

A RAILWAY IS NEEDED

How Development of the Similkameen Valley Is Retarded.

Mining and Other Industries Now Severely Handicapped.

Editor Miner:—A few days since The Miner, in conjunction with other provincial newspapers, published a statement made by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy that the C. P. R. would do no more railway construction in B. C. until the branch lines already in operation had become profitable. If the C. P. R. president is correctly reported and means what he says, it is very evident that the rich mining districts of the Lardeau and the Similkameen will be compelled to remain in obscurity for some years yet, although in the case of the latter its transportation facilities are not altogether dependent on the flat of the C. P. R. route.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's statement, coming from a man so widely and persistently advertised for his perspicacity, seems to me utterly absurd. Sir Thomas well knows that neither the C. & W. nor the Lardeau branch line is completed to its original destination. Both of them stop short at nowhere, out in the wilderness. The Lardeau branch, which was originally intended to tap the high-grade mining camps on the upper Lardeau river (Lardeau creek) from Trout Lake City to Circle City, and serve such well known and prosperous towns as Ferguson, Easton, Camborne, Goldfields, Comaplex, etc., is built no further than Gerrard, a little jumping off place at the foot of Trout Lake, where there is no mining, ranching or any other industry in the immediate neighborhood. How is it possible that such a little piece of road, just connecting the north end of Kootenay lake with Trout lake and not intersecting a mining district, should be remunerative?

Let the little road have a chance to show what it can do. Let the C. P. R. complete the construction to Arrowhead and through the above mentioned camps, as was the original declared intention, and if it does not "pay" then it will be on account of the prohibitive rates charged. But no, the C. P. R. company usually follows a devious course in matters where the public convenience is concerned. What is the public convenience, anyway, that it should for a moment be regarded when any such concession would be detrimental to the interests of the C. P. R.? If the Lardeau branch line were completed to Arrowhead half the traffic now being carried down the Arrow lakes by the company's steamers would be diverted to the railway, and in this case, although the railway might "pay," the steamers would not. Such, then, being the policy of the C. P. R., it stands to reason that the Lardeau railway is not a paying concern, and it is clearly evident that the chief factor to this condition of unprofitableness is the C. P. R. itself. Why, then, it may be asked, did the C. P. R. build the Lardeau branch at all? To those of us who can remember the circumstances, it is well known that it was forced to do so, or else give up the monopoly it had acquired in West Kootenay. When the Great Northern commenced cutting a right of way to build from Kootenay lake to the Lardeau the C. P. R., with its usual dog-in-the-manger instincts, rushed its line as far as Trout Lake, where it stopped when it found that its opponent had retired from the race, and whence it will not budge until the Great Northern or some other formidable rival makes another attempt to reach the rich mining camps of Ferguson and Camborne.

As regards the Similkameen the case is very similar. The C. & W. stops at Midway, about 90 miles east of the mining districts in the Similkameen and Kereameos valleys, thus compelling all traffic to be carried via the C. P. R. main line to Sicamous, then across the S. & O. (a line operated by the C. P. R., and guaranteed by the government) to Okanagan Landing, and then on the C. P. R. steamer to Penticton. Thus it will be seen that by refusing to complete the construction of the C. & W. to Spence's Bridge the C. P. R. retains the monopoly of the long haul via Sicamous and Penticton. Of course this long haul is ruinous to the mining interests of the Similkameen, as in addition to the excessive freight rates to Penticton, the cost of hauling to the mines ranges from \$20 to \$30 per ton, according to distance. In the face of these charges it is no wonder that the several rich copper and gold camps in the Similkameen are not in such an advanced state of development as their magnificent showings of high grade ore will warrant.

The only property that has been systematically developed in spite of such heavy transportation charges is the Nickel Plate mine, which was purchased from the locators in 1883 for \$60,000 by M. K. Rodgers, who was acting in the interests of Marcus Daly. It is generally stated that the expenditure on the property during the four years it has been in operation exceeds half a million dollars, and the only shipment made was last year, when about four tons were sent to the Stenwinder mill at Fairview as a test sample. The Nickel Plate syndicate is now known as the Yale Mining Co., and Mr. Rodgers is still manager. Although the property is not open to the inspection of visitors, sufficient is known from miners who have worked there and from samples of ore that have found their way into outside hands to place the Nickel Plate in the front rank of B. C. mines. The

erection of a 40-stamp mill and reduction works now under way, and the commencement of the large smelter on the adjoining Indian reserve, where Mr. Rodgers has obtained from the Dominion government a 99 lease for 150 acres, offer substantial proof that the mine will be one of the great ones of the province, although so heavily handicapped in the matter of freight rates.

Four miles northeast of the Nickel Plate is Camp Beaconsfield, where the properties of the Kereameos Copper Mines, Limited, are situated. Here there are numerous outcroppings of magnetic iron, carrying values in gold and copper from \$1.50 to \$6 per ton. But these big ledges are not being worked at present, as it would not pay to handle any ore below \$12 per ton until cheaper transportation is afforded. In the No. 1 shaft, they have about 20 inches of mispickel running alongside the foot-wall, which assays 15 per cent copper. At 30 feet depth this ore went 7 per cent copper, and at 50 feet the values had increased to 15 per cent. It is the intention to sink this shaft to 200 feet depth and then crosscut to intersect the big pyrrhotite ledge which parallels the mispickel at the surface. In the No. 1 tunnel, now in 174 feet, some stringers of yellow copper were met with from 2 to 6 inches wide which assayed from 5 to 15 per cent copper and \$2.50 in gold. No. 2 tunnel, in 70 feet, is in iron pyrites for the whole distance, the values being about the same as those obtained at the surface.

Half a mile from Beaconsfield is Reardon's camp, where the whole mountain top appears to be solid ore, if one may judge from the many open cuts made along the crest and upon the mountain side. This ore is of fairly good grade, assays showing from \$8 to \$30 in gold and copper.

Adjoining the Kereameos Copper claims on the southeast is McMillan's camp, where the ore-copper pyrites and a gold-bearing arsenical iron-ore is high-grade. Some assays have given values of over \$100 in gold, while the copper ore has gone as high as 27 per cent.

This property is to be examined next month for parties in Colorado, who, if satisfied with it, will take up a bond for a big figure, a trifle more than was originally paid for the Nickel Plate. One mile south is Conkling's camp, where good grade ore has been opened up during the past two seasons. There are also camps on Green and Dividend mountains, where large bodies of pyrrhotite and arsenical iron ore are being worked. All these properties are in the upper Kereameos valley, which is served by the Nickel Plate-Penticton wagon road.

As this article is rather lengthy I must defer a description of the camps in the lower Kereameos valley for a future article. But before I do so, I emphasize the fact that if the C. P. R. or J. J. Hill will advance from Midway to, say, Princeton, the railway will be assured of a robust traffic which, if not actually a "paying" one, will approach very near it. But, of course, it will be useless to expect the C. P. R. to deprive themselves of the long haul and the big profits appertaining thereto. The amount of mining machinery and supplies now piled up on the wharf at Penticton is an eye opener, and the number of teams on the road between the wharf and the mines is undeniable testimony that the need of a railway is the paramount feature in the future working of the Similkameen mines.

WHO WAS PIONEER?
A QUESTION AS TO WHO IS OLDEST RESIDENT LOCATOR HERE.

ALBERT BARRETT'S RECORD IN ROSSLAND DATES BACK MANY YEARS.
(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Who is the oldest resident locator of mineral claims now resident in the Golden City? This question is agitating the minds of several citizens at the present time, and it calls up an interesting train of thought reminiscent of the early days of Canada's premier mining camp.

In some quarters the distinction is claimed for ex-Alderman Albert Barrett that of all the residents of Rossland at the present moment he made the first mineral locations here. Mr. Barrett is well known throughout the city, and was the locator of such well known properties as the Iron Colt, Gopher, St. Lawrence, Lone Star and Georgia claims, all of which have been operated from time to time and may eventually prove to be valuable mines, especially in view of the vastly improved facilities for mining at the present time and for realising on the low grade ore bodies for which the Rossland camp is famous.

Mr. Barrett was a resident of Nelson when Rossland first came to the front. He had come to the Queen City in 1889 and was employed there by William Gardner and W. J. Wilson, whose butchering business was afterwards merged into the P. Burns & Co. enterprise. When the Rossland camp commenced to come to the front Mr. Barrett staked a couple of partners to come here and look for mineral ground. The result of these operations was that he was named as the locator of the properties specified.

CAPTAIN OF 12,000

Fred P. Gutelius Now Has Charge of Army of That Number.

Advancement for Former Rossland Railway Engineer.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
From divisional engineer with two or three hundred men under his direction to general superintendent of the department of maintenance of ways with an army of 12,000 men marching at his command is the record of Fred P. Gutelius, formerly of Rossland, and now of Montreal. Barely a year has elapsed since he was transferred from the divisional offices at Nelson to the Canadian Pacific's head offices at Montreal. The order which announced the transfer made Mr. Gutelius a genuine "captain of industry," and he has carried the responsibilities thrust upon him in a manner that is creditable to himself and to the big system.

Yesterday Mr. Gutelius spent in Rossland renewing the numerous friendships formed in construction days on the Helene narrow-gauge road. He is on his first trip of inspection over the Canadian Pacific since assuming the superintendency of the maintenance of ways department, and has already been to the coast. From Seattle Mr. Gutelius came to Spokane, and reached Rossland Sunday night, being met here yesterday at noon by J. S. Lawrence, trainmaster, and Alexander Munro, roadmaster. Last night the party left for Nelson, from where Mr. Gutelius will return east. He stated that his mission here was simply social, and that he had spent a delightful day with old friends.

The former Rossland man has practically created a new department on the big road. Up to about a year ago the section men, engineers, roadmasters, extra gangs, bridge crews and other employees engaged in keeping up the roadbed and structures attached thereto and in making all repairs, were under the direction of divisional superintendents. With the policy of centralizing, the Canadian Pacific concluded to consolidate these men under one head at the head offices, and maintenance of ways was the name of the department created for the purpose. Mr. Gutelius, then resident engineer of the Kootenay-Boundary division, was taken to Montreal to create the department and administer it. Under his direction, in the classifications specified, are about 12,000 men. The department has devoted the past year to the preparation of working plans applicable to the entire system, covering the matter of grades, construction of switches, maintenance of roadbeds and bridges, and a vast amount of detail work requiring careful and assiduous effort. These rules having been put in practice and matters working smoothly from the office end of the perspective, Mr. Gutelius has started to go over the thousands of miles of track to see that the practical side of the work is being carried out, and to consult with roadmasters and engineers as to the improvements suggested from point to point.

The maintenance of ways department is one of the features of the Canadian Pacific's development in late years, and it is a source of gratification to many old Rosslanders to know that a former townsman has been instrumental so largely in establishing the merit of what was in a sense an experiment on the start.

THE COKE SUPPLY

HOW SHORTAGE IN COKE HAMPERS MINING AND SMELTING TODAY.

C. P. R. MAN TALKS ABOUT IMPROVEMENT IN SUPPLY—THE MORAL.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
All the predictions as to the important increases in the output of Kootenay-Boundary mines hinge on the question of improved conditions in respect to coke supplies. Further, all statements as to present operations and continued activity even on the existing basis are tinged with the fear that the inadequate coke supplies now forthcoming may be still further contracted without notice.

Glancing over the list of Kootenay-Boundary smelters, it will be seen that the coke question is even now vitally affecting the industry, while further shortages would create genuine hardship throughout the country.

work out. Northport has enough coke to run four out of six furnaces, but much of this supply is drawn from American sources.

H. E. Macdonnell, assistant general freight agent of the Canadian Pacific, states that the shipments of coke from East Kootenay collieries are increasing in bulk steadily, and that the completion of additional coke ovens at Michel will somewhat relieve the situation in September or thereabouts, but there is no absolute guarantee of an adequate fuel supply until other collieries have an available output.

It is gratifying to know that the situation is thus to be slightly relieved, but the danger of trouble among the employees of the Crow's Nest Coal company and the consequent tying up of the coke supply again is not thereby averted, nor is the ever present menace of the country's fuel supply resting in the hands of a monopoly removed. In dependent coal supplies must be procured for the province, and this is the strongest argument in favor of allowing prospectors to exploit the Flathead Valley coal measures.

WANT FIFTY LADIES

LADIES OF MACCABEES DETERMINED TO SECURE BIG INITIATION.

FRATERNITY MARCHED TO DIVINE SERVICE ON SUNDAY EVENING.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Fifty ladies for the class to be initiated on July 18th by Supreme Commander Hollister is the record which the Rossland members of the Ladies of the Maccabees have determined to accomplish. Judging from the success which has attended their efforts in the past, the undertaking is not large, and will be disposed of comfortably before the arrival in the Golden City of Mrs. Hollister, the Detroit lady who heads the prosperous fraternity.

Mrs. Hollister is to reach Rossland on the night of July 18th and the public initiation is to be eventuated on the afternoon of July 16th. To encourage the organization of a strong class, the Supreme Commander has issued a dispensation waiving all fees with the exception of medical examination, where candidates are enrolled for life benefits. It is proposed by the local members of the organization to make the visit of the executive head of the fraternity a red letter event. Degree teams and candidates from Trail, Grand Forks and Kaslo will be invited to attend the Rossland public initiation.

On Sunday night the ladies of the Maccabees attended divine service at the First Baptist church. About forty ladies gathered at Odd Fellows hall and marched to the church, each wearing the badge of the fraternity. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. Malachi Vansickle, the pastor, who delivered an interesting address, particularly appropriate to the occasion.

The singing was of a special and enjoyable nature. In every respect the service was eminently interesting and successful.

SCORES ARE BETTER

BOTH RIFLE CLUBS SCORED HIGHER IN SATURDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

MILITARY MEN AGAIN SUBSTANTIALLY AHEAD—CIVILIANS ALSO IMPROVE.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Saturday saw the second Canadian Military Rifle League match fired from end to end of the broad Dominion. Rossland had two teams in the contest—the Rocky Mountain Rangers' and Civilian's associations—both associations shooting well and improving consistently upon their previous aggregates, which, after all, is the real motive of the matches.

The Civilian's association fired the match at the new Ferndale ranges in the presence of W. J. Nelson, range officer. Some of the individual scores fell short of the first match, but the aggregate was many points better. On Saturday the team made 622, as compared with 577 on the preceding Saturday.

Saturday's team varied slightly from the first team, W. R. Wilson replacing H. P. Renwick and Kenneth E. Mackenzie replacing A. O. R. Brown. It is predicted that the team has the material for first class marksmen with practice, and that the association will assuredly have two teams in next year's league matches.

The third association match will be fired on Saturday, and it is the intention to ask several veteran rifle shots to participate. Saturday's results were:

C. O. Lalonde.....	200	50	600	Total
T. J. Dunn.....	25	25	21	71
R. W. Grigor.....	23	21	18	62
L. Bruce.....	26	29	10	65
K. E. Mackenzie.....	25	7	21	53
W. R. Wilson.....	13	17	17	47
A. B. Barker.....	24	25	30	79
W. H. Danby.....	12	19	19	50
A. McMillan.....	25	22	18	65
W. L. Conthard.....	19	24	28	65
Grand Totals.....	216	208	188	622

The militia company's rifle team shot well in Saturday's match, their score being a decided improvement upon the first essay. Appended is the record made by the military team:

L. E. R. Townsend.....	23	32	29	84
A. Smith.....	30	30	25	85
Ser. L. M. Roberts.....	31	31	26	88
Cor. J. Rigby.....	32	23	27	82
Cor. W. G. Carpenter.....	28	25	18	71
Lance-Cp. Johnston.....	32	29	26	87
Lance-Cp. McKenzie.....	25	29	27	81
Pt. G. Crookshanks.....	22	29	19	70
Private G. Dell.....	22	25	18	65
Pt. N. P. McKenzie.....	23	19	11	53
Grand Totals.....	274	272	226	772

STARTING NEW WORK

WHITE BEAR COMPANY ARRANGING TO COMMENCE AT ONCE.

ON NEW BUILDINGS—FOREMAN APPOINTED.

Arrangements are being made to start work on the new buildings for the White Bear company at once. Charles E. Simpson, of the Le Roi company, is getting out the plans for the works, the first of which to be built is the new gallow's frame. Charles Rose, foreman of the timber crew at the Le Roi, has been appointed foreman of works, and will superintend the construction of the buildings.

This marks a decided advance in connection with the White Bear company, which seems likely to become one of the big properties in the camp before the close of the current year. At the recent meeting of the shareholders in Toronto the arrangements for financing the company's plans in respect to new buildings and larger plant were concluded, and the first fruits of this are now to hand in the shape of definite action in the building line.

The gallow's frame is considerably larger than the structure it will supersede, the idea being to utilize it for sinking to the 1500 level if necessary. In the immediate future the workings are to be carried down another 100 feet, giving a total perpendicular development of 950 feet in the course of the next couple of months.

The company's plans call for new headworks and compressor buildings, with a framing shop to be added later, and concentration works as soon as satisfactory method of treating the ore is adopted. With the latter end in view a thirty-ton shipment of White Bear ore is now in transit to Denver, Col.

The present summer will see marked activity in the neighborhood of the mine, and a considerable crew of men employed on construction. This is one of the features that goes to make up the list of factors contributing to Rossland's advance in the mining industry.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING.
A Successful Gathering of McBride's Supporters at Board of Trade.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
About 50 members attended the regular weekly meeting of the local Conservative organization last night at the board of trade rooms. The meeting was devoted entirely to the discussion of business and receiving reports of various committees, and was only called for that purpose.

The recent growth of the organization necessitates much larger quarters than the board of trade rooms. A committee was therefore authorized to engage the ground floor of the building formerly occupied by the Grand Union hotel. This, it is hoped, will be large enough if the partitions between the bar, billiard and dining rooms are taken down. If it is found to be too small the Miners' Union hall will be engaged.

The several committees appointed to report on organization made very satisfactory returns. Over 100 members have been enrolled during the last five days.

The committee appointed to formulate a plan for the nomination of candidates will report at the next regular meeting of the organization. If more than one candidate is nominated it is reasonably certain that a primary election will be held, leaving all day. This method will insure an absolutely impartial and direct selection of the successful aspirant by his supporters, besides giving all the boys a chance and at the same time prove conclusively to the general public that his election is a foregone conclusion.

AT ST. GEORGE'S.
Rev. Mr. Hedley Conducts Last Service Tomorrow.
(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Rev. Charles W. Hedley, M. A., preached his closing sermon at St. George's church on Sunday. He urged the congregation to a united effort for the advancement of the church and the construction of the "Father Paul" memorial structure, for which a portion of the funds has already been secured.

At 7:30 o'clock tomorrow morning Rev. Mr. Hedley will celebrate holy communion, this being the last service he will conduct at St. George's.

On Thursday the departing rector leaves for the coast. He will visit various cities on the Pacific before turning eastward to the Algonia parish, where his future field of usefulness is cast.

Pending the appointment of a regular pastor for St. George's, Sunday morning and afternoon services will be conducted by Rev. W. J. Wood of Trail. There will be no evening services until further notice.

MAKING LIGHT WITHOUT HEAT.
The most wasteful, the least efficient of all widely used electrical devices is the incandescent lamp, says Ray Standard Baker in McClure's. Of all the power used in producing the glowing filament in the Edison bulb, more than 97 per cent is absolutely wasted, scarcely 3 per cent appearing in light. This 3 per cent efficiency of the incandescent lamp compares very unfavorably, indeed, with the 40 per cent efficiency of the gasoline engine, the 22 per cent efficiency of the marine engine, and the 90 per cent efficiency of the dynamo.

This was the germ of his idea. He took up experiments with mercury confined in a tube from which the air had been exhausted.

He discovered that when once the high resistance of the cold mercury was overcome, a very much less power than current found ready passage and produced a very brilliant light; the glow of the mercury vapor. This, Mr. Hewitt says, was the crucial point, the genesis of his three inventions, for all of them are applications of the mercury arc.

A PARIS SVEGALILI.
The Russian ambassador in Paris has asked for the arrest and the transportation to Russia of George Remy, who appears to be an insurance swindler, on a new plan. Six months ago he married an heiress in Lodz, with whom he traveled all over Europe until a few weeks ago, when the girl came home broken in health and half dead from a mysterious mental disorder, which seemed to sap her strength.

After consulting many physicians without avail, hypnosis was resorted to, and the unhappy bride confessed that a few days after her marriage Remy insured her for \$100,000 in an American company, stipulating that the suicide clause be waived, even if the insured committed suicide within the first year of the policy's life.

Having thus insured himself an income, the scoundrel hypnotized the new Trilby, suggesting that she must die to please him by September 1st. And he threatened that if she did not die by that time he would drive her to death by some new-fangled torture, described in a blood-curdling manner. These threats and the fear of death made a nervous wreck out of the previously healthy and beautiful girl, and even now she doesn't know how she gathered up courage enough to run away and go back to her parents.

A TALENTED COMPANY.
The tour of Miss Lamour in Wilfred Clarke's brilliant comedy, "A Wise Woman," is proving one of the greatest surprises of the present dramatic season, but the fact is it simply goes to prove once more that if you give the public its money's worth, it will readily gain its support. Miss Lamour, who for several seasons past has been one of the noticeably clever members of Augustin Daly's various companies, and who had the undeniable advantage of a splendid training under Mr. Daly personally, is undoubtedly one of the most interesting candidates for stardom that has recently been brought before the public, and being possessed of rare beauty backed up with talent of an unmistakable order, there is no reason that her tour so auspiciously started will result in anything but the most solid kind of success. The company that has been engaged to support Miss Lamour is of a high order of merit and is headed by Frederic Murphy, for several seasons past a prominent member of Julia Marlowe's company and last season occupying the position of leading man with that distinguished actress. Manager Richardson has just concluded negotiations for the appearance of this company at the opera house next Thursday evening.

THE ISLANDS RIDING.
T. W. Paterson Nominated by the Liberals.
VICTORIA, June 15.—The Liberals of the Islands riding, formerly North Victoria, nominated T. W. Paterson last night at Sidney.

STATE OF THE FRASER.
Up-River Points Report That the Water is Rising.
ASHcroft, June 14.—The Fraser river rose seven inches at Soda Creek and two inches at Quamel during the past 24 hours. It continues to rise at Lillooet. The weather is warm.

YALE, June 14.—The stage of the water at 8 o'clock is 45 feet from low water. It has risen seven inches in the last 24 hours.

YALE, June 14.—The river at 8 o'clock had risen six inches since 8 a.m.

YALE, June 15.—The river at 8 o'clock was 45 feet nine inches above low water. It had risen three inches in the last 24 hours.

SODA CREEK, June 15.—The river rose nine inches during the past 24 hours.

QUENNEL, June 15.—The river rose five inches in the past 24 hours.

LILLOOET, June 15.—The river was a shade above ordinary high water yesterday, but went down during the night.

WOULD NOT WET THE SAILS.
NEW YORK, June 15.—Apprehension of wetting their sails and spilling the set, kept the trio of cup defenders, Reliance, Constitution and Columbia at their moorings today while other yachts sailed a race for the Glen Cove cups of the New York Yacht club in Long Island Sound.

NEW CHINESE MINISTER.
WASHINGTON, June 15.—Sir Chen-tung Liang Chen, the new Chinese minister to the United States, was received formally by President Roosevelt at the White House today. The presentation was made by Secretary Hay. The minister was accompanied by the official staff of the Chinese legation.

TENNIS AT NEW YORK.
NEW YORK, June 15.—Holcombe Ward, the Harvard veteran, won the final match today in the lawn tennis tournament for the Metropolitan championship. Ward will therefore meet the Yale veteran, H. H. Hackett, tomorrow in the challenge match for the title and trophy.

LABOR COMMISSION.
The Report Now in Course of Preparation at Victoria.

VICTORIA, June 15.—The royal labor commission is now sitting here preparing its report. The commissioners want to file it before the end of the month, so as to have it placed before the present session.

NEWS OF THE

Mayor McCandless of the following: Sir Thomas Shaughnessy has adopted the hotel general lines indicated June 1st, signed by other members of the committee to offer some making one or two of what wider. The claim taxes will require a defined area, and the city is to do filling to bring the lots templated by the plans turned over to the commission in this respect, except may be able to save fill with the foundations. No doubt there will minor details to work out, but which do not concern the first sockeyes.

The first sockeyes of 1903 were packed on Thursday last, the up the first cases filled Chambers, manager of Jumbie Packers' association, Port Essington. Two men packed on the netted a stray sockeye of the "yearnings" of the which will enter the S.

A considerable rush Buckley valley is on the summer. A syndicate of which is T. R. E. agent in the United States from the western state an intention of taking Campbell, who has rec the coast from the m interesting details of the Buckley valley. Hing to the dryness of throughout the entire temperatures reached, keenly as the figures. The lowest temperature below on, March 14, up to the time of his end of April, was on it was 105 in the sun was not heavy, there feet on December 20, had entirely disappeared. Rain fell on several winter, though the fall at any time.

The Victoria carpen been settled. The ag the Builders' association differs but very little proposition of the bul are to receive 40 cents week of 44 hours. S is declared a holiday months of April and week performed on 50 cents an hour will

The property known Valley mine, situated about 23 miles from been sold. The prop south side of Britannia over the divide from tanna mine. The property are member and Paris syndicate, that the Rothschilds, backers of this syndicate tends to engage in co large scale. Vancouver former owners of the order the terms of the contain a considerable provision mining. Mr. rles of Philadelphia, best in the claims, and Cleary and Mr. F. C. owners of the other hies has been in the completing the negot property. According the transfer, the sum cash to be paid by Messrs. Humphries, C who are also to receive in stock and securities ment on the property \$2000, has already been other one is to follow payments are to extend eighteen months, and development of the carried on by a large

The candidates for at the coming provin likely to be Thomas G supporting the govern Liberal. Mr. Gifford public reception to on Saturday night at

The Tye Copper co successful month d report to the head of England, shows most There has been in M smelted. The compa to the Tacoma smelter for the present month 500. The output for continued very steady er was installed at March, with only 2 there was a yield of 450 tons of ore, were of matte produced, products for April month of May has fol duction similar to th ing months.

Creameries are mu corner island at a e naimo is the latest t a butter making ent ery Association of the a contract for the ere and plant.

The statement is m clal authority that one of the railway e hoods will be a cand provincial elections, that the candidate wi of the interests of a province, and he wi who will be in the fi He will probably be s the Engineers' or Co hood. The railway amongst the stronge