ault seriously, but fortunately
io no damage was done.

From Monday's Daily.

. L. Milne won the horse and
affled by Mr. D. Ross, of Van-
The horse is a very valuable

g stands in the way of
ecoming a great city like Chi-
n cases were before its divorce
ne day.

Hanna, D.D.G.M., I.O.O.F.,
received instructions from the
aster to arrange for a joint
f the five lodges in this city
night, the 16th inst., in Odd-
Hall, Douglas street, when H.
r, Grand Master, will pay an
it.

Thomas Somerville, who will
bered by old timers, as in times
he was pastor of the old St.
church, is lecturing on the
Northwest and British Col-
Scotland, and judging from
audiences which the Scotch
y are attending his lectures
t is a most attractive one.

turday evening Mayor Red-
rtained the following gentle-
mner: Mayor Davidson, of Na-
ayor Templeton, of Vancouver;
iles, of New Westminster;
ns, of the Royal City; Ald.
d Forman, of Nanaimo; Ald.
Shaw and Glendenning; of
; and Mr. C. D. Mason, city
f Victoria.

Haynes appeared in the police
morning, charged with be-
drunk. John pleaded guilty,
here were extenuating circum-
"I was suffering from neural-
honor," he said, "and I took a
—well, it may have been a big
e added on second thought,
The one didn't do any good,
second and that nearly drove
so of course I may have
a row." John's cure cost him

C. Calbreath, who arrived
Wrangel on the Topeka yes-
ings news of the discovery of
and easier route from Tele-
eek to Teslin Lake. James
a son of J. C. Calbreath, and
pbell made two trips into Tes-
y the old trail from Telegraph
summer. Campbell returned
st trip by the new route, and
t the country was less moun-
d the distance between 30 and
shorter than by the old route.
dvantage is that there is plen-
d for the pack horses along
oute.

tor Scarth and J. N. McIlree,
commander, arrived last even-
21 non-commissioned officers
ers of the Northwest Mounted
They are on their way to the
untry to join Inspector Con-
and assist him in keeping law
, and carrying out other dut-
devolve upon them as gov-
fficials. The party were met
at by Sergeant Langley and
Bevan, of the provincial po-
escorted them to the Occident-
and the officers to the Driard.
will leave for the north on
a, which will sail before the
e week.

eath occurred at Rossland last
James R. Chambers, formerly
ity. The deceased was the
son of the late Coote Cham-
ager of the Dominion Govern-
ings bank. He was a native
a and only 23 years of age.
g man studied law in the office
ton Fell in this city, and upon
ed to the bar a year ago went
and and entered into partner-
Mr. H. E. A. Courtney, K.s
Mr. Chambers had bright pros-
making his mark in his chosen
. His death will be generally
ted both here and at Rossland.
ains will be brought here for
t.

Cameron appeared in the police
s morning still arrayed in the
ch Rev. Donald MacRae identi-
s, charged with robbing the re-
of the reverend gentleman
and Mrs. MacRae were absent
city. He was remanded until
morning, by which date, from
prospects, the police will have
up a good case against him.
was apprehended on Saturday
Nanaimo and was brought to
by Detective Perdue. It is
ttle over a week since he left
es of the provincial jail, where
three months for vagrancy.

M. Bradford, the champion
iard player of the world, who
g a few days in the city en
New York, has been prevailed
give an exhibition of his prow-
horrow evening at the Young
beral Club before the members
friends. Mr. Bradford intro-
e dazzling and intricate shots,
em several of his own creation,
nfound the ordinary spectator.
ate manipulation of the ivories
s better shown in his finger
laying, which is as interesting
henomenal. The Mandolin Club
resent to lend their assistance,
gether an unusually pleasant ev-
assured.

was brought down by the
that Donald G. Mackay, who
known in Victoria, died at
ver and was buried there. The
had been employed for the last
s as watchman at the Federa-
nery Company's cannery on the
er and left on the Boscowitz
ree weeks ago to occupy the
sition during the summer. He
ed pneumonia shortly after ar-
here. Mr. Mackay was about
of age. His brother, Hugh
lives in Victoria West, and his
s living with a married sister at
, Manitoba. He was a nephew
in Hugh Mackay, the first Vic-
ngaged in the sealing industry.
death is also reported from the
Francis Rogers, who was book-
er the Whonnock Packing Co.
s Inlet, died there on April 5th
buried on the 6th. He had been
one time. Mr. Rogers lived for
years in Victoria.

Hall is down from Vancouver.

British Columbia.

UNION.

Union, B. C., April 8.—The residence of Stephen Dowall was burned to the ground this morning. The other buildings escaped, but with a good scorching. The house was empty, Mr. Dowall having gone prospecting, and Mrs. Dowall is on Denman Island. The origin of the fire is unknown. The building is partly covered by insurance.

NANAIMO.

A petition has been filed in the county court on behalf of John Smith, a creditor of the Nanaimo Equitable Pioneer Society, for the compulsory closing up of that concern, on the ground of its inability to meet its liabilities in full. The petition is made under the Industrial Provident Societies Acts.

H. P. McMurray, the first mate of the ship Oriental, which is now in Departure Bay, who fell down the hold last Friday and was taken to the hospital, died from his injuries yesterday. Coroner Davis opened an inquest on the body. Deceased was a native of New York and passed was 56 years of age. He probably died from severe internal injuries.

SLOCAN CITY.

(Slocan City News.)

The Maple Leaf, on Wilson Creek, and the Snowbird, on Dayton creek, owned by H. A. Hicks and C. E. Barber, were this week bonded to J. T. Wilkinson, of Vancouver.

A. M. Beattie has just returned from Burton, on Carroo creek, where he reports considerable activity. He was given an option on the Burton townsite on March 24, and succeeded in disposing of it to W. R. Hull, of Calgary, on March 25 for a good figure.

Peter Arnot and J. C. Shook, of Toronto, have closed a deal with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for about 25,000,000 feet of timber on Slocan river, three miles below this city, where they will at once erect a saw and planing mill, the machinery for which has already been purchased and is on the way here.

VANCOUVER.

At a largely attended meeting to consider the railway question the following resolutions were passed:

"Resolved that this meeting unite in calling upon the provincial government to withdraw the railway bill now before the house, or to amend the same by providing for such assistance to a railway from the coast to Kootenay as will ensure its construction; that copies of this resolution be signed by the chairman and secretary and forwarded to the provincial government as well as to the representatives in the house.

"That the delegates appointed by the council of the city of Vancouver to interview the provincial government in reference to reconsidering their railway policy and assisting a railway from the coast to the Kootenay be endorsed by this meeting."

Major Bennett has received a wire authorizing him to take part in the Queen's Jubilee, with ten militiamen to represent British Columbia.

John R. Brown, of Harrison Hot Springs, thought to have been lost in a snowslide in the Harrison mountains, returned home safe yesterday after a very hard trip.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Mr. D. J. Munn yesterday purchased a one-half interest in a group of three mining claims on Stave river from the locators, Messrs. George L. Boyd, George Black and John Layfield, of Whonnock. The property is considered a very promising one, assays having been obtained as high as $56 in gold. It is Mr. Munn's intention to thoroughly develop the claims. The deal was negotiated by Mr. A. E. White. Mr. Thomas Robinson, of this city, has interests in two claims adjoining the above, on Stave river, named the Golden Eagle and the Golden Calf, and has just sold most of his interest in the former at a good figure.

Mr. H. T. Read arrived down yesterday from Harrison Lake, where he has been prospecting all winter, with the report, backed up by samples of ore, that he has struck the biggest thing in the lower country—a three-mile lead, at least, of free milling gold and copper ore running fabulously high. Harry and his "pal," Harry Wright, had a close call on the 25th ult., the day of the big gale, having been caught out in their boat in the middle of the lake.

GREENWOOD CITY.

Boundary Creek Times.

John Christie, of the Nightingale, is leaving shortly to try his luck prospecting in the new mining districts up the coast. He will be grub-staked by the Hon. T. M. Daly.

Assessment work is being done on the Iron Pyrites, in South Deadwood. As the name implies, the claim has a great showing of iron ore, which, moreover, carries fair gold values.

It is understood that the government townsite reserves at the mouth of Rock Creek and up the North Fork of Kettle river will be surveyed and laid off into lots this summer, and sold by public auction.

On Monday Tom Walsh bonded a group of five claims, the Montana, Lucy Emerald, Colorado and Virginius, near the Snowshoe, Greenwood camp, from T. Hogan and J. Frost. Ten per cent. of the price on the bond, which was a comparatively large one, was paid down.

A mining expert is being sent out by an English syndicate to examine and report on the Anarchist claim, on Anarchist mountain, owned by Mr. R. G. Sidley. If a favorable report is submitted, the property will be thoroughly exploited under bond.

Mr. D. A. Holbrook having acquired a half interest in the Bee, adjoining the Morrison, in Deadwood Camp, is now having the 100 foot tunnel cleaned out preparatory to sinking a shaft from the floor of the tunnel. Some specimens of fine looking ore have been obtained from this claim.

After passing through eighty feet of barren rock and quartz, good ore was struck at a depth of 120 feet in the shaft of the Jewel this week. In a few days' time, when the station is cut, a force of six more miners will be employed at the mine, the syndicate's engineer, Mr. Leslie, intending to prove the property thoroughly.

A cash sale running into five figures has been made of the Hidden Treasure and Gold Bug claims, through the agency of Messrs. Barrett & Hodgson, of Greenwood, the purchaser being Mr. A. Drucker, M.P., of London, England. The claims lie in a direct line between the Mother Lode and Morrison, and were located in June, 1895, by T. Walsh.

The Mother Lode tunnel has now been driven 240 feet from the lime contact across the ledge, and on Wednesday the company's manager said that the hanging wall had not been reached. Recently, however, the character of the rock has changed, becoming much more "quartzy" and carrying a far smaller percentage of copper than heretofore, and it therefore seems probable that within a few days the full width of this remarkable deposit will be determined. At the same time on several occasions since the tunnel was started changes in the appearance and value of the ore have given rise to the supposition that the hanging wall was not far distant, but, instead of the expectations being realized, in every case a fresh streak of rich sulphides would be penetrated. When the width of the ledge has been ascertained, a winze will be sunk from the Mother Lode tunnel to a depth of 100 feet, thereby proving the vein for 200 feet from the surface.

Mr. Milligan received on Tuesday a cablegram from one of the best known firms of brokers in the city of Glasgow, Scotland, authorizing him to buy a large block of the B. C. M. & M. Company's stock on their behalf. The senior member of this firm of brokers is vice-president of the Glasgow Stock Exchange. Mr. Milligan is confident that this purchase of stock in the local company will be followed by others equally as large, for the reason that people in the Old Country are only beginning to accept the idea seriously that British Columbia is a mineral country of extraordinary promise.

Mr. William Nelson returned last Wednesday from a visit to Fairview and also to Golden and Loomiston, Wash. He found the Fairview camp very active, much prospecting and mining work being in progress, whilst the recent starting of a local sawmill has, by providing lumber, facilitated building operations. The Smuggler mine is looking well, the rock now being mined showing the gold freely. It is intended to erect a stamp mill during the coming summer to treat the ore from this mine. At the Tinhorn, one of the Dier & Davidson properties, a number of men are employed developing the claim and others are building a road up to the workings. The Joe Dandy, which is being worked by a company with which Lord Sudely is connected, is reported to have struck the ledge and is meeting with encouraging results. Several other properties are also doing well.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland, April 9.—The Lancaster house, on St. Paul street, two frame buildings, was destroyed by fire this afternoon; the loss will amount to $5,000. When the fire was discovered it had a good hold on the building, having originated apparently from a lamp in one of the bedrooms in the rear end on the second floor. Little of the contents of the building were saved. There were several narrow escapes, but no lives lost. The department was handicapped by reason of the distance of the building from the nearest hydrant.

Rossland Miner.

The Red Eagle hoisting, pumping and drill-power plant is installed.

The Great Western has had to suspend work in its shaft owing to the flow of surface water. This is most aggravating, as the mine is looking exceedingly well. The whole bottom of the shaft is ore averaging $13.60 in gold. The ore is highly silicious, and could be milled and concentrated.

A great strike has been made in the Alberta. The ore was first encountered Sunday. When the shot was made in the face of the tunnel for that day a foot of ore was blown out, and a solid face of ore was presented. The drill was in ore all day Monday and late in the afternoon of that day a shot blew out five feet, still having ore in the face and no hanging wall in sight. The ore is a fine looking pyrrhotite carrying a considerable percentage of copper. No assays had been made up to last night.

The ore and matte shipments from the camp last week were of the most gratifying character. There were shipped 1,091 tons of ore and 283,905 pounds of matte. The ore shipments would have reached 1,600 tons had it not been for the accident on the Red Mountain railroad, by which 31 cars were prevented from going out till this week. The shipments of ore and matte combined last week represent nearly 50 standard car loads, or six train loads, allowing eight cars to a train load. There were seven cars of matte alone. This matte is worth, on an average, one dollar a pound and there were 285,905 pounds. The shipments of matte the week before reached 364,000 pounds. Adding, therefore, the shipments of last week to the shipments of the week before we have the magnificent total of $648,000 worth. These are by far the heaviest matte shipments ever made by the Trail smelter.

VANCOUVER.

The Douglas Pine, one of the most promising claims in the Shoal Bay district, has recently been purchased by the British Columbia Agency, who have already commenced active operations on the same.

Mr. McKinnon returned on Wednesday from the Nonpariel and Golden Leaf mining claims on Harrison Lake, owned by the Cassiar, Cariboo & Kootenay Company, bringing with him some fine specimens of ore, some of which are now to be seen piled up in the window of Messrs. B. B. Johnston & Co.'s office, 161 Cordova street, official brokers for the company. Assay returns run from $39 to $299 in gold, and a thorough test made proves it to be free milling.

While a number of Telephone Company employees were engaged moving poles, one of their number, W. B. Harris, was precipitated to the ground, receiving serious injuries. His right leg was badly broken, and his left ankle sprained. He fell a height of about 25 feet and was in great agony when picked up.

It is reported that an offer has been received from England for 23,000 shares of Golden Cache at $2 a share.

Several claims have been staked on Redondo island, some of the specimens brought to the city running $125 in silver, it is reported.

Several improvements have been made in the Vancouver free library room; besides a thorough renovating a part has been railed off for the exclusive use of lady readers.

Portions of Vancouver's pavements, now covered by asphalt, are to be laid in wooden blocks. The first section to be blocked is the square at the intersection of Powell, Alexander, Water and Carrall streets.

On Saturday night people on Hastings street east were startled by the reports of several pistol shots fired in rapid succession. It was soon found out that the shooting had taken place at a small fruit and candy store, nearly opposite the Fashion livery stables. The store is run by Mrs. R. G. Hill, who with her husband and son live in the rear of the premises. The police were soon on the scene and it was found that Hill had shot his wife and had then endeavored to commit suicide, having shot himself in the head and also slashed his face and neck with a knife. The woman is very badly wounded, having two shots in her back and one in the breast. She has also a small cut in the face. She is a strong, healthy woman and may thus pull through, but it is understood that her case is critical. She is now at St. Paul's hospital under the care of Dr. Langis. Her husband, who is not severely wounded, is at the city hospital. The bullet entered his head at the back and came out just over the eye. What caused the shooting is at present a mystery, though it is thought that jealousy prompted the deed. Hill, who works at the Hastings Mill, was with a male friend earlier in the evening and when they separated it is said that nothing unusual was noticed about him.

VERNON.

Vernon News.

H. Curry, a well-known mining expert and engineer, went down this week to Camp McKinney to look over the Minnehaha mineral claim, which is now the property of an eastern syndicate.

Travel over the S. & O. branch is very much on the increase, and every incoming train brings a number of strangers, many of whom are prospectors, who are scattering over the lower country.

A force of men are at work on the Falcon claim and have now got the shaft down about twenty feet. Very rich specimens of rock are being obtained, and Mr. Latimer will probably put up a small one stamp mill on the property this spring, as the quartz is sufficiently rich in free gold to make it pay even when worked in a small way.

The directors of the Camp Hewitt Mining Company have let a contract to Messrs. Hewitt, Craig and Hardy to sink ten feet and put in twenty feet of cross-cutting in No. 1 shaft on the Gladstone claim. The work is to be completed within fifty days.

Messrs. W. C. Ricardo, G. R. Lawes and W. J. Armstrong visited the Mission valley last week in connection with the co-operative creamery project. Their trip was successful in every respect, and the idea meets with general approval wherever mooted. A meeting of shareholders will be held in this city on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when directors and officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

The splendid gold bearing quartz referred to in our last two issues has been almost eclipsed by further specimens brought in on Tuesday from the Morning Glory company's claim, the Sarah. The rock was taken from near the surface and has been honey-combed by the action of the air. In the little cells thus formed may be seen many pieces of free gold ranging in size from a pin point to a small pea, while similar particles appear in the pure white quartz which forms the matrix of the mineral.

We have received from R. C. Armstrong, of Keremeos, samples of very fine looking quartz carrying gold, silver and copper, taken from claims at Kilnockie camp, opposite Mr. Manary's ranch. Our correspondent states that a good deal of development work is now being done in that section with the most promising results, and those holding claims feel confident that they have as good properties as any in the district, while at Hunter's camp, three miles distant, there are also several very good claims. This district offers a good field to the prospector, as but little exploratory work has yet been done and the country is rich in minerals.

MIDWAY.

Midway Advance.

Very rich copper sulphide ore has been struck on a claim taken up only a few days ago by Mr. Thos. Curry at Rock Creek.

Splendid ore has been broken into during the past few days in the bottom of the shaft on the Jewel claim in Long Lake camp, which shaft is now down a depth of 120 feet.

Before the 1st of April last year the ranches were busy putting in their crops. At this time ploughing has not commenced, in fact there is yet plenty of snow upon the ground, which, however, is rapidly disappearing during the past few days.

Work is to be started in a day or two on the Bruce claim on Ingrim mountain, near Midway. This claim is owned by Messrs. Robert Denzler and A. Symonds, and is one of those tremendous aggregations of mineral which would puzzle a geologist to define, as up to the present no walls have been discovered.

KAMLOOPS.

Inland Sentinel.

Ploughing was begun in the early part of the present week on the Industrial School's farm. The land was found to be in excellent condition for the plough.

The case of Robert Stewart, formerly bookkeeper at Jos. Genelle's sawmill, Kualt, who was arrested on the 27th of March at Salmon Arm on a charge of falsifying books, was heard on Saturday last and resulted in the acquittal of the accused.

We understand that the Erin fractional claim, adjoining the Iron mask, has been bonded by Martin Beattie and Richard Blair to W. Thomas Newman, as the representative of Toronto capitalists. The figure is reported to be in the thousands, and we hope it is true.

Died at the Provincial Home on Saturday, the 3rd instant, Wm. Jones, who first saw the light in Luton, Bedfordshire, England, 48 years ago, 20 years of which have been spent in this province, principally on Vancouver Island, whence he came to the Home suffering from asthma and chronic bronchitis, which was the immediate cause of his death.

Close on the heels of the Noonday claim from which the precious metal was found protruding from the quartz, visible to the naked eye a week ago, the Iron Cap steps in this week with its carbonate surface ore in a surprising manner, as development work has just begun, the surface capping only being removed, running into the hundreds in gold. From samples brought in the latter end of the past week W. F. Wood made an assay which gave 13.70 oz. in gold, equal to $274, and 6.40 oz. silver, equal to $4.16.

FAIRVIEW.

(Vernon News.)

Last week the Oro Fino mineral claim changed hands. The owners were Sheehan, Buchan, Stephens and another, and the purchasers were the Cascade Mining Syndicate. The figure it went at is in the thousands, but for the present I must withhold the exact figure.

Another small claim, the Pussy Cat, also changed hands in the hundreds. No development work had been done on it.

Messrs. Dier, Davidson and Russell are prosecuting development work vigorously on several of their claims. A tunnel is being run on the Tin Horn by three shifts of eight hours each. The ledge shows up splendidly. Ten assays give $47.70 gold to the ton. The tunnel is in 100 feet and 65 feet from the surface. Work on the Fortune is mainly driving two tunnels on two different veins, showing up a large body of ore of a low grade. Eight men are working day and night. On the Fanny Morris they are running a tunnel in 60 feet. This is contract work at $9.50 per foot. This tunnel will strike the ledge at 145½ feet, per measurement. A tunnel is also being run on the Mammoth, on which four men are employed. The tunnel is in 100 feet and will strike the ledge at a depth of 118 feet. Men are also employed on the Rob Roy, White Swan and Silver Bow. Messrs. Dier & Co. are also working fourteen men at constructing a road to the Tin Horn and their mill site, a distance of about one and three-quarter miles—a road that is absolutely necessary before the milling machinery, to arrive shortly, can be placed on the ground.

Mr. Dixon, manager of the Smuggler claim, is getting into very rich rock, 3x8½ feet wide, showing free milling gold visible to the naked eye. It assays over $800 to the ton.

BELLA COOLA.

Bella Coola, April 6.—H. B. Christenson, storekeeper here, has just arrived from Victoria with a big stock of summer goods and expects to do a good business during the summer.

The weather is very fine and everything looks prosperous. The farmers are busy at work preparing their little fields for putting in the seed, which, if this weather keeps on, can be done almost at any time.

The remains of C. Langstad were buried March 21 last and the settlers were all as one man out to follow the body of their leader and pastor to its last resting place.

STRONG MINING COMPANY.

Officers and Objects of the North American of Toronto.

A very strong company, the North American Mining Company, has been organized in Toronto to acquire and develop British Columbia mines. The officers and directors of the company are: President, Hon. Richard Harcourt, provincial treasurer for the province of Ontario, Toronto; First Vice-President, Herbert P. Bissell, director and counsel of Niagara Falls & Lewiston railway company and Buffalo Traction company; Second Vice-President, Horace Thorne, Esq., Toronto; Treasurer, Rev. J. H. Starr, director of the White Bear Gold Mining company, Toronto; Secretary, James J. Warren, Esq., director of White Bear Gold Mining company, solicitor; Managing Director, J. B. Ferguson, vice-president Zilor Gold Mining company, Rossland; solicitors, Messrs. Thorne, Warren and Starr; Bankers, the Dominion Bank; Consulting Engineers, John Galt, C. E., M. E., Toronto, and Howland Stevenson, M. E., Rossland; Directors—Hon. Richard Harcourt, Herbert P. Bissell, Horace Thorne, Rev. J. H. Starr, James J. Warren, J. B. Ferguson, Hon. Joseph McDougall, judge of the county court, York county, Toronto; Hon. D. H. McMillan, provincial treasurer, province of Manitoba, Winnipeg; W. A. Ferguson, Esq., president of the Canadian Packers Association, and Delhi Canning company; H. St. Clair Denny, Esq., receiver First National Bank, Niagara Falls; member of the Buffalo Stock Exchange, Buffalo; H. J. Pierce, Esq., president Manhattan Spirit company; vice-president Buffalo & Niagara Falls Railway company; N. Stanley Williams, Esq., wholesale merchant (of E. Pavey & Co.), London, Ont.

The company has opened offices at Toronto, Buffalo, Rossland and London, England. The authorized capital is $2,500,000 in $1 shares, issued as fully paid and non-assessable.

One of the plans of acquiring properties will be by its own staff of prospectors. Men of long experience in other fields will be sent into the unexplored districts and under directions locations made for the company, thus securing a large number of first-class properties at the first cost. Another plan will be the taking up of claims already located on an equitable arrangement for a controlling interest with the holder, or the purchasing of the same outright, doing sufficient work to show their value, and placing the same on the market. Besides these, the company have secured options on several excellent properties, which, if their engineers report favorably, they will pay for and develop. The company's excellent foreign connections will also enable them to readily place first-class mining properties on those markets.

As a protection to the early investor the company will place the first block of stock at 10 cents, the second at not less than 15 cents, the third at not less than 20 cents, the fourth at not less than 25 cents, the fifth at not less than 30 cents.

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TO DIE ON JUNE 11

Durrant Again Sentenced To Be Hanged for Emanuel Church Murders.

An Interesting Statement from the Former Pastor of the Condemned Murderer.

San Francisco, April 12.—For the second time William Henry Theodore Durrant has been sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Blanche Lamont at Emanuel church two years ago this month. The sentence of death was pronounced on Saturday by Superior Judge Bahrs in the presence of a crowd of spectators who packed the largest courtroom at the city hall, many being unable to obtain admittance. The court sentenced Durrant to be hanged on June 11th. The condemned man will be taken across the bay this afternoon by Sheriff Whelan, who will be glad to be relieved of the responsibility of guarding Durrant further. He fears Durrant will try to commit suicide when all hope of a new trial finally leaves him.

Attorney Deupry, for the defence, moved to strike out the court's order all reference to his, Durrant's, confinement. The motion was denied. Deupry then filed notice of his appeal from the order of the court and asked for a certificate of probable cause, which was denied. Deupry then asked for a delay of four hours that he might bring his application for certificate of probable cause before the Supreme court. This was denied. Durrant was taken to San Quentin this afternoon.

New York, April 12.—Durrant's former pastor makes the following statement:

"The Supreme court of California has denied a new trial to Theodore Durrant, convicted of the murder of Blanche Lamont in the Emanuel Baptist church at San Francisco some two years ago, and accused of the murder of Miss Minnie Williams in the same building a few days later. Under these circumstances, it is, perhaps, fitting that I, his former pastor, make certain statements that cannot fail to be interesting to all.

"The Emanuel church was composed of the same men and women who had made the Fifth church what they themselves confessed it to have been. The same lack of heart consecration to Christ, the same neglect of prayer meeting, the same sensitiveness of reproof from brother or sister member, the same unwillingness to forgive a real or fancied injury, was carried from the old house on Twenty-second street to the new house on Bartlett street.

"Theodore Durrant came by letter from the disbanded Metropolitan church. I had watched him carefully for some time, and, becoming fully satisfied as to his oneness of heart with Christ, I encouraged him to unite with the church. He did so, and his reception to membership, like that of Minnie Williams, was cordially unanimous. Also, if I remember rightly, each stood alone before me as in behalf of the church I gave them the right hand of fellowship. Especially do I recall how, when welcoming Theodore Durrant, I publicly expressed my peculiar pleasure at his union with us. I said in substance, if not in words:

"'God has need of such young men as we believe you are. We as a church need you; we need you as a helper and a blessing in our Sunday school and among young people; we thank God that we have already heard your voice in our prayer meeting. God keep you, my brother, and may we unitedly be the means of winning many hearts to Christ.'

"With a pastor's confidence in Theodore Durrant's Christian character and religious integrity, as well as his capacity to do in Christ's name, I welcomed him. Nor, in all my association with him in the twelve or fifteen months following did I ever have reason to change my thought of him. He was quite regular in his attendance in the various services of the church, and when absent I usually knew of a good reason for the absence. He served well and faithfully as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a recognized leader among the young people. He was oftener in my study than other young men; I came to know him intimately; I trusted him as a personal counsellor. It never occurred to me that he could be guilty of a meanness, much less a murder. His treatment of young ladies, as of all others, was reserved, courteous, and wholly unexceptional. Had he been a young man of impure thought I am sure I would somehow have detected it.

"Did Theodore Durrant murder Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams? I do not know. He has been tried and convicted of the murder of Miss Lamont and the finding of the lower court has been reaffirmed by the supreme court. With all the merits of the case I do not pretend to be acquainted. Also, with the course of justice, whatever that may be, I have not the slightest willingness to interfere. Nor would I by a single word so much as seem to cast undue reflection on any one. And yet I cannot resist the impression of long months that the case is one that warrants yet further delay as to the execution of the extreme penalty of the law.

"First, no one can deny that the newspapers practically prejudged the case.

"Second, the conviction was secured at a time when public opinion was at red heat against the prisoner.

"Third, it would have been as much as a juror's reputation was worth not to vote for conviction.

"Fourth, certain links in the chain of evidence are believed by some to be defective.

"Fifth, the assumption from the first has been that nobody but Theodore Durrant could possibly have committed either murder.

"Sixth, the conviction was confessedly secured, largely, if not entirely, on circumstantial evidence.

"I am a strong believer in capital punishment, holding it to be alike the law of God and man, and but simple justice to the murderer and a means of protection to the community. But, in view of all the circumstances in this case, I incline strongly to the opinion that it is one in which the governor may properly commute a sentence of death to imprisonment for life.

"For the first time since his arrest I wrote to Theodore Durrant on the 4th instant, immediately on learning the supreme court decision. I addressed him kindly, as was my privilege. I also said in substance:

"Theodore, if you are guilty, I beg you, in God's name, to confess it. If you must soon stand before Him in judgment, don't go with a dying declaration of innocence on your lips. I pray for you.

"If Theodore Durrant must die for the alleged murder of Blanche Lamont or Minnie Williams I shall deeply regret my inability to be with him to the very last. And this is not to torment him with an assurance that I believe him guilty, or that I believe him innocent, for on this question I have no opinion, public or private, but rather I would meet him simply as a Christian man, seeking through prayer, Bible reading and religious conversation to help a fellow man to prepare to meet his God in peace.

"FRANK B. CRESSEY,
"Boston, Mass."

THE RAILWAY QUESTION.

North Saanich Electors Embody Their Views in a Resolution.

A large and influential meeting of the voters of North Victoria district was held on Saturday evening in the North Saanich schoolhouse. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the proposed British Columbia Public Works Loan Act, 1897. Mr. J. T. McIlmoyl was elected chairman and Mr. Henry Brethour secretary. Mr. Booth and Mr. Sword addressed the meeting, confining themselves to the subject of the government's railway policy. Afterwards the following resolution was moved by Mr. Henry Brethour, seconded by Mr. James J. White, and carried unanimously:

"Whereas the local government has submitted to the legislature a bill to authorize a loan of $2,500,000 for the purpose of aiding the construction of railways and other public works; and

"Whereas insufficient provision is made in said bill for the construction of the proposed railway from the coast to Chilliwack, approximately 60 miles; and

"Whereas in said bill no provision is made to assist or cause to be established and maintained a ferry between the western end of the Chilliwack section at English Bluff, near Point Roberts, and Saanich peninsula;

"Therefore be it resolved that this meeting request our representative, Mr. Booth, to oppose the said bill unless sufficient provision be made to insure the building and maintenance of the aforesaid railway and ferry."

The meeting then adjourned.

THE GOLDEN YUKON.

An Important Step Determined Upon—The Yukon Development Co.

Montreal, April 12.—The Dominion government has determined upon a step that will have an important influence upon the development of the rich gold fields of the Yukon country. A committee will be appointed to go there as soon as travel permits and organize a government for the territory and report on the existing conditions. The reports of Mr. Ogilvie, of the geological survey, who is wintering there, will show that the gold fields of that country far surpass in richness and ease of access anything on the continent.

The chief difficulty is not the winter cold, but the trouble of geting supplies into the country.

Ottawa, April 12.—The Duke of Teck is one of the promoters of the Yukon Development Company, which is seeking incorporation and asking for a 3 per cent. guarantee on the issue of a million dollars worth of bonds. William Ogilvie recommends the White pass as the best for reaching the headwaters of the Yukon.

—From information received the British Columbia Dairymen's Association think they have reason to believe that Mr. F. Patton is making a comfortable profit out of the sale of California butter as local butter. They have taken action against him, and he will appear before Police Magistrate Macrae in the police court to-morrow morning charged with the following offence—which, according to the code, is an indictable one: "That he unlawfully did sell or expose or have in his possession for sale certain butter, to which a false trade description, namely, the Victoria Dairymen's Association Gilt Edge Creamery, Victoria, B. C., was then and there falsely applied, contrary to section 448 of the criminal code, 1892." Now the Gilt Edge Creamery is a creamery which to the Dairymen's Association is an unknown one, and the price of California butter is considerably lower than the price realized by local butter, therefore the dairymen have thought it well to prosecute.

—The charge laid by the British Columbia Dairymen's Association against Fred Patton of selling butter with a false trade description was withdrawn this morning, the defendant undertaking not to offend again and to pay the costs of the case.

Sunlight Soap Wrapper Competition

...FOR FEBRUARY...

The following are the winners in the district of British Columbia:

WINNER OF STERNS BICYCLE,
Mr. S. P. Moody, Victoria.

WINNER OF GOLD WATCH,
Mr. Wm. R. Scalfe, Victoria.

We have been obliged to disqualify several competitors for February for sending coupons taken from unsold soap in Grocers' stock. (See Rule 3.)

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