British Columbia.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The British Columbia Fruit Exchange shipped on Wednesday a carload of fruit, chiefly plums, to the Northwest.

The various river steamers brought on Wednesday over 900 boxes of apples, plums, prunes and peaches.

Mr. Alexander Henderson, B. A., of this city, has received official notification of his appointment of agent of the Department of Justice for the Mainland of British Columbia.

Sunday night the residence of Mr. R. Kerr, of Cheam, was totally destroyed by fire, with almost all the contents. Incendiarism is suspected.

Application was made to Mr. Justice Bole by Mr. C. B. Macneill, to admit Hodgson, charged with the murder of a colored man named Stark at Nanaimo to bail. The case was adjourned till this morning in order to communicate with the attorney-general's office.

R. Law, late assistant principal of the High School in this city, leaves in a few days for Honolulu, where he intends to live in future. He goes as agent for a number of business houses in New Westminster and Vancouver, and expects to build up a thriving business in a short time.

Gold washing with hand rockers is being carried on extensively between Chilliwack and Yale. The water is low and plenty of rich bars are uncovered. Good working wages are being earned by the miners, some of whom are cleaning up $3 per day on an average. From that figure the scale runs down to $1 and as low as 75 cents.

Messrs. Marshall, Sinclair, and T. S. Annandale have been appointed by the Board of Trade to look into the matter of the proposed establishment of a flour mill in this city, it being understood that a gentleman from the east intends to erect a roller mill in this city with a capacity of 100 barrels.

The tug Oregon, having in tow a boat load of men and supplies, left Saturday morning for the head of Pitt Lake, where it is reported a rich strike in gold bearing quartz has been made.

A young seal was caught in a salmon net opposite the city.

Three sturgeon weighing 1800 pounds were brought up from the south arm, consigned to the Bon Accord freezing establishment.

J. Marshall, son of the night watchman of the Royal City Mills, was drowned by being drawn off the log he was guiding to the chute. The pike used to push the log was caught in the mud, and the unfortunate young man allowed himself to be jerked into the water before he let go. In fact he was in the water ten minutes befor his hold was loosened and he rose to the surface. He was still alive when taken out, and vomited large quantities of water, but died during an attempt to resuscitate him.

Joseph White of Mount Lehman, aged 18 years and son of Mr. Henry White, has been killed by the accidental discharge of a shot gun. He was knocking fruit off a tree with the butt end, when the hammer in some way was caught and the gun discharged, the full charge entering the boy's breast, killing him instantly.

PORT HAMMOND.

Port Hammond, Sept. 10.—The weather has been exceedingly smoky for the past few months, and forest fires have been raging in this neighborhood very extensively. But slight damage is reported as yet.

Your correspondent was informed by the secretary of Loyal Fraser Valley lodge, No. 91, C. O. O. F., that the annual ball given under the auspices of this lodge would be held in their hall on Friday evening, October 23rd, 1896. It goes without saying that this will be a greater success than any previous one.

The annual harvest thanksgiving services will be held in St. John's church (Anglican), Maple Ridge, on Sunday, Sept. 27. It is understood that evensong will be full choral. His Lordship the Bishop of Westminster, is expected, besides others of the clergy.

The farmers are very busy threshing their grain, which has turned out a fair crop notwithstanding the very dry season.

Occidental lodge, Manchester Unity, of Victoria, has surrendered its charter and some of the members are joining the local lodges of the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows, which is affiliated with the Manchester Unity. I understand that there is only one lodge left in B. C. of the M. U., all others having become defunct.

VANCOUVER.

Local Chinamen have made extensive preparations to welcome Li Hung Chang to-morrow. A triumphal arch of immense size is being erected at the Canadian Pacific depot and a plentiful supply of fireworks have been obtained. An address will, of course, be presented and a request made for the appointment of a local consul, China not having any representative in Canada. The board of trade will also press Vancouver's claims for the appointment of a consul here, as the bulk of trade between Canada and the Orient passes through this port. Superintendent Fullerton, of the Canadian Pacific Steamship line, has received word from Montreal not to admit anyone to see the ambassador unless the latter requests the interview. Li Hung Chang will stay on board the Empress of China until the vessel sails on Monday. Stateroom D, the largest and most elegantly fitted up cabin on the ship, has been reserved for him.

The preliminary hearing of D. Charters, accused of setting his furniture on fire in a house occupied by him in the hope of obtaining insurance on the furniture a few days ago, ended this morning. Charters was committed for trial.

The liquor cases in which two Port Townsend informers undertook to prove that 35 liquor dealers had sold liquor during prohibited hours, have all been dismissed with costs owing to the prosecution not proving the by-law. The plaintiffs are to pay costs. The magistrate spoke very strongly on the action of Rev. Dr. Eby, who stated before the council that Vancouver was morally the worst city in Canada.

City Solicitor Hamersley has given his opinion on the B. C. Iron Works by-law election. After consulting the Municipal act, which is somewhat conflicting, he holds that the by-law was defeated, as it was not carried by a three-fifths majority by two-thirds of the vote. In order to have the city on the safe side, as there is doubt in the matter, Mr. Hamersley has decided to advise the city to this effect.

Mr. W. J. Bowser, the well known lawyer, has been married in New Brunswick to Miss Doherty, of Kingston, Kent County, N. B. Mr. Bowser expects to arrive here with his bride about the 23rd.

The police received information Thursday night of the suicide of Mrs. Rebecca Smythe, which occurred under somewhat romantic circumstances, religious enthusiasm being the only cause that can be assigned for the unfortunate act of deceased. The deceased, who is about 30 years of age, is a sister-in-law of Mr. J. Mason, the well known employment agent, and lived with Mr. and Mrs. Mason in the block at the corner of Granville and Robson streets. At about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon her relatives went into deceased's room in consequence of her long absence, and there found her motionless. As the body was still warm, however, they hurriedly summoned Dr. Mills in the hope that life might not be extinct, but when he arrived, he pronounced her dead and stated that he thought she had been dead about two hours. On a table by her side was a bottle containing carbolic acid and there was a strong smell of this deadly poison in the room when the doctor entered, so that it is surmised that it was with a dose of the contents of this bottle that she ended her life.

Mr. James Wilson, superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Telegraphs, left yesterday for Rossland to take over a telegraph wire in the Kootenay that had been leased to the Vernon & Nelson Telephone Company, but which will in future be operated by the C.P.R. Co.

Mr. W. Ker, of the Brackman & Ker Milling Co., now has to walk, some person having coolly appropriated his wheel. He went into Messrs. Kelly, Douglas & Co.'s warehouse and left his wheel outside. On coming out of the building the bicycle had vanished.

Fred Atcheson, employed on the boom at Tait's mill, fell into the water and was drowned. W. L. Tait dived and brought him to the surface in a few minutes, but efforts to resusciate him failed. Atcheson was a native of Quebec.

The following wire has been received from Ottawa in answer to a telegram to the department of fisheries from the Vancouver board of trade, asking that the cohoe run commence on the 15th of September: "After careful consideration minister unable to sanction a further shortening of the close season."

Mr. W. H. Ker, of the Brackman & Ker Milling Co., has recovered his bicycle, it having been sold by a young man to Mr. W. H. Hooper, the auctioneer. The theft was one of the coolest on record, he having ridden straight up from Messrs. Kelly, Douglas & Co.'s warehouse, outside of which Mr. Kelly had left his wheel, to Hooper's auction rooms, and there sold it.

The police have captured a gang of toughs with revolvers in their possession, who have been terrorizing the merchants of Vancouver by a succession of successful burglaries. They are a very hard-looking crowd; but here is little evidence against them, and it will be difficult to secure convictions. Officer McLean had the honor of running the gang to earth.

In the case of the sudden death of Miss Smith, the coroner's jury have returned a verdict that Rebecca Smith came to her death by taking an overdose of carbolic acid, administered by herself while in a state of nervous prostration.

NEW DENVER.

The Ledge.

An agent of Patsy Clark's recently offered a bond of $40,000 on the Lillie B., on Springer Creek, but the terms were not satisfactory and the owners would not entertain the proposition.

Assessment on the Blake, on the north fork of Carpenter creek, has caused the pay streak to widen several inches, displaying plenty of antimonial silver.

Dr. Bell-Irving, of Vancouver, has bonded the Neepawa, Baker Fraction and Argenta, on Ten Mile creek, for $48,000. The terms are 10 per cent. down, 10 per cent. in ninety days and the balance in one year. The Neepawa was owned by Angus McGillivray and Ed Shannon, and brought $20,000. The Fraction was owned by Shannon, Todd and McGillivray Bros., and brought $10,000. The Argenta, owned by McGillivray, Currie and Langstaff, drew the balance, $18,000. The Argenta bond is in the nature of an option for 30 days so as to permit of that claim being surveyed. If the survey be satisfactory the bond for $18,000 will live and be payable on the same dates as the other.

MIDWAY.

Midway Advance.

Jim Dale returned on Friday from a three weeks' prospecting trip on the west fork of the Kettle river. He located one claim, the Carmi, about 60 miles from Midway. The ore is quartz well mineralized, carrying galena, zinc blende and iron pyrites. The vein is about four feet wide.

Upon good authority it is reported that a very rich chute of ore has been discovered upon the Volcanic claim on north fork of the Kettle river, owned by the new Olive Mining Company. The ore has only just been broken into, so that the size of the ore body has not yet been ascertained, but the character of the ore is everything that could be desired, as besides its gold value, it freely impregnated with native copper.

On Monday last ten men started development on the Mother Lode in Deadwood. A bond was taken a short time ago on the Mother Lode by Mr. John Weir of New York, who, together with his associates, are at the present time developing two other of the principal claims in the Boundary creek district, viz., the Big Copper and the No. 7. The Mother Lode was located in the spring of 1891 by Mr. W. McCormick and others, and has always been considered a property that would upon development prove itself to be of enormous extent and richness.

The representative of the Prospecting Syndicate of British Columbia (limited liability), Mr. Leslie Hill, M.E., is in the district and has been for some time past looking over property in the several camps. Although many experts have visited Lon Lake camp recently, all of whom were impressed with the appearance of the veins of ore to be found there, Mr. Leslie Hill is the first to operate, having secured options upon the Jewel and Denaro Grande claims, two of the best properties in the camp. In the Jewel Mr. Hill has secured an option on Mr. Bosshart's 3-8 interest, and the price to be paid is no less a sum than $7,500, the terms of which are as follows: $750 down, $750 before the 1st of March next, and the balance, $6,000, before the 20th August, 1897.

Old hands at the business claim that the finest chance exists for a good hydraulic claim upon Rock creek, but just exactly at what point it is hard to get them to divulge. Many of them have prospected the benches for miles along the creek, and no doubt are thoroughly conversant with the quality of gravel contained therein. The fact that many thousands of dollars have been taken from the bed and bars of the creek in the past, and men have worked upon it even to the present time, lends color to the supposition that good hydraulic ground does really exist that in the near future may yet be worked. Last summer found a goodly force of miners—white and Chinese—working upon the creek, and if anything the force has been increased this summer, as, besides the men working upon the hydraulic claim at the mouth of Rock creek, the old time hands are pegging away upon White's Discovery and other bars.

ROSSLAND.

The Rosslander.

Mr. P. W. McLean has been outprospecting and staked a very fine claim on Lake Mountain, two or three miles to the southeast of town. He has done the assessment work and has brought in some good-looking rock for assay. The new claim is named the Keno.

It is reported that a controlling interest in the Minnehaha, on Murphy creek, has been transferred to eastern parties. This property has the most work done on it of any of the Murphy Creek claims, and is showing up very good.

Assessment work done on claims on Lake Mountain and vicinity have shown that part of the camp to be well mineralized. The ore as a rule runs high in copper, with steel galena appearing in some of it. Deals at quite large figures are under way for some of the groups.

Some very high assays in copper have been got from the Copper Bell in the Salmon River country, near Hall's Siding, located by T. C. Wells. One assay went 55 per cent. copper and six ounces silver, another 68 per cent. copper and 12 ounces silver, and the third 5 per cent. copper and two ounces silver. It will thus be seen that the ore is valuable and can be mined with profit for the copper alone. Joseph H. Adams, of the Walters Company, went out on Monday to examine it.

Work was started last week sinking on the Derby, which adjoins the Nickel Plate and Alice and includes that part of the townsite to the north and east of the bluff at the west of Columbia avenue. Shipping ore is said to have been struck within a few feet of the surface.

A force of men are at work on the Imperial erecting houses, blacksmith shop and other mine buildings. The lead is being stripped to ascertain the best point on which to sink the main shaft. The first block of Imperial stock is all sold out. Another block is now on the market at ten cents, and this will probably be the last issue.

The diamond drill on the Mugwump has got well started to sink 1000 feet. The tunnel on the west of the claim is now in about 25 feet.

A new tunnel has been started about 200 feet to the southward on the vein on which the main tunnel runs on the City of Spokane. This is considered the same vein as that upon which the Mugwump people are drifting.

This year prospectors have gone ito a district to the west of the southerly part of Lower Arrow Lake and located some good claims. Assays from near the surface have been very good. One of these, the Charlotte, situated three miles south of Day Creek and north of the Iron Duke, has been taken hold of by W. H. Cooper, of Toronto, and others, who intend to organize a company with a capital of $1,000,000 to develop it. Assays from near the surface have run $8.50 in gold, $6.65 in silver and 8 per cent. copper, with a strong ledge traceable throughout the claim. Fitz B. Fabian, the locator of the claim, has transferred a two-thirds interest to the promoters of the company.

Patsey Clark, interviewed in Spokane, denied that there was any truth in the rumor that the War Eagle had been sold. The bond expired on August 1, and anything stated since that regarding the sale has been unauthenticated rumor. The report of a sale originated from Toronto to F. E. Snodgrass, of from a telegram sent by Frank Loring Spokane, stating that the War Eagle deal had been consummated. Where or how Mr. Loring got his information is not known, but it does not appear to have been correct.

P. A. O'Farrell has been in Toronto with some purpose. His glowing accounts of the Iron Horse property has induced a syndicate of business men in that city to send out an expert to examine the mine, and if his report is favorable the property will be purchased at the handsome figure of $150,000. It is noticeable that even Mr. O'Farrell could not refrain from putting up the price to the Torontonians. While he was asking $150,000 in Toronto the property could have been bought here for $135,000. Toronto must be just as much of a gold mine to certain gentlemen from Rossland and Spokane as Rossland is to the Toronto investor.

J. Netterfield last week showed the Rosslander some very rich white quartz with spangles of free gold showing in streaks through it. The pieces of quartz did not show the gold to the naked eye, but a glass revealed dozens of the yellow specks. The quartz appears between slate walls, easily traceable for quite a distance. The find has therefore all the surrounding signs that gold hunters of the early days so eagerly looked for in Cariboo. The find was made in the Nelson district, but as provisions ran short he and his partner did not stay to locate all they wished to. A party is going up to the place to-day. How much of this rich quartz there is in that vicinity is yet a question, but very little like the samples brought down would mean a fortune for the lucky prospector.

The Josie is working a large force, and the mine presents a most excellent appearance. The ore chute in the east tunnel continues about seven feet wide, a solid mass of iron and copper sulphides, without a particle of waste or gangue matter Ore is taken from this drift alone faster than the freighters are able to take it away. The main drift of the mine is also in a first class body of ore. The Josie will, in the opinion of mining men, make a dividend payer before the first day of 1879.

The constant rattle of ore into the cars of the Columbia & Western railway from the spacious ore bins of the War Eagle mine tells most plainly that this well known dividend payer is holding up its end in magnificent style. This mine and the Iron Mask are daily shipping in the neighborhood of 60 to 75 tons of ore.

The shaft on the Iron Mask is now down nearly 60 feet, and three 8 hour shifts are sinking a double compartment shaft. A slugger drill is doing the work and exceptionally rapid progress is being made. The pay streak at the bottom is fully five feet wide, nd large quantities of high grade ore are being daily hoisted and shipped.

The wonderful advance of the Nickle Plate from the uncertain class to the rank of a dividend payer is even astonishing to its owners. The raise from the east drift broke into a fine body of ore yesterday, while the chute in No. 2 shaft has widened out very considerably. The new shaft house is nearly completed and everything is being gotten into shape for the reception of the new machinery, upon the installation of which, the main shaft will be started once more.

The Center Star is in fine shape, and a new ore pile is just being made for the high grade ore, which comes from what is undoubtedly the War Eagle vein. This vein was cut into by the north cross-cut during the past week. In a short time the management will commence two shafts to connect with the main levels for air purposes. The main shaft is being timbered in places.

Rossland Record.

Yesterday, at 18 feet, an asay of the ore at this depth ran $55 in gold to the ton.

J. T. Wilkinson, of the Vancouver World, and George Smyth, of Hamilton, Ont., have acquired a two-thirds interest in the Red Horse and Blue Grouse mineral claims, situated about two and a half miles southeasterly from Salmon Siding on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway.

Yesterday a conditional deed conveying an undivided half interest on the Gold Hunter group to the Walters company was recorded. The group, which is situated just south of Rossland on the spur of Deer Park mountain, includes the Gold Hunter, Alabama and Sun Set Number Two.

Judge J. F. McCreight passed sentence yesterday on Everett, Kellem, Thompson and Chatterton, sentencing them to spend four years each within the walls of New Westminster penitentiary. It will be remembered that Thompson and Chatterton planned a scheme which proved successful of robbing Jack McNeeley, who had just sold his interest in the Mountain Chief mineral claim to Judge Dixon and received his money, amounting to $1600.

NANAIMO.

The news has been received from Alberni of the death of Samuel Coldwell, a shoemaker, on Monday afternoon. Coldwell was about 26 years of age and was a very popular young man, having been in Alberni over a year. He has no relatives in this country, and it is believed his family live in Ontario. came by consumption. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, nearly everyone within several miles attending.

Mr. M. Bray, Government agent, has arranged for for Mr. James Craig, one of the road foremen, to proceed to Texada Island next week, and there engage a number of workmen, and extend the cross-road. This road starts at the iron mine, and is now constructed about three miles, to the interior of the island. About three miles more of road will reach the Van Anda copper mine, and practically make a road across the island, east to west.

A number of very fine specimens of free milling quartz recently taken from the Van Anda mine on Texada Island, were brought down by the Joan yesterday. In one of these a piece of gold three quarters of an inch long and nearly half as thick was imbedded. The report was received that all the mining on the island is prospering and large extensions in the work of the Van Anda are anticipated.

Postmaster A. H. Horne has placed in the Free Press window a sample of the striking looking quartz being taken from the Horne and Thomas claims, owned by Messrs. A. H. Horne and Thomas. J. Thomas, and situated on the McLaughlin Range, south of Mount Arrowsmith, near Alberni. The veins from which the rock is taken are wide and well defined, and there is also on the same ledge a whitish quartz exactly similar to the Alberni ore, which is from 30 to 40 feet wide. Mr. Thomas who had been at work on the property has returned on account of the extensive bush fires, and gives a very favorable report of the prospects of the claim. The assay returns have not yet been made public.

VERNON.

Vernon News.

Tomatoes this year are in splendid crop, the long continued season of hot and dry weather having been particularly favorable for their growth.

Mr. Frank Wolfenden, of the Armstrong Flour Mills, was in town on Tuesday, and reports that wheat is coming into the mill in such quantities as to make it a matter of difficulty to handle it.

In response to a petition forwarded by the residents of the west side of Okanagan lake, came a reply last week from the department of education granting a new school for that district between Short's creek and Morden's landing.

Mr. S. Rae left on Tuesday for Sandon in charge of a carload of vegetables sent by the Shippers' Union of Kelowno. Mr. Rae has just recently returned from Calgary, where he disposed of a carload of Okanagan fruit and expects to sell several others this fall.

Mr. T. W. Stirling, of Kelowna, who was in town this week, has purchased, through Mr. W. R. Megaw, the first self-binder for Indian corn ever brought into the valley, and intends putting it in operation this week.

As time advances it becomes more than ever apparent that the two fall fairs held in this district this year will be in every sense of the word successful shows. Mr. A. Postill, who has been working all summer with unflagging energy in the interest of the Vernon exhibition, has met with most gratifying promises of co-operation from the farmers of the Okanagan and Spallumcheen, and Mr. Watson, who is working up the show at Kelowna, has also met with splendid success. We feel certain that the fairs of 1896 will be far superior in merit to any previous events of a similar character which have ever taken place in the district.

KAMLOOPS.

On Wednesday a man named Melrose arrived in town from Nicola, and after disposing of a horse and saddle, left the same night on the westbound express. Yesterday Provincial Officer Gillie arrived in town from Nicola and commenced a search for Melrose, who is wanted for the robbery of a store at Quilchena. Melrose has been arrested at Ashcroft.

A very singular and fatal accident recently happened to the infant child of I. Gasse, a settler on Campbell's creek. Coroner Clarke held an inquest into the circumstances last week. The evidence showed that the mother was lifting the child out of a wooden hammock in which she had been lying, when the child slipped from her arms and fell with its back across the upright edge of the board which formed the side of the hammock. The child's head fell back, there was a slight gurgle at the throat and the little one expired. The coroner regards the accident as a most peculiar and unusual one—first that the mother should have dropped the baby, and second, that the child's neck should have been broken. A verdict of accidental death was given. The mother was greatly distressed at the sad occurrence.

During the past week the force of men at work on the Python claim on Coal Hill has been increased, and the work in the shaft that is being sunk is proceeding more briskly. The hole will soon be down 30 feet, and as progress is made the character of the ore seems constantly to improve. An assay from the bottom of the shaft this week gives 27 per cent. of copper and between $1 and $2 in gold. There is still a considerable quantity of decomposed stuff in the vein, and it is in this that the gold is found in greatest quantities. Mr. Buchanan is highly pleased with the appearance of things. When the shaft has reached 50 feet, if the showing continues as good as it is now, it is proposed to drive in a tunnel to crosscut the ledge 100 feet below. On the Iron Mask Mr. Newman has set three or four men to work, and intends on his return from the sounth to put on three shifts in order to determine as speedily as possible the extent and character of the property. He is sanguine of showing up a real mine. The vein is apparently between 30 and 40 feet wide. Reports have come in of promising locations made this week on Cherry creek. Specimens of ore croppings show a rock very similar to that found on Coal Hill.

ALEXANDRIA.

B. C. Mining Journal.

The harvest is almost over. There will hardly be half a crop. It has been the hottest and dryest season we have evet had in the district. Hay, grain, and potatoes will have to be brought from the lwer country.

The Fraser river has been staked off for dredging purposes from Quesnelle to Soda Creek. There is no doubt that there is a lot of ground which will pay large dividends if the right kind of machinery is used, but there is the rub. Time will tell.

LILLOOET.

B. C. Mining Journal.

Work on the mines in this vicinity is progressing and the showing is very satisfactory. The company having the Ample under bond have a good body of ore in sight. Several hundred tons of ore on the dump looks well and is said to give good returns in gold. The ledge where the work is now being pushed is more solid and is straightening up as depth is gained.

On the Golden Eagle the last reports are that in the end the 30-foot drift a solid body of ore showing freely is in sight. So far it is believed no ledge in America has made a better showing than has this, and if the showing continues as it now is the worth of this mine will be put up in the millions.

REVELSTOKE.

Kootenay Mail.

O. D. Hoar was in town this week carrying some beautiful specimens from a strike he has made on the north fork of the Lardeau.

The Lardeau prospects are all opening up well, and will be benefited, it is thought, by the new route to Galena Bay.

It is noteworthy that the Trail smelter people have secured a property in Lardeau district and other prominent concerns are paying it attention.

The Trout Lake Camp furnishes the most interst this week. The Horne-Paynes Company are engaged in the preliminary work of putting in a sleigh road from Galena Bay to Staubart Lake, which will connect there with the miners' road to the Forks. It is the intention of the same company, whose energetic representative in this district is N. P. Snowden, to follow the sleigh road to the Forks with a tramway to be put in next spring. The Horne-Payne people now own some most promising claims in Trout Lake camp and have already invested considerable money in there. They own the Broadview, $20,000; Phillipsburg, $6000; Old Sonoma, $9000, and now they have purchased Dave Ferguson's and Jack Knowles' great discovery on the Silver Cup lead—the Towser and Sunlight—for, it is said, $35,000, making a grand total of $70,000.

FORT STEELE.

Fort Steele Prospector.

A new strike of gold quartz is reported on Weaver ccreek.

Mr. Sussman, of the C. P. R., and Mr. Stafford, of the Galt Coal Company, were in the Crow's Nest Pass recently examining the coal fields and both expressed themselves highly pleased with what they saw.

A fine band of work horses were brought through from the Northwest, via the Crow's Nest Pass by Mr. Smith, and will be used hauling ore from the North Star during the winter.

Our many readers will learn with regret of the unfortunate accident on the N. P. R., in which the son of our respected townsman Mr. O. S. Frizzell lost his life.

R. L. T. Galbraith laid on our table a fine sample of apples. Yellow Transparent, grown on his Fairmount Hot Springs ranch. The apples are large and well flavored and show beyond a doubt that we can grow our own fruit successfully and supply our neighbors of the Northwest. Mr. Galbraith reports the trees free from fruit pests so common in other sections.

A number of prospectors are working the old placer diggings on Weaver creek.

The owners of a number of claims on Perry Creek will winter there and develop their property as fast as possible.

Thee are a large number of men at work on the Moyea group of mines. The St. Eugene has nearly 4000 tons of ore on the dump, the Moyea has lately struck a large body of galena and the Lake Shore also has some Galena in sight. In the near future this will make a large silver lead camp.

W. E. Kane and J. Adams of Butte, Montana, came in on the Ruth. Report has it that they are here in the interests of Marcus Daley.

David Griffith returned from Bull river on Tuesday. He reports that his property is looking well; he brought in several samples of ore. The ledge is about 7 feet in width and has well defined walls. The ledge matter is well mineralized and assays give the following returns: Gold, $7; silver, 16 ounces; 33 per cent. copper and a large percentage of lead.

ASHCROFT.

B. C. Mining Journal.

Mr. W. McIntosh, of Buckingham, Quebec, went up on Friday to start work on the Burns Mountain quartz properties owned by himself and associates. There is no question of the richnes of the quartz of that section.

Two men who went up with the Col. Wright party to Omineca came down last week. They gave a good report of that section as a mining country and report that the party are all well and have gotten along well with their work.

Thomas Rablin, who has been working for nearly a year on a drift mine on Lovett creek, a tributary of Lightning creek, was in town on Tuesday. Mr. Rablin and partners have the drift in nearly 400 feet and the indications are good that when bedrock is reached pay will be found as it has in all the creeks in the immediate vicinity.

With the exception of a few claims hydraulic mining is at a standstill for want of water, there having been no rain in the district for some time and all the small tributaries have dried up. Some of the claims have not been able to clean up.

On the Bonaparte river about 16 miles north of Ashcroft four hundred acres of ground has been located for mining purposes by an English syndicate which was referred to some weeks ago as doing some prospecting in that section. Mr. J. Mitchell, one of the experts in the employ of this syndicate, says his attention was first called to this section by reason of the similar external appearance of the low mountains and hills to two sections of the country in which rich mineral deposits have been found to exist, one section being in California and one in Colorado. The mountains are covered with red, blue and yellow material composed of decomposed porphyry, diorite and slate, the peculiar coloring being caused by the oxidation of the iron contained in the rock surface. by examination and prospecting, fissures were found that carried quartz, bearing silver. Sinking on these ledges goes to bear out so far Mr. Mitchell's theory that the ledges would increase in silver with depth, assays at first only ran a few ounces, but after sinking about 30 feet ore running 60 ounces in silver has been found, and a few days ago some quartz rich in galena and racrying as high as 200 ounces of silver per ton was encountered.

Mr. R. J. Brigham, for the past two seasons superintendent of the Victoria mine at Quesnelle Forks, came down to Ashcroft this week. Mr. Brigham, who is considered by mining men as one of the best hydraulic miners in this or any other country, says the Victoria is beyond doubt a valuable mine. The old channel has been reached but not very much work done on it as the bridge across the North Fork on which the flume that carried the matter from the mine was laid was washed away by high water and cannot be replaced until next wintere.

It is reported that the Cinnabar Mining Company at Savona's Ferry has ordered a complete plant from San Francisco, and will manufacture quicksilver on a large scale.

The Major Dupont party, consisting of Messrs. Dupont, Hunter, Bell, Harvey and Nickson left Thursday morning for Quesnelle Forks to finally decide the details and begin operations on the dam across the foot of Quesnelle Lake for the purpose of reservoiring the water of the lake and thereby drying the bed of the river from Quesnelle lake to the forks of the river, a distance of about ten miles. Mr. Joseph Hunter, M. P. P., who is an engineer of experience and reputation, will have charge of the work Mr. H. P. Bell will be consulting engineer.

"After all," said the thoughtful girl, "the presentation of an engagement ring is a relic of barbarism; a reminiscence of obsolete conditions."

"That's so," was the enthusiastic rejoinder, "I just wish it were the fashion to give bicycles."

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