief fund of New Westminster \$23.15, which was received by him from Rev. E. F. Wilson, of Salt Spring island.

-Robert Wintemute, of New Westminster, is one of the first of the merchants of that town to succumb to the financial effects of the fire. He has mute.

-The War Eagle Hotel company limited, has been incorporated with a capital of \$25,000, and registered of at Rossland. The Douglas Mining company limited also has been incorporated with a capital of \$10,000, was accordingly called this morning, and land its registered office is at Vancou-

-Mr Frank Higgins whose name is mentioned in connection with the deputy attorney-generalship, on being interwed, says that were the position of fered him he would decline to accept it. as he has no intention of relinquishing his private practice for any salary that the government would be likely to offer

The police are seeking for information regarding Archibald Campbell, an ectogenarian Scotsman who originally came here 40 years ago. He paid a rigit to his nice, Mrs. Maria Nolan, of Wakesha, Wis, in 1882, and since his return to Victoria his niece has heard nothing from him.

The Kaslo news makes the statement that S. P. Tuck, of Kaslo, has been appointed gold commissioner in the Slocan district. The announcement is somewhat premature as Hon. Mr. Semin and Hon. Mr. Hume stated to-day that the appointment has not been made.

-William Gray, second engineer on the Amur, died this morning in the hospital. Deceased took sick since the arrival of the Anur in port on her last trip, and yesterday underwent an operation. He was 27 years of age, and came from Australia, where he belonged to the A. O. F. The members of the order here are looking after the arrangements for the funeral.

-Mrs. David Robson, of the ladies' re-lief committee in New Westminster, in writing to Mrs. Cameron of this city, says: "The draft (of over a hundred and fifty dollars) received. It will be kept as a separate fund, as the present needs are being supplied out of the \$1,400 that the Women's Council of Vancouver have collected. A little later on, when more of our stores have started again we propose to buy best suits for the boys and best dresses and hats for the girls (what many of them call their Sunday clothes), and in that way we will be able to let the dear children know how many girls and boys they have helped to clothe. The ladies' committee wish me to thank you and the other teachers and also the children for your loving sympathy shown in so practical a manner.

-On the evening of the 17th an Indian named Cheena was severely wounded in a drunken brawl at Sullivan Creek reserve, near Nicola lake. There were five Indians and a white concerned the fight, and the wounding is believed to have been done by another Indian named Pete. Cheena received a nasty slash eight inches long across the ribs under the left arm. The cut, which seems to have been made with a knife, is about two and a half inches wide.

cons der the disadvantageous situation in which they are placed in regard to C.P. R. rates to this city. The question has been made the subject of negot ati n. between the officials of that railway and the Board of Trade here for some time, but so far the disabilities have not been removed. The contention of the merchants is that owing to the fact that over half the goods imported into British Columbia come to this city, and that 90 per cent. of this amounts comes over the C.P.R., the latter should give them a simple rate trom points East of North Bend as other coast cities enjoy. The position of the merchants is being emocdied in a memorial which will be signed by them and sent forward to the railroad officials.

The Seattle Times publishes a statement to the effect that Captain J. J. McKinron, "formerly of the Northwest Mounted Police at Lake Bennett" has been appointed gold commissioner for the Atlin district. The Times gives quite circumstantial account of Captain Me-Kinnon having visited Victoria six weeks ago, when the appointment was tendered him. The district referred to is in British Columbia and it naturally eemed strange that the Seattle papers should be in the possession of such mformation without anything being known nere. It is stranger still that the Sound papers should publish such a statement in view of the fact that Hon, Mr. Semin and Hon. Mr. Hume both state that Captain McKinnon is a stranger to them. No such appointment was tendered to him and none has been made The Seattle Times has undoubtedly been misinformed.

The invstery surrounding the disap-pensance of Fred. Mueller, of Clayconot, which has agitated the inhabitants of that section of the West Coast, has been cleared up by the discovery of his body last Sunday on the shore about a mile from School House Point, where it had been washed up by the tile. Mueller left the store at Clayoquot in a rowboat on the 17th, accompanied by Misses Jensen and Ed. Fayefte. He rowed them across to School House Point. There the other two men disembarked to walk through the woods to Jensons house. Although Mueller was missed at a dance which he was expected to attend that pight, his absence caused no alarm, as he was believed to be at some of the settlers homes. On Friday, however, search was instituted, and the following day the boat was found about a mile and a half from the point where his two companions The little craft was high and dry with the sail caught in the branches dry with the sail caught in the branches of a tree. The following day the bedy was discovered. It was in good condition, but had a slight bruise under the left eye. The dead man's wat h was stopped at 5:30. Mueller had been drinking rather heavily but seemed solver when left by Jensen and Fayette. He was a German, unmarried, and 32 years of age. He had been prospecting in the district and owned several good claims. of age. He had been prospecting in the district and owned several good claims, ing and was seen by a Times reported His uncle. H. Vrooman of San Franthis afternoon. Mr. Chifford had some is the only relative known to live in this country.

# CHARGES NOT FORMULATED.

Recent Arrivals From Dawson Say Nothing Can Be Proved Against Fawcett. Ynkon Commissioner William Ogilvie has eclified to investigate the office of Gold

Commissioner Thomas Fawcett unless most ive charges of wrong-doing is put before J. W. Camp, who has just arrived from Dawson, said in Seattle:

Clifford says the result has not yet announced and the ballot boxes

ers of the Klondike district are disap-pointed with William Ogilvie. He arrived expects that the returning officer will on the 6th and every one looked for rail. cal changes. Many believed that he would the final returns with him. at once turn the gold commissioner out of office and remove the royalty. He did nothing of the kind-consequently the distribution of the kind-consequently the distribution of the result will be

"For the first few days Commissioner Ogilvie would say nothing. He was study was prepared to say what, course he ing the situation. Two days after his ar would pursue in the house and Mr. Clifrival the Canadian officers and some of the ford courteously replied that he still admore prominent miners tendered him a reeption that was remarkable in more ways would not know what he was prepared than one. Then came the announcement to do in the house until the legislature that the royalty was not to be removed. met. He favors the opening up of the This was not made formally, but to those country and is opposed to anything in who approached Commissioner Ogilvie was very plain.

"He has given the Miners' Association of the Yukon to understand that Gold Comnissioner Fawcett is a Canadian official under oath to do his duty, and that oath. will stand for the good conduct of the office until proof has been placed before him that something is wrong. This will was the outcome of the royal commismake the Miners' Association show their sion which he had of course heard was hand. They have done a great deal of ordered. Like a great many others he talking, but I do not believe they will be will watch with great interest the pro-able to prove their charges.

"We left Dawson September 2 on the iver steamer Willie Irving, and practically led the rush to the untside that comwe led the rush to the outside that com-menced as soon as approaching winter made itself known. There were five boats Mines Against Official Specula-tions. made itself known. There were five houts at Dawson ready to start to St. Michaels. They will be loaded down with passengers and carry a great deal of dust. The upriver steamers expect to make one more rip. Alexander McDonald has started out by way of St. Michae's. As far as I can earn he is bringing very little dust with him. A great many people expect to start cut as soon as the river freezes over, and good dog teams are again at a premium in Dawson.

"The fever grip is unrelenting. The deaths are from five to ten per day, and the disease seems to be on the increase. A man who left one of the Dawson hospitals told me they buried thirty-four men in twenty-four hours. I think he had the number exaggerated, however. There is no doubt but the frog-swamp town has been having a serious slege of it."

O Dease lake in the spring.

The railway men upon the roads entering Pittsburg, Pa., threaten to strike for

ing Pittsburg, Pa, threaten to strike for a 10 hour day and an increase in wages. The Methodist parsonage and a barn at Oakland, etnt., also Mrs. Charlotte Mills' barn, was burned to the ground, Wednesday.

The Ange Light Company has secured a ledgment in a test case against one of the many paosite who are infringing on its patent rights in Torouto.

On Monday, the little son of Mrs. Horning, widow of the late Captain G. Horning, didd suddenly at Glenvale, Ont. He had been eating grapes and took ill suddenly.

Hon. David Laird has been appointed commissioner to enquire into the complaints which have been made in regard to the management of the Dorchester penitentary.

entiary.

As a result of the holding of the Labor. named Pete. Cheena received a nasty slash eight inches long across the ribs under the left arm. The cut, which seems to have been made with a knife, is about two and a half inches wide. The Indians concerned in the row were arraigned before John Clapperton, J.P., and A. Irwin, J.P., on Monday of this week, and Alf. Morton, who supplied

-A meeting of the business men of the city was held yesterday afternoon to News of the Chastly Find by Indians in the Alberni Canal.

> West Coast Mining Development and Activity on the Gordon River

The Willapa on her arrival here yesterday brought news of the discovery of a human head in the Alberni canal. The ghastly find was made by some Indians, and when discovered the head was wrapped in paper which had been tied with cord. The Indians brought it to Indian Agent Gullod, of Alberni, who pronounced it that of a white boy of twelve or fourteen years of age. The scap was covered plentifully with light brown hair, stamping it as that of a white boy. Superintendent Hussey, of the provincial police, has de-tailed an officer to make a thorough investigation of the circumstances which point to the suspicion of a having taken place. West Coast miners are in extragedy The

cellent spirits over the outlook there. John Braden, ex-M.P.P., brought down a sample of steel galena from a claim staked out last year by Messrs. Braden, Wilson and Fernough on the Gordon in via the Ashcroft route, absolutely river. The lead is thirty feet in and emphatically deny the report of star. width, and the galena extends for 3,000 feet. It carries gold silver and 3,000 feet. lead, and an assay gave \$37 gold and

Silver about 30 ounces.

Copper claims have been staked for six miles up the Gordon river which six miles up the Gordon river which are turning out excellently. Mr. Mc-Quillon brought in some specimens of almost native copper a short time ago which he got on a branch of the San Juan, a tributary of the Gordon, and the firds which are being made lead to the belief that it is full of mineral. The arrival of the wet season forced Mr. Braden and his companions to give

un their operations for this year.

Mr. Braden, accompanied by his son and Joe, Williams, had a disagreeable experience just previous to coming out. They went up the river seven miles, took the cause up the bank fourteen. feet and tied it to a tree. The swollen river swept boat and tree away and the travellers were forced to tramp over the mountains out to the sea. The was so heavy that the river rose twenty feet in three days.

Salmon are running plentifully on the San Juan and Gordon and the Indians are busy trolling, averaging thirty a boat each morning.

MAY SUPPORT MR. SEMLIN. Independent Member for Cassiar Favors a Progressive Policy.

Mr. C. W. D. Clifford, of Inverness, arrived on the steamer Cutch this mornconversation on the way down with men from Hazelton and says he does not think there can be anything like the conditions of hardship on the trails represented by some newspapers, although it is duite possible that some mexperienced men have ventured out with a scani supply of provisions and may have some difficulty in reaching Hazelton on ac-count of that. As to the dreadful prevalence of scuryy of course Mr. Clafford has no first-hand knowledge.

Regarding the Cassiar election, Mr. Clifford says the result has not yet been come down by the next boat and bring Mr. Clifford has no doubt that he and Captain Irving have been returned; th t

The reporter asked Mr. Chifford if he the shape of a "cheese-paring" policy but Mr. Clifford intimated that if the Semlin administration is prepared to adopt a progressive course, calculated to the development of the sources of the province, he

found to be working and voting with Mr. Clifford was anxious to learn what sult of the enquiry.

TO REDUCE CORRUPTION.

The following recommendations by the The following recommendations by the minister of mines and approved in executive council will have the effect of removing the cause of frequent complaints made against the participation of mining recorders and others possessed, by reason of their positions, of exclusive information, in the business of recording and dealing in mining claims. There is little doubt the new

The instructions issued are as follows: and "The undersigned has the honor to re A commend that the following regulations be passed:
"Gold commissioners, mining recorders,

told me they buried thirty-four men in twenty-four hours. I think he had the number exaggerated, however. There is no doubt but the frog-swamp town has been having a serious siege of it."

ITEMS OF NEWS.

About 20,000 men took part in the big Oddfellows' parade at Boston, forming a procession five miles long.

The Cassiar Central Railway Company will build their line from Glenora, B. C.,

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make a statement to the department of make a statement to the department of mines, showing what interest, if any, he has in any such mineral claim; and such person may, under the direction of the undersigned, be allowed to take out a free miner's licence, for the purpose only of protecting such interest already acquired.

"Under no elecumstances shall any gold commissioner make any ruling or order." commissioner make any ruling or with regard to, or take any action in con nection with, any mineral claim in which he or any mining recorder, clerk or employee under him has, to his knowledge, any interest; or with regard to any incorporated company in which such gold commissioner, or mining recorder, clerk or employee under him has any here are mployee under him, has any shares o stock.
"All such matters requiring any action

shall forthwith be reported to the undersigned.
"Dated the 7th day of September, 1898.
"J. FIED HUME, Minister of Mines."
Approved the 7th day of September, 1898.
C. A. SEMLIN,
Presiding Member, Executive Council.

General Calixto Garcia, second in command of the Cuban forces during the war, may visit the United States in the course of the next two weeks, visiting New York, Baltimore and Washington.

THE CUTCH RETURNS. From Omineca-The

Route "Horror" Exploded The Union Steamship Co.'s steamer Cutch, Capt. Newcombe, arrived this morning from a most successful trip to the northern coast of this province. On board the Cutch were Mr. Spencer, the Alert Bay canner, twelve men from the Omineca country, who went in via the Asheroft route, a number of coast prospectors, and a gang of Chinese from the canneries. The steamer was packed from stem to stern with cases of

Mr. Spencer reports the salmo as being excellent in the northen except at Rivers Irlet, where has been light this season. neries have done well and are a better price for their produ On the up trip, the Cutc party within five miles of mines. They had a boat intended to visit the Chann take the Cutch on the down from the Cutch returned same place in which they h ed several days before, havi able to move owing to easter that had been blowing Newcombe says that for days of the trip he did moon or stars owing to the er. The Indians reported er. The Indians reported the steamer Boscowitz, but white men would be able to s The tweive men who came Skeepa river from Omineca, having gone in via the Ashcroft route, absolutely vation along that route. all had grub, alothough most difficult one, and that dured many hardships, but the not in the list. The horses they took in had no value in the Omineca country

and they were sold to the Indians for They speak most highly and encour. agingly of the mineral resources of that country and show sacks of gold and na tive silver nuggets in support of statements. The silver nuggets tained on Silver creek, a creek near by gold tained from the the bed rock twelve feet distant, every stream they prospected they excellent prospects, and will resupplies as soon as the snow and will permit of travelling up the river. They all appeared well satisfied with the result of their summer's

even if they had endured hardships the Ashcroft route. About 700 people went in over the interior route, and they are all now or their way out via the Skeena and Nass rivers, and may be expected down on the next few steamers Most of them appear to be satisfied with the mineral possibilities of the Ominect country, and many will return, either of the ice during the winter, or in the early

Among the passengers was Mr. C. W. Clifford, of Inverness, one of the members for Cassiar district. Mr. Clifford states that the harrowing details give regarding the Ashcroft trail are in his opinion grossly exaggerated. Some ti ago Premier Semlin wrote Mr. Clifford to take steps to have done all that was possible for aiding the men who migh stranded and to communicate w Mr. Sergeant at Hazelton to the same effect. Instructions were also sent to the government agent at Glenora and ther is a strong probability that if anythin like the terrible conditions alleged prevailed the information would have been received in a reliable way.

A DOCTOR'S HOMAGE. Prescribed for His Patient South American Rheumatic Cure, and the Man's Own Words for It: "It saved My

Wm. Erskine, manager for Dr. R. H Hopkins, Grand Valley, writes: "I have a patient who has been cured by tiving everything on earth without it slightest relief, and had taken to his be Three doses relieved him, and when had taken two bottles he was able drive out. He immediately came to and said this great remedy had saved his This remedy relieves in a few hours and is curing the world. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall &

### A TRANSPORT OVERDUE.

The Non-Arrival of the Senator Causing Uneasiness at San Francisco. an Francisco, Sept. 28.-The non-arrival

of the transport Senator is beginning to cause a little uneasiness. She is now out 35 days from Manila. The steamer Zer andia, which left Manila two days after the Senator, was caught in a typhoon and had to put into Nagasaki on Aug. 30 las for repairs. The transport Colon came from Manila in 28 days, the City of Pekin in 23, City of Sydney and China in 23 days. All stopped at Nagasaki for coal Besides the transports Senator and Zealan dia, the Indiana is now out 35 days and the Ohio 25 days, All of them will be sent back to Manila as soon as they are re provisioned.

WARM WORDS FOR BAYARD. Eulogistic Comment on the Former Amer-

lcan Ambassador to Britain. London, Sept. 29. - The morning par London, Sept. 29. — The morning papers publish long oblituary notices, memorial articles and editorials eulogistic of former American Ambassador Bayard's career, (specially his work in promoting an Anglo-American entente and recording promoting at the news of his death.

The Times laments the gradual disappearance of the old generation like Rayard and the leaving of the field more open to professional politicians of Tanunany bosses. slonal politicians of Tanunany bosses.

The Daily News says, referring to venezuelan dispute: "Mr. Bayard's trymen, though then disposed to resentervention, must now feel that their bassador was a better prophet than were themselves.

### Home Enemies.

They Mislead and Deceive Inexperienced Women.

Home enemies in the form of package dyes and dyes composed of a large proportion of common soap and very little coloring matter, are creating great and consternation in many homes. deceptive dyes that only benefit the manu retailer with fat profits, facturer and retailer with fat, mislead and deceive inexperience men. The women who regularly Diamond Dyes are never deceived mond Dye users find in the Diam Dyes all that the manufacturers pron purity, fastness, fullness of color and great brilliancy. To those who have been deceived by cheap, trashy dyes, we say with confidence, "Give the Diamond Dyes a trial, and you will bless the day that such colors were given to women. mond Dyes color anything any color.

Rev. Dr. McDonald, for 20 years st perintendent of missions for Methodists in China, has tendered his resignation to the Mcthodist general board a ronto.

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It would be diffic wealth contained it the vicinity of the trom the Rocky mot the Purcell range on agricult boundary ling on the purcel property in the property of the proper 150 miles north, th this vast area who At present this v been found. terminus of he Uppe tion Co., also the sta en; both companies point with the C.P. navigation on the ing direct communic forthern railway at From the present district will so extensive mining ope show that a larger ment work has been in all previous years Fresh discoveries which go to show mineral resources of limited. Fort Steel tages which cannot site for reduction concentrators and kinds. This fact beyond all contrave On the authority district freight age Pacific railway, we Vest extension from brook will be turned ing department on that date through re ed from all Easter Fort Steele junction will be constructed accommodation After October 1st can have goods bil tion. For the greater handling of business

ere.-Fort Steele 1 VANCO Vancouver, Sept. storm has prevailed past 48 hours. B Horsa being blown many minor accide drifted seven miles pant astride the taken off. A lad and badly injured A lady wind carrying the sing bell so that she erty. Intending visitors fair are already ap Vancouver. David McNaughto suddenly at his home disease. The decease in British Columbia one of the first to se

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officiating.

NEW WEST It has leaked out t made a few days s the provincial jail a The man who atter iberty is named C dergoing a term for Trapp's hardware minster. Colquhoun ducted his operations time, but his efforts In going the ro ered a piece of blank side of Colquhoun's mediately began to blanket was found filled with soap and with soil. Then with soil. Then found, it having be tention to force the portunity arrived. bed an augar and a found. The auger geniously made out while a small file Colquhoun was out when the discovery was sent for. Whe amined it was foun been operated upon. and the nick filled been secured with dhave to answer a ch

escape from jail. NANA In the Wellington colored man named burned about the far He was brought to for treatment. In the Presbyter's able encert speech on the p He is a forceful spea ed to with rapt audience.

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