Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

(From Friday's Daily.)

—In the full court this morning a decision was reached in the motion to admit of further evidence being received in the appeal of Williams v. Faulkner and Raymond v. Faulkner. Their Lordships decided to accept the further evidence, time being given for the other side to secure evidence. Without accepting of further time they expressed a willingness to go on with the appeal, which is being heard to-day.

—Phillips, a deserter from the Royal Artillery at Hongkong, who gave himself up at Work Point barracks, was brought before Magistrate Hall in the provincial police court yesterday, and pleaded guilty. His story is that he deserted from Hongkong in February of last year, going to the Phillipine islands and from there to Seattle in an American transport. It was decided to hand him over to the military authorities at Work Point, who will deal with him.

—A letter from Dawson under date of March 13th says that Captain Meyer, J. Barlow and Spence arrived there the day previous with three big loads of merchandise from Victoria for Lenz & Leiser. The writer, Thos. J. Washington, says that he has acquired an interest in three claims, and that J. Ellengood has property on Ophir, Last Chance and Hunker. At the time of writing sleighing was good, and the latter states that a team had just been sold for $800.

—W. McKeon, of the Oriental hotel, has received a letter from H. Price, purser on the Gleaner, in which the writer describes the rather toilsome progress of the staunch little craft on her way to Atlin. The letter was dated on May 29th, and the steamer was just four miles below Cariboo. She has had to plough through twenty-two inches of ice, and so far her progress amounts to five hundred feet per day. At this rate the writer observes the Gleaner will not arrive at Atlin until June 8th. The steamer's complement are all in good health, and confident of a successful season.

—The remains of the late Ethel Eleanor Devlin were laid at rest this afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, 43 Hillside avenue. There was a large attendance, especially of young friends of the deceased, who had known her while attending school. A large display of floral designs attested in a striking manner to the popularity in which the deceased was held by her many friends. Miss Devlin was highly respected by all those who were acquainted with her. While attending the South Park school she won many laurels and at one time captured the Governor-General's medal for being head of the public schools of the city. She also distinguished herself when attending St. Ann's convent, where she took a course in stenography and typewriting. The religious services were conducted at the residence and grave by the Rev. Leslie Clay. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: A. Schroeder, J. McKay, M. Shepherd, J. Lawson, G. Vigor and J. Morris.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

—C. H. Gibbons, the commissioner from this province to the Pan-American, has intimated to the Buffalo press that ten thousand people will visit the fair from this province.

—A flag pole 40 feet high has been erected on Darcy Island. When any of the lepers die a flag is to be hoisted at half mast, so that assistance may be sent for the burial of the dead.

—Owing to the uncertain weather during the week the proposed flower show to be arranged for at the Jubilee hospital is postponed for the present. Further notice of the event will appear later.

—A meeting of the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company, Limited, was held in this city yesterday, when the following directors were elected: J. A. Humbird, St. Paul; F. Weyerhaeuser, St. Paul; R. P. Rithet, Victoria; D. J. Humbird, St. Paul; E. J. Palmer, Chemainus.

—The public meeting for the purpose of inaugurating arrangements for the reception of the royal party here in October will be held in the city hall on Friday evening next, commencing at 8 o'clock. The meeting is called by the mayor in response to a requisition signed by H. D. Helmcken, M.P.P., and one hundred and one others.

—The local examination for matriculation into McGill university will be held in the school room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Monday next, commencing at 9 o'clock in the morning. Nine candidates have applied for permission to write, six of these are from the Victoria High school. The names of the latter have been published in these columns heretofore.

—The board of management of the British Columbia Agricultural Association will hold a meeting at the city hall on Wednesday evening next. The principal business will be the receiving of the reports of the committees. The question of arranging the date of the opening of the exhibition so as to coincide with the date of the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall for the purpose of having the exhibition opened by their Royal Highnesses will also be discussed.

—A meeting of the Victoria branch of the Farmers' Institute was held at Royal Oak on Thursday evening last, there being a good attendance. Quite a discussion ensued regarding the offer of the government to furnish blasting powder to the farmers at cost price. The condition being, however, that the orders must be equivalent to a carload, the meeting came to the conclusion that the offer was not practicable. J. Shopland was consequently appointed to interview the government to see if some other and more satisfactory arrangement could be entered into. A paper was also read by Monro Miller on the question of bonding warehouses for farmers, a system which is now in vogue in France with excellent results.

—To-morrow the United States cutter Grant slips into her natural element from the Star ways, proceeds to Port Townsend to reprovision and on Tuesday continues her voyage northward. The repairs to the ship, Capt. Tozier says, have been carried out by the Messrs. Bullen with all dispatch and with every satisfaction. Every bill submitted for the work done has been approved by a board of survey, and Captain Tozier has only words of praise for his treatment here. He has met with cordiality on every hand, and has the kindliest feelings towards the place and its residents. In expressing himself on the matter this morning, Capt. Tozier stated that he could recommend the work done here to any mariner.

—Some time ago a committee was appointed from the city council to look into the matter of the disposal of sewerage. With this object in view a deputation of the council is expected to visit Vancouver shortly for the purpose of inspecting the septic tanks in that city. The Vancouver city council are prepared to receive the deputation on Tuesday next, when they might also be taken to inspect the water works system with the Vancouver city council, who will make their annual inspection upon that date. It is hardly possible that the members of this council will be able to meet them on Tuesday, as it would interfere with other important business.

(From Monday's Daily.)

—Steamer Boscowitz arrived from northern British Columbia ports on Sunday. She brought down two hundred cases of salmon from Port Essington and a quantity of lumber from Alert Bay. She brings news confirming the report of sickness among the Indians at Naas, but there is still doubt as to whether the sickness is measles or smallpox.

—In the Full court this morning argument in Wensky (respondent) vs. Canadian Development Company (appellant) was heard. D. G. Marshall for plaintiff, J. H. Lawson for defendant. The appeal is from the Yukon Territorial court. Judgment was reserved. This afternoon Manley (respondent) vs. Collon (appellant) is being heard. This is an appeal from judgment given by Mr. Justice Walkem.

—The death occurred on Saturday last of John C. McNeill, a well known expressman of this city. Deceased was 50 years of age. The funeral will take place from the family residence, View street, to-morrow morning at 8.45, and later from the Roman Catholic cathedral. The funeral will take place under the auspices of Seghers Council, No. 85. The members of the lodge will attend the funeral in a body, and will meet to-morrow morning for that purpose.

—The balloon ascension and parachute drop by Prof. Earlston, which took place on Saturday afternoon last, was very successful. The wind, which prevailed during the early part of the afternoon, delayed the event somewhat, but at a favorable moment the balloon was let go, and the professor mounted into the air with lightning rapidity until he was some 2,800 feet from the earth. The parachute was then let drop, and the venturesome professor descended slowly until landing safely in the water.

—The matriculation examinations for the McGill University commenced this morning at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church under the supervision of Rev. W. Leslie Clay. There are nine candidates taking the examination, six of these being from the Victoria High school. As the names of the candidates have been published in these columns heretofore it is not necessary to repeat them. The subjects which the students are being tried in are Canadian history, British history, geography, grammar, arithmetic, New Testament history, writing, Latin, French, geometry, algebra, trigonometry, literature, botany, physics, physical geography. This morning they wrote their papers on grammar and composition, and this afternoon they are being tried on French and algebra.

—Mary Ann O'Brien passed away yesterday at the family residence, 48 Cadboro Bay road. Deceased was a pioneer of this city, having come here from the East 16 years ago, and having resided in Victoria ever since. She was the widow of the late Wm. O'Brien, who died in New York in 1877. Although her death was not unexpected, as she had been ailing for some time, yet the news will be received with great sorrow by her many friends. She leaves two daughters and three sons. Mrs. L. J. Sauer, of New York, is the eldest of her children. Mrs. T. L. Davies, of this city, is her other daughter, while her sons are James O'Brien, of Portland; Wm. O'Brien, of Victoria; and Geo. O'Brien, of San Francisco. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. T. J. Burns, of this city, and J. C. McCloy, a brother, at Rivers Inlet, to mourn her loss. B. Madigan, also of Victoria, was a brother-in-law to the deceased. The funeral has been arranged to take place at 9 o'clock from the family residence, and at 9.30 from the Roman Catholic cathedral.

ANOTHER SPOUTING CASE

Will Be Ventilated in the Police Court To-morrow Morning.

Another attempt will be made to convict an alleged Chinese washhouse employee of an infraction of the Washhouse by-law in spouting water from his mouth during his ironing operations. Hitherto all efforts of the authorities in this direction have ignominiously failed, the proprietors of the laundries having disclaimed the employment of the offender, whom they alleged was merely a friend, doing a little incidental work for himself while visiting them. As the by-law refers to Chinese employed in laundries, this was a substantial loophole of escape and the wily Celestial was astute enough to take advantage of it. Constable O'Leary, a few evenings ago, observed a Chinaman in the laundry on Blanchard street adhering to the forbidden custom, and a summons was issued. The accused, whose name is Hing, has retained Mr. Geo. Powell, and the case will come up to-morrow.

A debutant was fined $2.50 or five days for over-indulgence. He paid his fine, as did Jas. Hardison, who contributed $7.50 in preference to a sojourn of fifteen days in the lockup, on a similar offence.

Hon. Joseph Martin is registered at the Vernon.

A Fourth Shot For Bisley

Company Sergt.-Maj. McDougall Offered and Accepts a Place on Team.

The Record of Man Who Completes Victoria Quartette of Riflemen.

Sergeant-Major McDougall, of the Fifth Regiment, received a message this morning from Secretary Hodgins, of the D. R. A., informing him that he had been choosen as a member of the Canadian Bisley team, which leaves about the 20th of this month for England. Sergeant-Major McDougall wired his acceptance, and is now preparing to leave with the other members from Victoria on Thursday of this week. Through the failure of one of the first chosen to accompany the team to Bisley, he is granted a place in it which, but for an unfortunate blunder at the last D. R. A. matches at Ottawa, would have been accorded him in the first instance. At the Ottawa matches he had one shot to go, and he put that on another man's target, making a bull's-eye. Even with this miss as a handicap he has come within one call for the Bisley team.

For some years Sergt.-Major McDougall has been carrying off firsts at provincial matches. He has twice been to Ottawa, and acquitted himself well. Last year at Toronto Sergt.-Major McDougall and Sergt.-Major Richardson were selected by the committee to shoot together all through the matches. The record they ran up will be remembered by all who followed the events. McDougall at 600 yards made 11 straight bulls; at 200 he made 33 out of a possible 35; at 500 yards 34 out of a possible 35; making a total of 117 out of a possible 120. Richardson's score at 200 yards was 32 out of 35; at 500 yards 25 out of a possible 35, and at 800 yards 49 out of a possible 50. At the same matches Sergt.-Major McDougall carried off the much coveted Walker trophy at Toronto out of 34 shots; namely, 14 at 500 and 20 at 600, he secured 2 inners and 32 bulls. This was a record shoot even at Toronto.

With three out of the twenty composing the Bisley team belonging to Victoria the regiment and city felt highly honored, but the addition of Sergt.-Major McDougall to the team makes four, or twenty per cent. of the Bisley men belonging to the Fifth Regiment.

With four belonging to one corps going from here they will be able to enter in team competitions, which it has been impossible to enter before.

Gunner Fleming leaves to-morrow morning by the Crow's Nest railway in order to visit friends en route. The other members of Victoria's quartette will leave Thursday morning on the Charmer, being joined by Gunner Fleming on the way.

CONGRATULATE HIM.

The New Fire Chief Receives Pleasant Epistles From Different Points.

The appointment of Thos. Watson to the post of head of the Victoria fire department has certainly proven a very popular one, and has given widespread satisfaction. Already he has received three congratulatory letters—one from White Horse, another from Chicago and a third from Cumberland. The first is a largely signed letter from Victorians at White Horse, and is as follows:

White Horse, June 3rd, 1901.

Thos. Watson, Esq., Chief Victoria Fire Department, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:—We, the undersigned Victorians, desire to congratulate you upon your appointment as chief of the Victoria fire department, and we wish to express to you our approval of the same, and we trust that by your well known integrity and attention to your duties you may prove a credit to the city of our homes. Sincerely yours.

This letter is signed by Frank Hinds and 82 others.

Another in similar terms was received from R. Hall, M. P. P., from Chicago, in which the writer expresses his confidence in the ability of the new chief to ably fill the position. The third letter was from F. Dalby, of Cumberland, an old Victorian. The new chief has consequently credentials from three points of the compass, and they speak volumes for his popularity and his efficiency.

WILL OPEN EXHIBITION.

Governor-General Thinks It Suitable That Duke of Cornwall Should Preside.

It is now highly probable that the Duke of Cornwall will open the agricultural exhibition here. Last week in response to a request from the mayor and others, Lieut.-Governor Joly communicated with the Governor-General as follows:

Victoria, June 6, 1901.

His Excellency the Governor-General, Ottawa:

May we announce that His Royal Highness will open our agricultural and industrial exhibition at Victoria during his stay here. Awaiting answer before issuing prize list.

(Sd.) HENRI JOLY.

In reply, Sir Henri Joly received the following dispatch from His Excellency the Governor-General:

His Royal Highness should arrive at Victoria on October 1st and leave on the 3rd. I think very suitable that he should open the exhibition. Submit programme of reception as soon as possible.

(Sd.) MINTO.

A meeting will probably be held in a few days to deal with preliminaries.

Elias Rogers, of Toronto, managing director of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, is on the way to Fernie to let the contract for immediate construction of the Crow's Nest Southern line, to connect with the Great Northern.

NEWS FROM MOUNT SICKER.

W. A. Dier, of Mount Sicker and Brenton Mines, Returns From Scene of Operations.

W. A. Dier, managing director of the Mount Sicker and Brenton mines, returned this morning from Mount Sicker, the scene of his company's operations, after a flying trip of inspection. He brings a budget of news regarding the camp always interesting, owing to its proximity to this city.

The government agent has taken measurements for a bridge across the Chemainus river at Copper Canyon, and work is expected to commence at once. The bridge across the Chemainus was washed away a few days ago, and the necessity for the construction of a new one is patent. At the Mount Brenton mines great activity is prevailing. Carpenters have been busily engaged in erecting a dining hall and kitchen and remodelling the building at Copper Canyon. The intention is to make the place comfortable, and in conducing to the convenience of the staff to facilitate operations. An office and storehouse together with quarters for the executive are being erected, and will be completed shortly. Mr. Dier brought with him some splendid specimens of ore from the Copper Canyon, which are on exhibition in the window of Pellew Harvey & Gilmore. He has also just received a telegram from New York stating that a party there is most favorably impressed with the prospectus, and is figuring on acquiring 50,000 shares. He has also given a thirty days' option to another party for $10,000 worth of stock. These two items are sufficient to indicate that interest is being manifested in this Island in the largest financial centre on the continent.

Capt. A. Wasson, of the Key West mine, Mount Sicker, who arrived in the city some days ago on his way to Mount Sicker, returned by the noon train, and is at the Victoria hotel.

He stated that the preliminary work on the Key West mining property had almost been completed. Hitherto the operations had been confined to driving a tunnel for the purpose of striking the ledge. It was expected that this object would be attained in a couple of weeks. He was only waiting for this before ordering the machinery for the working of the mine.

He said that a tunnel was to be built from the line of the Key West to the line of the Tyhee property. This will make a tunnel of 1,500 feet in length. The compressor had been erected, and everything made ready for a commencement in the work.

He thinks that Victorians are losing a splendid opportunity in not establishing a smelter and refinery at this city. He said there could be no finer site for such an industry, and all the mineral which was at present going to the States to be smelted and refined would remain in this country.

SCHILLING'S TRIP.

He Arrives at Kobe on His Long Journey.

George M. Schilling, who started out from New York on August 3rd, 1897, according to a wager that he would walk around the globe within four years, and who left here on one of the Australian steamers some weeks afterwards, arrived at Kobe prior to the sailing of the Kinshiu Maru, which reached port this morning. He has completed 23,000 miles of his journey, and is now on his return home. The conditions of his wager is that he should succeed without begging, borrowing or spending a cent, and return to New York with $5,000 in cash. He started out attired in a suit made from newspapers and absolutely penniless, exchanging his paper suit for boots and clothing when arriving the same day at Yonkers. Travelling right across the continent to the Pacific Coast, he took ship for Australia. Thence he proceeded to New Zealand, and from New Zealand to India. He attempted to cross China, entering at Bhamo last January, but after penetrating some two hundred miles into the empire, he took the advice of a missionary and returned to the coast. Later he visited Hongkong and Shanghai, the latter with the intention of walking thence to Pekin, but was told that the country was still in too unsettled a condition to permit this to be done.

Landing at Nagasaki in the early part of last month, Mr. Schilling proceeded on foot to Moji, and crossing the straits to Tokuyama, walked to Kobe in eight days. While stating that he has been well treated by the people, he complains of the undue attention which he obtained from the police between Tokuyama and Kobe. At Tokuyama Mr. Schiling called at the police office to obtain the official stamp to a sort of passport which the United States consul at Nagasaki gave him, and there a policeman was told to accompany him until the jurisdiction of the office ended. When the limit was reached, another police station was visited and another policeman took up the work of guarding, the second man being substituted at the next station for another, and so until Kobe was reached. Mr. Schilling says that it made him feel as if he were in custody, but though he assured the officials that he could get along very well alone, it made no difference, as the police determined that he should be guarded.

Possibly they had some suspicion that a man who could undertake such a journey on such conditions needed some one to look after him. As will be seen, the four years within which the journey was to be completed have nearly expired, and there is still a good portion of the world to be covered before Mr. Schilling lands in New York. It is understood that he has been allowed an additional year. Mr. Schilling is a tall, athletic young fellow, close on 26 years of age. He had the misfortune when nine years old to lose his left arm in the belting of some machinery at his native place, Pittsburg, so that the journey is more of a feat of endurance in him than it would be in others. Several of the Japanese papers publish portraits of Mr. Schilling, his appearance in the larger towns having excited great interest.

Train No. 4 on the Dunkirk Allegheny Valley & Pittsburg railroad, due at Dunkirk at 7 o'clock, was derailed Saturday evening. George Dickinson, engineer of the Dunkirk, was pinioned under the engine. He was terribly scalded and injured internally, and will probably die. There were twenty passengers on the train, some of whom were injured.

Personal.

J. G. Cook and wife, who have been in the city for a few days, are registered at the Dominion hotel. Mr. Cook is proprietor of a general merchandise store at Granite Creek. He said that the Granite Creek Hydraulic Mining Co.'s properties, which for some years have been lying idle will very likely be reopened this season. A meeting of the directors of the company had recently been held in the East, when a decision had been reached in that regard, the result of which he had not heard. The Boston and British Columbia had also recommenced operations this year. They are utilizing a new system of hydraulic mining in British Columbia. This is the suction principle, with which large amounts of gravel are handled with great ease. They had already commenced sinking a shaft, and were now awaiting the arrival of machinery, which was at present at Spence's Bridge. At the time of the session, when the agitation for the competitive Coast-Kootenay railway was taking place, there had been a sort of boom at Granite Creek and other places in the Similkameen, but since that agitation had died down and it was known that the government was not going to do anything at present in building the Coast-Kootenay railway, and that even when it was built it was likely to be a C. P. R. line, the enthusiasm which prevailed all through the country died down, and now business is worse than before. Mr. Cook expects that towards the fall there will be a boom in mining circles throughout the country. He says that mining is starting late in the Similkameen, and on that account the rush cannot be expected until the fall.

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Frank Little, who for about three years has been engaged in the mines at Mount Sicker, is staying at the Dominion on his way to his home at Port Townsend. While prospecting about two weeks ago he had the misfortune to break his leg. His two companions with difficulty carried him to the railroad line, working for a day and a half at the task. Taking him to Chemainus hospital he underwent treatment, and is able to be around on crutches. The mines of Mount Sicker and Brenton, he believes, will develop one of the best camps in the province. There are at the present time ten or perhaps twenty prospectors on the island for every one that there was a year ago. The Mount Sicker mines are looked upon as a sure thing, while the Mount Brenton ones are thought by many to promise better than the Mount Sicker ones.

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Chas. H. Semlin, the ex-premier, is down from Cache Creek, and is spending a few days in the city prior to taking a trip to Buffalo to visit the Pan-American exposition. Asked this morning regarding his ideas on the fishery question, he expressed himself as disinclined to speak for publication. He stated, however, that his views on the subject might not perhaps be in accord with those of the majority of the people of this province. Further than that he would say nothing.

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T. D. Pruyn, who took the place of A. Hope Crawford as stenographer to the Oriental commission, owing to the sickness of the latter, came over from Vancouver on Saturday night. After hearing argument of counsel, the commission left for San Francisco to examine into the conditions of the situation there.

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N. J. Raymer, of the Rossland detective force, and Thomas Embleton, Rossland delegates to the I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge, are in the city on their way to attend the meeting in Nanaimo.

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Rev. Solomon Cleaver, formerly pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church in this city, has had the degree of D. D. conferred on him by Wesley College, Winnipeg.

THE NEW AGENT.

Leightner's Successor Has Been Appointed—A Man of Wide Experience.

O. E. Lang, of Winnipeg, has been appointed to represent the Northern Pacific Railway Company here to take the place of Geo. Leightner, the late representative. The new agent comes highly recommended, having had a varied experience in transportation matters. After filling the position of agent at Portage la Prairie for the N. P. he was appointed travelling passenger agent and later contracting freight agent for the company at Winnipeg.

Leaving the employ of the N. P. he entered the service of the Canadian Northern at Winnipeg a short time ago. In accepting the position at Victoria he again enters the employ of the N. P.

Geo. A. Leightner, the absconding Northern Pacific railroad agent, who left Winnipeg on Saturday afternoon in the custody of Detective Palmer, is expected to arrive to-morrow evening. The law has got him and he will have to face the music.

TO INSPECT THE FORTRESS.

Imperial Officers Will Arrive To-night to Visit Esquimalt.

A special dispatch to the Times states that Colonel V. R. Biscoe, assistant adjutant-general, who has been in command of the Imperial troops in Canada since the departure of Lord William Seymour last summer, accompanied by Lt.-Col. W. D. Conner, R.E., recently appointed commanding Royal Engineer, are en route from Halifax to inspect the garrison of Esquimalt, the barracks and works of defence.

The last inspection of the garrison took place in 1898, under Lord William Seymour, it will be remembered. This will be the first inspection since the withdrawal of the Royal Marine Artillery. They are expected to arrive in Victoria to-night.

NOT FITZHUGH LEE, JR.

Manila, June 10.—The officer name Lee who was killed, not wounded, in the recent battle with insurgents at Lipa, province of Batangas, was Lieut. Lee, of the Engineers, not Lieut. Fitzhugh Lee, jr., as previously cabled.

A SPRAINED ANKLE QUICKLY CURED.

"At one time I suffered from a severe sprain of the ankle," says Geo. E. Cary, editor of the Guide, Washington, Va. "After using several well recommended medicines without success, I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and am pleased to say that relief came as soon as I began its use and a complete cure speedily followed." Sold by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

A. W. Vowell, superintendent of Indian affairs, left for the Mainland on official business yesterday.

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CHILLIWACK.

The festival of Corpus Christi was was celebrated yesterday at Chilliwack by two thousand Indians. To-day a Passion Play itself will be presented.

NELSON.

Gangs of men are at work near One-Mile point, levelling and improving the grade. A train of flat cars with about twenty men as a crew has been kept busy hauling stones to various places this week near town, where the railway embankment needs strengthening.

ROSSLAND.

The ore shipments from Rossland camp for the week ending Saturday night are considerably below the normal output on account of the fact that the Le Roi mine, the biggest producer, did not ship ore for the first three days in the week, the work of replacing the track on the tramway making it necessary to suspend ore shipments.

CAMP McKINNEY.

In the face of the west drift at a depth of 360 feet the Cariboo vein has widened out to twelve feet solid, with hanging walls not reached. The showing is the most remarkable in the history of the property. There are fully 75,000 tons of $12 ore in sight. No stoping is being done, only drifting, and the ore extracted from development work only exceeds the capacity of the present twenty-stamp mill.

ASHCROFT.

Hon. J. D. Prentice, Minister of Education, visited the Ashcroft school Monday last. Mr. Prentice paid a very high compliment to the school in general and stated that the average of the scholars applying for admission to the high school was the best shown in the province, for there were no failures—all passing very creditably. Mr. Prentice's visits do much to advance interest in public schools in general and he already has a very high record as the head of the educational department. His is the first visit ever paid the Ashcroft school by a minister of education.

FAIRVIEW.

R. Russell, president of the Fairview corporation, is in town this week on business connected with changing the company into an assessable one, as Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock, who had a bond on the property, have failed to take it up. At the 300-foot level on the Stemwinder better ore was found than had yet been disclosed by the extensive development work. It is now only a question of paying off pressing liabilities and installing a mill to place this concern on a paying basis, and for this purpose it is proposed to gain the consent of the stockholders to submit to an assessment of 3 cents per share.—Vernon News.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The provincial government is about to throw open 144 acres of land in Burnaby for settlement as small holdings. The land is now being surveyed off in six acre plots by Mr. Hermon, which will shortly be open for occupation. The property is situate about one mile on the Vancouver side of the Royal Oak; a road already traverses the section, which is close to the car line. The government will dispose of the property on easy terms. The time of payment will, it is understood, be extended over a period of forty years, and as the car company makes an eight-cent fare to the Burnaby station, the lots should be disposed of very readily. In surveying lots, Mr. Hermon came across one of the old survey posts put in by the Sappers and Miners when they were making a general survey of the country some 40 years ago.

REVELSTOKE.

The ratepayers by a vote of 64 to 27 on Wednesday decided in favor of granting a $3,000 subsidy to the Revelstoke Navigation Company for the placing of a steamboat on the Columbia river which will afford transportation for the Big Bend district.

Robertson Matthews, a machinist working in the C. P. R. shops, had the first and second fingers and thumb of his right hand smashed on Friday morning, being caught by the steam hammer while straightening a piece of steel. The ambulance was called out and the unfortunate young man removed to the residence of Fred. Manning, where his wound was dressed by Dr. Cross, after which he went to the station and boarded a freight train for Kamloops, where he will go into the hospital for treatment. Mr. Manning accompanied him. Matthews came from Toronto about two months ago.

The towns on the Arm, Comaplix and Thomson's Landing, and the new mining town of Cramborne up at the mouth of Pool-creek, are all in a great state of excitement over the fresh discoveries of free milling gold quartz, which have been recently made around Camborne. Most of the population are away tracing out the gold bearing belt up into the headwaters of Isaac creek.

NANAIMO.

Messrs. Barker & Potts, of this city, have received the will of the late Richard Parkinson for probate. The deceased was a shoemaker and had resided at Alberni for many years, dropping his occupation and living on the savings of a life-time as he advanced in years. A few days before his death he summoned a friend to whom he dictated his will, which he signed in the presence of responsible witnesses. As the will disposed of property amounting to $1,900, he was asked where the money was. "In a perfectly safe place," he replied, and no more information could be obtained. The old man passed away and left the finding of his property to those who were interested in it. A search was instituted and his house ransacked, but nothing could be found. As a final measure the woodshed was examined, and there under a pile of rubbish was discovered in a lard tin the sum of $1,800 in gold, and later on a note for $100 turned up elsewhere. The will itself is worthy of more than passing mention. The sum of $500 is left to the Church of England trustees at Alberni, and another $500 is left to the Jubilee hospital. The most curious bequest, however, and one that denotes a very kindly feeling to men, who, as he said of himself, are without kit or kin, is that of his house and lot and all therein contained in perpetual trust to the justices of the peace of the district, who are to grant the use thereof to any honest, sober white man in poor circumstances whom they might select. A sum of money is set aside for the purpose of putting the premises in order for the next tenant, and another small amount is to be deposited in the savings bank that with the interest the taxes and small expenses may be paid.—Herald.

SANDON.

The preliminary surveys for the compressor plant which will be built by the Payne Mining Company were made last week by H. E. Twigg, of New Denver. Questioned about the company's programme, Superintendent Garde, the new manager, stated that if sufficient water power could be developed on the site chosen, a twelve-drill compressor would be built immediately. The surveys now being made are for the purpose of determining what power is available. Regarding the proposed concentrator, Mr. Garde was unwilling to make any definite statement. Tests are being made of the dumps and the waste in the mine, and if these tests justify the construction of a mill it will be commenced without delay.

ROSSLAND.

Several friends of Assistant-Chief Collins of the fire brigade have backed him to perform an interesting test of endurance. If their wager is covered he will undertake to make his way from the central fire station to the top of Deer Park mountain and return within two hours. The distance is probably not more than two and a half miles, but the ascent is a couple of thousand feet at least, and at many points is sufficiently precipitous to deter the average man from the climb under ordinary circumstances.

B. Barnett has received an interesting cablegram from Constantinople to the effect that Dr. Hezl, founder of the Zionist Palestine Association, with delegates from the Rothschild and Blochroeder interests, arrived on Monday in Constantinople to offer the Sultan of Turkey a loan on the condition that he accept their proposition to establish a Jewish state with home rule in Palestine. The cable message stated that the offer was accepted.

GRAND FORKS.

The town has gone wild over a strike of placer gold in Franklin camp, news of which reached the city Saturday night. More than a hundred excited gold seekers left town for the new Eldorado, and probably two hundred more will leave at once. The strike was made by J. W. Bartlett and C. H. McDonald, who have a ranch there, and the gold was found while digging a post hole on the banks of Franklin creek, the object of the diggers being to put up a small fence to prevent their horses straying back to town. They noticed a peculiar quality in the gravel, and upon investigation found that it carried gold. They panned out several dollars' worth in a short time, and came to town to get supplies for operating their claim. They showed their dust, which is coarse and sharp, showing that it has not travelled far.

Then the rush started. By daylight a steady stream of prospective millionaires was flying up the trail, and as the day progressed the excitement increased. It is expected that several of those who joined in the first rush will return within a week for supplies, and then the extent of the find can be more definitely known.

MIDWAY.

Sunday afternoon horse thieves were seen driving away two horses belonging to the survey party engaged in locating the international boundary line. The survey party was notified and two of them, mounted on horses, pursued the thieves, who, finding that they were being overtaken, left the stolen horses and fled.

W. F. O'Hara, of the topographical surveys branch of the department of the interior, arrived in Midway with a party of twelve men on Thursday and are camped across Kettle river, close to the town. The party, after definitely setting a point at Midway from which to start, will proceed west with the work of re-surveying the international boundary line. They will go west as far as Similkameen river this year.

—A formidable petition, signed by all the principal business men and capitalists of Blaine, Wash., has been presented to the Canadian Bank of Commerce of Canada, asking that strong financial institution to open a branch in the American town. The matter has been referred to Mr. H. H. Morris, the inspector of the bank in British Columbia, who will look up the situation and report to the directors, and a branch may be opened there in the near future. This bank already has several branches in the larger of the American cities on the Pacific coast, including Seattle, Portland and San Francisco.

WHOLESALE MARKET.

The following quotations are Victoria wholesale prices paid for farm produce this week:

Potatoes (Island), per ton	$30.00@35.00
Onions, per lb	1½
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	1.25
Parsnips, per 100 lbs.	1.25
Cabbage, per 100 lbs.	1.75
Butter (Creamery), per lb.	20@ 21
Eggs (ranch), per doz.	22
Chickens, per doz.	5.00@ 7.00
Ducks, per doz.	6.00@ 8.00
Apples, per box	2.00
Hay, per ton	9.00@10.00
Oats, per ton	$2.00@$33.00
Peas (field), per ton	40.00
Barley, per ton	25.00
Beef, per lb.	10
Mutton, per lb.	12
Pork, per lb.	9
Veal, per lb.	10

N. E. Killeen, provincial inspector of roads and bridges, is registered at the Dominion.

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Comprehensive Review Present Standing of Giant Twirlers.

Something About Their P —Victorian Team at Westminster To-Da

THE stand clubs i tional L not alte great e ing the New Yo cupies t with second burg a and Ph Brook Louis, Boston and Chicago f the order named.

The position of the New Y due mostly to the wonderful Mathewson, who, although a at professional baseball, is t this year's pitchers of the L thewson's work to date has nomenal, his record so far straight victories, St. Louis fi ing his winning streak by win to nothing game on Tuesday

Next to Mathewson, Hahn ous southpaw of the Cincin makes the best showing, his date being eight games won lost.

Of his recent remarkable p at Boston, when he struck than sixteen of the Boston s Eastern sporting authority sp lows:

"The record of 16 strike-out 'Noodles' Hahn at Boston has en only once in the history tional League. This was don Sweeney, of the Providence in 1884, struck out 19 Bosto Hahn's record has been equ in the National League. In Clarkson, pitching for the struck out 16 Kansas City n the same year Frank Gilm Washington team, made 14 Maroons fan the air. In th Association Hahn's record ha beaten. In 1887 Tom Rams for Louisville, struck out 1 batters. A few weeks later year he struck out 16 St. Lo From that day until yesterda est strike-out record was m Keefe, of the New York te 1888 struck out 14 Boston b next best record was 13 ma in 1889 and by Rube Wadd The feat of Tom Ramsey in 17 men in 1887 is about the in major league baseball. I it took four strikes to put ou

The new foul strike rule i ing to tell on the heavy bat averages are fast coming dow standard of former years.

The standing and official the clubs are as follows:

Clubs.	Won
New York	18
Cincinnati	18
Pittsburg	20
Philadelphia	19
Brooklyn	16
St. Louis	17
Boston	12
Chicago	13

In the American Lea

Last year's champions, th are to the front with a goo it seems as though the only C his braves will make a runa it.

Comiskey is undoubtedly brainiest managers in the day; any old kind of team s hands, to turn out good. all his last year's stars, th rather blue for the Chicago t authorities on the game pr the team could hardly finish division.

The surprise of the Leag furnished by the Clevelan were rated as sure winners. is made up of all ex-Natio men, who have good reco paper showed up the best of so far they have been un out of last place. Detroit snappy youngsters who are h the word "go," and the end will very likely see them n of the list.

Washington has slowly f front, but has hardly been factor in the race until no may prove a stumbling block the aspirants to the leader race. Baltimore, with its McGraw, McGinnity, the i several other well-known sta somewhat of a disappointm place being the best they far. Boston and Philadelphi sition towns, are having a c sixth place, while Milwauk seventh place and Cleveland

The standing of the clubs

Clubs.	Won
Chicago	25
Washington	17
Detroit	21
Baltimore	15
Boston	14
Philadelphia	16
Milwaukee	14
Cleveland	11