

ON CHILCOOT PASS

Dan J. Burke Writes of the Difficulties Encountered—Serious Undertaking.

Tells a Sad Story of the Death of a Baby in the Storm on Shore of Deep Lake.

Dan J. Burke, who is on his way to the Klondike, writes a letter which is in part as follows:

"Lake Lindeman, Sept. 12.—Dear Mother: This is Sunday night, but the day has been far from one of rest. To-morrow morning we start down the lake for Dawson City, and hope to reach there in about ten days.

"This has been a hard trip. From Skagway we took a sailboat and went to Dyea with our stuff. There we bought a boat to take our outfit to the Dyea river, which took us three days, on account of the boat not being large enough for our entire outfit at one time. By means of the boat we towed our supplies over the river four miles to Finnegan's point and camped there. The Indians can go a mile farther than this with their canoes.

"From Finnegan's point we packed our outfit a mile to what is called the head of navigation. The first trip up the river was so hard that Keep, one of the party, took his part of the supplies and stayed at Dyea.

"The water is the coldest I ever saw. The source of the river is a glacier, and it is fed by smaller streams running down from the glaciers along its course. You have to be in the water for 10 or 15 minutes at a stretch up to your waist, pulling on a line or lifting on the boat.

"The night we landed at the head of navigation Keep came up in an Indian canoe, having decided to make the trip. With him was a man named Sinclair, who used to live in the Coeur d'Alenes. The next morning two of our party, Robinson and Morrison, went on to Lake Lindeman to see about the boat, taking three weeks' supply of provisions with them. Keep, Sinclair and I followed later.

"We moved first to Sheep Camp, nine miles, and the packers charged us 12 cents per pound, and the boat was a terrible hole. The next move was to Crater Lake, over Chilcoot pass about five miles. This is considered the worst part of the trail, but it is no worse than the rest of it. The boat is all as much as it can be. Here we put our outfit in a boat and crossed to the lower end of Crater Lake, about two miles. Then we moved three miles to Long Lake, and crossed this lake to the lower end. We had to portage about 300 yards to Deep Lake, which we crossed, landing at the foot of the lake last Wednesday afternoon. Thursday morning we came on to Lake Lindeman, about 12 miles from the lower end, and found Robinson and Morrison with the boat well under way.

"At 5 o'clock to-day we had everything here. The boat is in the water back of our tent, and to-morrow we sail. "You can judge something of the trip by this incident: Last night a couple of women came up to our tent at Deep Lake and one of them had a baby about five months old. The wind was blowing a regular hurricane and the rain came down on them in sheets. I called to them and they came over and we fixed a place for them to sit down in our tent out of the storm. In a few minutes their husbands came with their tent and pitched it alongside of ours and moved into it. The ground was soaked and it was bitterly cold. This morning I was up at 5 o'clock and found the ground covered with snow and the same cold wind blowing. In about an hour the husband of the woman with the baby came to our tent and asked if we had a box. The baby had died during the night. To-day we buried it on the lake shore.

"It is impossible to describe the trip. I saw strong men quit and cry because they had to give up. I feel like myself, and expect to be well rested in a few days. Our outfit is in good condition, and the boat is one of the best ever built here. This is the busiest place I ever saw. Everyone is on the go. "DAN J. BURKE."

SIR WILLIAM VAN HORNE. The C.P.R. President Interviewed After Returning to Montreal.

Sir William Van Horne, says the Montreal Gazette, has arrived back from his annual tour of inspection, having gone over the Canadian Pacific from Montreal to Vancouver by daylight, accompanied by Messrs. R. B. Angus, James Ross and E. S. Clouston. Being interviewed last evening, Sir William said that if the trip had not been successful, it had certainly been one of considerable interest from the fact that so many changes had taken place along the line during the past year.

We visited the mining districts of Southern British Columbia, the president added, and found activity and progress on every hand, while in the agricultural districts of Manitoba and the Northwest everybody seemed to be exceedingly hopeful as regards the future, and particularly elated over the returns of this year's crops. Referring to the fact that many farmers had held fast to their land and the improvements out of the present year's crop, Sir William remarked that this was something that is rarely ever equalled in any part of the world.

Continuing the president said: "On the Pacific coast there promises to be a tremendous movement towards the Klondike as soon as spring opens, and, I doubt not, the cities of Vancouver and Victoria will derive a great deal of profitable trade as soon as the fact becomes known in the United States that they are the nearest outfitting points and the best place to be paid on goods entering Canada."

"Will this Klondike movement have any injurious effect upon the mining industry of British Columbia?" "Not at all, as the character of the

mining in the two countries is so different. In the Klondike the gold is found in alluvial deposits and obtained by washing while in Southern British Columbia the precious metals are disseminated in the rocks and have to be reached by systematic mining. Sir William Van Horne and his party did not have sufficient time to do a disposal to visit McLeod and vicinity, where the Crow's Nest Pass railway is under way, but the president stated that he was in possession of information that enabled him to say that the maximum gradients from the main line at Dunmore to Robson, on the Columbia river, crossing both the Rocky and Selkirk ranges, would be one foot in one hundred. In other words, the maximum gradients of the Crow's Nest Pass will only be about half those of the other mountain lines in the United States and Canada.

Sir William's attention was then drawn to recent statements in the London press intimating that a good portion of the Canadian Pacific's increased earnings was made up of freight taken over the road for the Crow's Nest construction, and he replied as follows: "That statement is absurd, as the entire freight for the whole of the Crow's Nest line would be about covered by one average month's increase in earnings. The story was doubtless started by somebody interested in depreciating our stock, for, as a matter of fact, there is not a dollar in our net earnings which comes from any such source."

As for the work on the new line, Sir William said that it was being pushed with all possible vigor and they expected to be at the Kootenay lake early next fall, and then sending the material for the intermediate line to Nelson, steamers will be put on the lake and cars carried without breaking bulk. The president of the Canadian Pacific was then asked if there was anything in the rumor connecting the company or its friends with the construction of a smelter in the vicinity of Rossland or Robson. Here Sir William replied:

"We intend to do all that is necessary to protect the interests of the country and the company in that regard. This is all I can say at present."

He declared also that the Canadian Pacific was about to build a line of its own from Robson to Rossland, a distance of 28 miles. "Rossland," Sir William Van Horne said, in conclusion, "is flourishing, and so are all of the adjacent towns. There is a splendid steamboat service on the British Columbia lakes, and good hotels in all the towns, so that all the leading mining districts may be visited with the utmost comfort."

BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Friday's Daily.

Appraiser Marchant estimates the damage done at his office by the recent fire at \$50.

Application for a call to the bar of this province has been made by Henry A. Stewart.

A new regulation is to go into effect on the 15th inst. to avoid, for certain cases, the necessity of mining permits owing to the lapsing of free miners' certificates.

Notice is given in the Gazette of the incorporation of the town of Cumberland, in Kootenay district. The mayor and aldermen of the new city will be elected on New Year's day.

In the official Gazette the registrar of joint stock companies publishes the number of the primary rules to be observed by all applicants for incorporation under the laws of British Columbia.

Notice is given in yesterday's Gazette of the appointment of Alexander Spout, of New Denver, as deputy district registrar under the "Births, Deaths and Marriages Act" for the Nelson division of West Kootenay.

Stephen Lawton, of Clinton, has been arrested at Vancouver for the rape of a four-year-old child. The mother of the victim offered to kill Lawton with a shotgun, but he escaped and fled to Vancouver. He will be tried at Clinton.

Notice is given in the Gazette by Mr. W. S. Gore, as gold commissioner, that all placer mining claims that are legally held in the Victoria and New Westminster mining recording districts are laid over from the date of this notice until the 1st of June next.

Duncan McKinnon of Wrangell and a number of Victorians have formed a company to provide good warehouse accommodations and warehouses for Wrangell. This company, which is to be called the McKinnon Wharfage & Forwarding Company, will commence work on its docks at the beginning of the new year.

Mayor Redfern has received an official notification from the admiralty through Rear-Admiral Palfrey, notifying him that Admiral's offer to provide a residence for the use of the admiral of the Pacific station has been declined. The special rate levied being included in this year's taxes. The amount collected will now have to be refunded.

Provincial Constable Drummond arrived in the city yesterday evening from Plumper Pass with W. Lamie and Arthur Chevalier, two young men arrested on suspicion of robbery which have taken place at Henry and Stewart islands—American islands back of San Juan. They were taken to Roche Harbor for trial. They were taken to Sidney this morning on the Victoria & Sidney train by Constable Drummond, rowed over to San Juan island at 2 o'clock from Hayward and delivered to the sheriff of Friday Harbor. They are also accused of smuggling, and if the United States authorities, in whose hands the accused men are now, so wish, they can also be charged with this crime, as well as with the other articles stolen from the islands were found in their possession.

From Monday's Daily.

William Foot, one of the earliest settlers in the Lake District, died this morning after a very long illness. He was a native of Dorsetshire, England, and was upwards of 80 years of age. The funeral will take place on Wednesday at 2 o'clock from Hayward and undertaker parlors and later from Christ Church Cathedral.

The band concert given by the Fifth Regiment band at the Drill Hall on Saturday evening attracted, as is usually does, a large crowd. Taking advantage of the large attendance the board of trade placed a number of the advertising folders in the quartermaster's room, so that those who wished to could have them sent to their eastern friends. The band was assisted by Master Milton Douglas in character dances in costume.

Mr. Wm. G. Nelson, of Beaver, manager for the Columbia River Lumber Co., who is in the city, reports a decided improvement in the lumber trade. His company sends large quantities of lumber to the Northwest Territories, which practically are dependent upon British Columbia for building material. The increased property of the farmers there has given a great impetus to the lumber trade of eastern British Columbia. The Crow's Nest Pass railway will use about nine million feet, all of which was purchased in this province.

G. C. Sauer, of the Bank Exchange, has leased the entire upper story of the building at 100 West Broadway, to the Co. of Store Street, and will establish an extensive bottling establishment there. He has just completed arrangements with the celebrated Papet Brewing Co. of Milwaukee, by which he will be enabled to import their beers in bulk, and at his new premises it will be bottled and sold to Victoria consumers. A carload of bottling machinery and patent

structing a road from Douglas channel to Teslin Lake.

Notices are given in the current issue of the Gazette of the incorporation of the B. C. Mining Critic Printing and Publishing Co. of Vancouver, capital, \$20,000; Boundary Falls Gold No. 98, I.O.O.F.; Columbia Gold Fields Prospecting & Developing Co., Ltd., of Rossland, capital \$1,000,000; Halcyon Hot Springs Sanitarium Co., Ltd., capital \$100,000, the object of which is to build a hotel and construct a sanitarium at the Halcyon Hot Springs, West Kootenay; the Kettle River Dressed Beef & Provision Co., Ltd., of Greenwood, capital, \$50,000 to take over the butcher business of Messrs. Kerr & Flood.

From Saturday's Daily.

Tenders are invited for the erection of a brick dwelling-house at Esquimalt for the officer in charge of the works at H. M. Naval Yard.

T. Shaw Saxe, a correspondent of the London Telegraph, is registered at the Esquimalt Hotel, Esquimalt. He is on his way to the north to take up the work of the northward end of next week.

A Russian dispatch states that William Glover, aged 16 years, formerly of Victoria, while coasting down Washington street at 8:30 last evening was severely injured internally. Trying to avoid running into two pedestrians, he was thrown from his bicycle. The injuries are not supposed to be fatal.

Herman Kurth and his son, Hans Kurth, of the Milwaukee Brewing Company, were arrested yesterday on the information of Joseph Smith, who charges them with perjury. Some time ago Smith sued Kurth for some \$30, alleged to have owing to him for wages. The judge allowed him less than \$5. The Kurths said that Smith was not a brewer; Smith says he is, and that when the Kurths swore that he was not they committed perjury. The prisoners were allowed to bail in \$125 each last evening. The case will come up on Tuesday.

Many of those on H.M.S. Imperieuse are anxious for the statement that Charles Harford, who claims to have located the buried wealth of Cocos Island, is now on his way back to the island on the Amphion. When the flag ship returned to San Juan, Harford was taken down to a point out the location of the treasure, came back with her, and if the statement of many of the men of the Imperieuse is to be believed the Amphion was to take her to the place in the Pacific to continue the search. The admiral, however, says that the Amphion is not going to Cocos Island, and that Harford was left at Guatemala, he intending to organize an expedition from that port.

During the heavy blow on Thursday afternoon last, Howitt Clemens, a resident of Victoria West, who was sailing from the city in a sail boat, was capsized, and had not been for the timely assistance of three of the civilians of the works department of the naval yard. He would have been drowned had it not been for the assistance of three men, who were in the boat with him. The boat was manned by several sailors and a crew of three men, who were in the boat with him. The boat was manned by several sailors and a crew of three men, who were in the boat with him.

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THE BASHI BAZOOKS.

The bashi bazooks are to the Turkish army what the Cosacks are to the Russian. The Cosacks are, however, immeasurably their superiors in all that goes to make up a soldier's equipment, and without doubt discipline. Their courage is that of the wild beast seeking its prey, and one of the warpaths they are marked along. It was the bashi bazooks who by their monstrous cruelties gave such point to the pen and tongue of Mr. Gladstone at the time of the Bulgarian atrocities. Bash bazooka means "hot business," the motto is "kill, kill" to slash they freely add and rob. Their weapons are the sabre, three or four pistols and as many murderous loading daggers.—San Francisco Argonaut.

THEE TURP.

Richard Groer Again in Luck. London, Nov. 8.—At the first day's racing at the Langford Park November meeting to-day, Richard Groer, of Georgia, won the Chelveras plate of 100 sovereigns for three-year-olds and upwards. Mr. Devereux was second, and Mr. Devereux was third.

Mrs. Soffart—You look ill, poor man! Muddy Mulligan—Yes; that roast chicken you didn't give me has disagreed with me.

bottles had been received and as soon as the machinery can be placed in position work will be commenced. In order to give the whole of his time to his new venture, Mr. Sauer has transferred the management of the Bank Exchange to an agent and dining rooms to his brother, Richard Sauer.

MARRIED A WEEK.

And Then He Took Her Money and Jewels and Disappeared.

A man going under the name of Geo. A. Ambrose and claiming Victoria as his home, has established quite an unsavory reputation for himself in San Jose, Cal. Ambrose, or whatever his name is, arrived in the Garden City some few weeks ago and succeeded in getting acquainted with a widow, who had been left in fairly comfortable circumstances, and in a few days—San Joseans are helters-skelters—were married. The widow, or rather Mrs. Geo. A. Ambrose, as she signs herself in a letter to Chief Shepherd, under date of November 2nd, lately learned the fact that she ever married or even met her husband. "I married him a week ago," she writes, "and I have found out that he is a scoundrel. He has skipped out, taking my money and everything he could lay his hands on, including my son's watch." Previous to the marriage Ambrose had told his future wife that they would come to Victoria to live. He had already been here two months, he assumed he intended to open a grocery store at No. 16 Government street. To support his assertion he showed her a receipt for \$300 for goods purchased from "John McNab & Co. wholesale grocers, of Government street, Victoria," and he also told her that they would reside for the present in "Col. Innesley's" house, "the colonel" having decided to go to Europe. The names, it is needless to say, are fictitious.

Ambrose, the letter states, was about 30 years of age and had been a train dispatcher on the Southern Pacific railway. The police have been unable to learn anything about him.

PIGGETING IN INDIA.

Insurgent Tribesmen and British Forces Engage in Battle.

Simla, Nov. 8.—Various foraging expeditions from the camp of General Sir William Lockhart, in the Maidan valley, yesterday captured large supplies of provisions and stores, without the British soldiers firing a shot. The position which they were retreating, when the insurgent tribesmen adopted their usual guerrilla tactics, with the result that the British forces lost three men killed and 17 wounded. The loss of the enemy was heavy.

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FOR THE ORIENT

Steamer Olympia Sails for China and Japan—Empress of Japan Sails This Evening.

Movement on Foot to Establish an Opposition Line From San Francisco.

To-day witnessed the departure of two of the large Oriental liners. The steamer Olympia, of the Northern Pacific line, sailed late this afternoon full up with passengers and freight for Chinese and Japanese ports. In the steerage all the available bunks were taken up with Chinese and Japanese homeward bound to spend the approaching holidays.

About sixty Chinese departed from Victoria's Chinatown, and every one of them secured a certificate entitling him to return to his native land. The steamer Olympia of four and general merchandise from the Sound on board when she arrived here and this was materially increased by consignments from Victoria merchants to Oriental houses. A large amount of lumber from the Hastings mills was taken on board at the outer wharf. The other big outward liner is the R.M.S. Empress of Japan, of the Canadian Pacific line. She will sail this evening. Both her freight and passenger accommodations will be taxed to the utmost.

A movement is on foot in San Francisco to establish a line of steamers in opposition to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, to run between San Francisco, Victoria and the Sound. A dispatch from San Francisco says: "At the meeting of the Council of Associated Industries of California, held on Saturday in San Francisco, a committee was appointed to work in conjunction with the Merchants' Freight and Forwarding Association, and prepare an address to the people of California asking for help. The committee will at once begin to solicit subscriptions for the proposed new line of steamers."

The steamer Corona, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, sailed yesterday morning on her initial trip on the Alaskan route. The Corona, which formerly ran on the southern route, takes the place of the Mexico, the wrecked steamer of this line, in whose place the Wilmette ran for some time. She carried about sixty passengers northward, Victoria contributing but few to this number. Her cargo, which was a light one, included a consignment of 20 tons of general groceries consigned to the Northwest Mounted Police.

The steam schooner Mischief was obliged to abandon her trip to Sooke this morning owing to the heavy sea running, making it impossible for her to land her goods. She returned to port and at once began to prepare for a longer voyage. She will sail this evening for the north with a cargo of sheep, 350 in all, for Messrs. Richardson and Nesbitt, two northern ranchers who own Laquetit Island, on which they propose to place the sheep. On her way down the Mischief will call at Union and bring a cargo of coal.

The steamer Maude returned from Texada yesterday, bringing a cargo of coal from Comox on her way down. After discharging her coal, she will take a cargo of powder to New Westminster, from which port she will proceed to Texada.

The tug Vancouver arrived down from Vancouver on Saturday with a scow load of lumber from the Hastings mills for the steamer Olympia. She will return to the Terminal City this evening.

RELIEF FOR ALASKANS.

Congress Will be Asked for Suitable Appropriation.

Washington, Nov. 8.—There was an unusually large number of people at the White House, all anxious to see the president. The president is much concerned over the representations that many persons are in a starving condition in Alaska and it is probable that the matter will be fully discussed at the next cabinet meeting. Secretary Alger says that the only thing that the government can do now is to formulate a plan and make recommendations to congress asking for an appropriation, as there is no money or a ship at the disposal of the government to purchase and send supplies to the Alaskan sufferers.

In the afternoon President McKinley gave considerable attention to diplomatic matters. The president is preparing preliminary notes for his first message and is consulting with Mr. Day on matters which relate to foreign affairs.

Judge Day has read the Spanish reply and briefed the most important measures, which he has laid before the president.

THE NEW GOVERNOR AND SENATOR.

Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney's term of office having expired on Tuesday last, succeeded him. It has been known for some time that Mr. McInnes was likely to have the offer of the position and he was also understood that he would accept it. It is no secret that the senator considered that he had a claim for a seat in the cabinet, as a representative of British Columbia in the government of 1894. He declared that it was only right that this province should be represented in the cabinet. But as that body is already much larger—in the opinion of many Liberals—than the needs of the country demand, British Columbia is relegated to a back seat in that respect. Realizing the situation, Senator McInnes has, therefore, accepted the gubernatorial office and his friends will congratulate him on his elevation to the highest position and wish him much enjoyment in his residence among the sylvan shades of Carey-Cast street.

The vacancy in the senate caused by the elevation of Mr. McInnes to the Lieutenant-Governorship has been filled by the appointment of Mr. William Templeman, the editor of the Victoria Times. There is no doubt that Mr. Templeman's appointment is one which will meet the approval of the large majority of the Liberal British Columbia. Strong representations were made to the premier urging that Mr. Templeman should be the successor of Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney, and our correspondent at Ottawa states that Mr. Templeman had insisted on it. But in the interests of the party and at the suggestion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Templeman has accepted the seat in the senate, and this made possible the appointment of Mr. McInnes to the governorship.

With a large number of Conservatives in British Columbia, Mr. Templeman's appointment to the senate will also be popular. Although opposed to the party to which he has given his allegiance, Conservatives recognize Mr. Templeman's sturdy and consistent adherence to the principles of the political faith which he holds, and we think that he has many qualifications for the position which he has now been appointed to.

As a journalist, Mr. Templeman's elevation to the senate will afford gratification to many of the Conservatives in the province, as a recognition of the services which are rendered to the state by an intelligent, honest and fearless press, and the Times, since it has been under the control of Mr. Templeman, has not been lacking in those qualities. For some years the Times, the Columbia and the News-Advertiser stood alone in the provincial press in their advocacy of better government for British Columbia, and although the News-Advertiser was not agreed with its two contemporaries on some questions of Dominion politics, there has never been any difference of opinion among them on the nearer and more important issues of provincial affairs. It is, therefore, a source of satisfaction to us that Mr. Templeman will not have to relinquish his efforts with in the struggle, which, there is little doubt, will soon be crowned with success, as he has held the position of editor of the Victoria Times, and he has been appointed to the governorship.

Only one exception is likely to be taken to the appointment of Mr. Templeman, and that will arise from the fact that the seat which he occupies is supposed to represent a Mainland constituency of the province, while Mr. Templeman has always been—whether by residence or business interests—identified with the island portion of British Columbia. In this aspect the present violation of the practice the principles which, while in opposition, he so vehemently advocated. But we will not be too severe on Sir Wilfrid, remembering, as we do, Mr. Tarte's disingenuous characteristics and recognizing also that in this case he has evidently followed the line of action laid down by the minister of public works at Montreal a few weeks ago, that in all appointments of members of the party should be the first consideration.

Of course, any criticism on this phase of the matter in no way reflects adversely on Mr. Templeman, whose appointment, as we have said, will be considered by Conservatives generally as a satisfactory one.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

The special dispatch of our Ottawa correspondent to-day contains the important announcement that Hon. Senator Melnes has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, and that Mr. Wm. Templeman, editor of the Victoria Times, has been chosen to succeed our new Lieutenant-Governor in the senate. The dispatch also contains the following interesting information: "Mr. Templeman could have had the governorship if he had pressed his claim, but accepted the senatorship instead at the request of Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

Our special will not permit us to-day giving a brief biography of the public record of the men called by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government to these important and honorable positions. Suffice it to say here that the appointments will be generally approved. Though true to our point of view, we say that Mr. Templeman's appointment as governor would have been the more popular throughout the province, the claims of Senator Melnes, and the probability of those claims being recognized, have been generally acknowledged, and he has many friends in this city and elsewhere who will warmly congratulate him on his preference to the gubernatorial chair.

No better appointment to the senate than that of Mr. Templeman could have been made, and though he will nominally represent this part of the province (which was entitled to the appointment in the upper chamber, though with the fullest confidence that his residence elsewhere will not be allowed to affect the faithful and impartial discharge of his duties toward the province as a whole.—Columbia.)

Senator Melnes' term to be the next Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia. He will be succeeded in the senate by William Templeman, editor of the Victoria Times. Every Liberal in the province, and most Conservatives will rejoice in the well deserved honor that will be conferred on the British Columbia at Ottawa, and we believe the day is not far distant when he will represent this province in the cabinet.

Inland Sentinel heartily congratulates Senator William Templeman.—Kamloops Sentinel.

Provincial News.

Vancouver, Nov. 4.—Both Sully Forbes, who were injured in the explosion, died shortly before midnight. The elder one succumbed to his fatal injuries very shortly after he admitted to the hospital, while the other lingered to 20 minutes to the hour, however, never recovered consciousness. Mrs. Forbes was at the bedside of her son when he breathed his last. The loss of her brother and son in one day from the same accident was a sad blow to the poor woman, and she is now in a very feeble condition. Her late evening a rumor was sent round town that two more had been recovered from the ruins, inquiry elicited the information that the loss to human life was confined to the poor fellows, whose death is no regretfully recorded.

F. S. Kersoy, a very engaging and young man of education, has left the city after forging the names of friends to clear the names of a man who had been arrested for the purpose of the sleeping apartment. A letter, dated Victoria, yesterday announces that the writer is over the line, after doing his friends. The writer is a criminal, it is thought he is a morphia fiend and still in Victoria. He threw up a sum of \$100 a month to steal \$50.

The opera house was again closed for the season last evening, the occasion the entertainment presented by the fore the War Co. The audience applauded the meritorious parts of the performance. Mr. Jamieson has succeeded in crowding the opera house every night since the season opened.

Rev. W. Vansickle and family arrived from the east yesterday. Mr. Vansickle is en route to Nanaimo, where he will be called to the Baptist pastorate. Vancouver, Nov. 5.—Mr. Lockyer, agent of the Hudson Bay Co., said this morning in regard to the rush being made in regard to the new gold fields, that he is possibly endeavoring all goods they can possibly get and to make the best use of this condition they are making every effort to get the goods. In this connection it is interesting to note the impression Sifton has formed as to the Yukon. He expressed the opinion that the gold trade, yesterday, from information at disposal, that there is a trade before the doors last night, which was a very good dressed of having, and which gives them lasting and very remarkable prosperity.

Vancouver, Nov. 7.—The Empire Japan, which leaves on Monday, have to go out again without P. Tilley, who is still too indisposed to make the trip across the Pacific. Mr. R. T. Doherty, who was in place on the last voyage, will again undertake all the chief purser's duties that general way which made him so popular among both passengers and crew. Mr. R. T. Doherty is a very interesting man, and he is no novice in the law office of Messrs. McPhillips & Williams, of this city.

Mr. J. H. Long, M.A., LL.B., will be the law officer of Messrs. McPhillips &