PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

Cumberland is much agitated over cover an elopement.

The Railway Commission may hold a sitting at New Westminster.

New Westminster has adopted 11 o'clock closing for all saloons.

Princeton wants a horse and cattle show this fall.

Bear hunting by motor boat is the latest diversion on Okanagan lake.

Vernon is now working out a new license by-law in accord with the Provincial Act.

An engineer has been commissioned to locate a wagon road from Hedley to Ashnola.

The new pontoon ferry at Quesnel is proving of the greatest assistance to settlers.

Construction of the new cottage hospital at Quesnel will be begun this year.

Mining men of the Skeena will send a creditable ore exhibit to the New Westminster exhibition.

Vernon now has a temperance hotel in addition to its regular irrigation system.

Fire on Monday evening damaged Dr. Drew's residence at New Westminster to the extent of $2,000.

A party of Vancouver Alpinists will shortly attempt the conquest of Mount Blanchard (5,560 feet) near Pitt lake.

Sir George Doughty of Grimsby plans the establishment of a large fish plant at Prince Rupert.

Mayor Stork of Prince Rupert is now Captain Fred Stork of Earl Grey's Own Rifles.

O. E. LeRoy's geological survey party is now operating in the Silverton district.

A large peat bog has been discovered between Vancouver and New Westminster.

Indians in the vicinity of Creston have been occasioning much trouble by interfering with Provincial surveyors in their work.

Two Creston youths were before the magistrate last week on a charge of throwing red pepper in the eyes of passing pedestrians.

New Westminster's sanitary inspector objects to the presence of Indians on the city streets, on the ground of their general dirtiness.

Vancouver junk dealers who encourage petty thieving by youngsters by purchasing old metal, bottles, etc., from them, will hereafter be prosecuted.

In consequence of a fire having destroyed their nine buildings near Napoleon, the owners of the Evening Star mine have put in a bill for compensation from the Great Northern railway.

A big mining merger in the Kootenays is announced, the deal including practically all Toad Mountain properties. R. S. Lennis acted as agent in the consummation of the deal.

A suggestion has been made that the entire exhibit of the First Canadian National Apple Show be taken over by the Government and sent to England as a display of the pomological resources of this province.

Joe Ross, proprietor of "Joe's Restaurant" in Alberni, was drowned a few days ago in Great Central lake, through the overturning of a Peterboro canoe.

John Watson, of Maple Bay, has just been called to his rest. The deceased was one of the men engaged in sinking the first coal mine shaft on Vancouver Island.

The Italian love of the knife in hasty quarrel was again exemplified at Madden's Camp 2, near Granite Creek, last Saturday, one Tony Dizmo wielding a stiletto with effect on Dominick Motia. The trouble arose over whether Motia should or should not smoke in the bunkhouse. Motia was almost disembowelled. His assailant was overpowered and turned over to the police; he is now under suspended sentence pending the outcome of Motia's injuries.

New Westminster's newspapermen tendered a farewell banquet to Mr. Sydney S. Dyke, the Rhodes scholar, on the eve of his departure for England. Hon. Dr. Young, Minister of Education, who had been among the invited guests, found it impossible to attend in person, but sent a letter which was received with acclaim. In part, the genial Minister said: "Mr. Dyke as a Canadian now goes into a cataleptic state for a few years, but I can hear the murmurs of the muttering delirium of Mr. Dyke while he is teaching the Oxford undergraduates the colloquialisms of the local press. Please express to Mr. Dyke my sincere congratulations as well as my admiration of the abilities shown by him, and which have won for him so signal an honor."

Fort Steele is to have a newspaper.

Michel now has a moving picture show.

Grand Forks citizens have organized a brass band.

Clearing the site for the C. P. R.'s new hotel at Balfour is under way.

The wagon road between Kaslo and Three Forks is under repair.

Barrooms in Kaslo now close at 11 o'clock every week night.

The Great Northern has appointed a station agent at Aldergrove.

In Fernie the Grand theatre is now running every Sunday night.

A company has been formed to provide Merritt with a first-class rink.

A $300,000 bridge is to be thrown across the Columbia river at Marble.

Kamloops city last week collected $1,000 in police court fines.

For operating a "blind pig" at Kamloops a Chinaman has been fined $307.

Vancouver is to have still another Chinese newspaper.

The Fraser valley will soon rival the Niagara peninsula in its abundance of economical electric power.

Chilliwack is preparing for a record-breaking fall fair with characteristic enthusiasm.

Many seams of good coal have this summer been uncovered in the Bulkley valley.

The collieries at Fernie and Michel are now producing 5,500 tons of coal daily.

Automobiles may now be driven up the Elk river road for 50 miles from Fernie.

It is predicted that the G. T. P. metals will reach Tete Jaune Cache within a year.

A company capitalized at $300,000 will exploit the beet sugar manufacturing industry at Mission.

The campers of White Rock are urging rigorous investigation of the recent fires in that locality.

New Westminster's Chinese Free Masons are preparing to build a fine new temple.

Fernie will have an extra attractive programme of sport in connection with its Labor day celebration.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was given an enthusiastic reception at Fernie yesterday.

Dr. Spencer has begun the agitation at Nelson for the application of the Scott Act.

A ledge of "glass rock" has been found near Coleman, and a plant for the manufacture of "glass brick" may be installed.

Still another fleet of prairie schooners passed through Merritt last week, en route from Idaho to a point near Quesnel.

Patrick McCann, aged sixteen, was accidentally electrocuted last week at the Barnet mill, to which he had carried his father's dinner.

Dr. Williams of Ladysmith, contemplates removing to Merritt, according to the newspaper press of the Interior town.

John Loftus, who received injuries by a rockfall in the Middlesborough mines on June 13th last, has just died of his injuries.

There is strong probability that car shops for the K. R. V. railway will be established at Merritt, and that that town will be made a divisional point.

Roy Coss, a highly esteemed young resident of Anarchist Mountain, was drowned last week in the Kettle river, just above Rock Creek.

The Indians of the Clearwater reservation are holding out for high terms for their lands required for K. V. R. right-of-way.

Rossland mining men are moving to secure the appointment of P. R. McDonald as inspector of mines, vice Inspector MacGregor, transferred to Vancouver.

A big bush fire is ranging in the vicinity of Walter Auld's ranch, Nanoose Bay district, it having allegedly originated from sparks thrown by a railway locomotive.

A joint committee of the Nanaimo Citizens' league and City council has accepted the Dominion Trust Co.'s proposals for the installation of a local and interurban tramway service.

Construction of the V. V. & E. between Abbotsford and Chilliwack is at a standstill, owing to the company being unable to make satisfactory arrangements for right-of-way.

George Castallion, who supplied the liquor indirectly responsible for the recent tragedy at Merritt, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment at hard labor.

Dr. Shaw, who for the past six years has carried on important botanical research work in the Selkirks was drowned last week through the upturning of his boat in a sudden squall on Kinbasket lake.

A pathetic case of death by ptomaine poisoning has been reported, by the coroner resident at Merritt, the victim being little Elsie Stephenson, the five-year-old daughter of Captain and Mrs. Stepenson, whose smaller sister also narrowly escaped death. Both children had eaten a number of the small white berries which grow so plentifully in all parts of British Columbia at this season. Convulsions followed, and the one child died in agony shortly after emerging from a long period of happy unconsciousness. The two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McMillan is also reported seriously ill at Merritt from a similar cause.

Over 2,000 claims are now recorded in the Stewart mining field.

Summerland has new fire fighting equipment.

A new high school is to be erected at Summerland.

The Bank of B. N. A. has opened for business at Quesnel.

The city of Phoenix now has a full fledged brass band.

Cranbrook has recently experienced an epidemic of small fires.

Two banks are now operating at Princeton.

New Michel has still another hostelry—the Hotel Venezia.

The July pay roll of the C. N. P. Co. totalled $193,856.

Ymir will celebrate Labor Day with great eclat.

Fernie has decided upon the installation of the Gamewell fire alarm system.

Work has begun at Fernie on the maccaroni factory of the Marinaro Brethers, of Pittsburg.

The police magistrate of Trail last week fined three men a total of $410 for fighting on the public streets.

An immediate start will be made at rebuilding the mine buildings at Phoenix recently destroyed by fire.

A branch of the Bank of Vancouver will be at once established at Fort George.

Point Grey has passed the bylaw giving the long desired franchise to the B. C. E. R. company.

It is expected that an assistant police magistrate for Vancouver will soon become imperatively necessary.

Port Mann has been connected with the services of the B. C. Telephone Co.

It is expected that the B. C. E. R. Co. extensions through Point Grey and D. L. 301 will be completed before the wet weather sets in.

Lady Sholto Douglas, well known in vaudeville circles here, is under arrest at Spokane, charged with disorderly conduct.

New Westminster's city council has returned to the old order of holding meetings without the assistance of Mr. Moses B. Cotsworth.

Three of the striking machinists, charged with intimidating, are to appear in the New Westminster police court today.

Vancouver's council has adopted a regulation prohibiting youths under 18 years of age from frequenting pool rooms.

A verdict of accidental death has been returned by the jury investigating the death of Nick Chine, who was killed by a work train of the C. P. R. on Friday last, near Cascade.

A plan to transform Coal Harbor and the shores west of Stanley Park into general recreation grounds is receiving consideration by Vancouver's park commissioners.

Burnaby municipality has decided to oil the Vancouver-New Westminster trunk road in connection with general improvement of that thoroughfare now in progress.

Fred. Nye, a deck hand on the Vancouver steamer Morning Star was crushed to death a day or so ago by the slipping of a boiler while it was being unloaded.

Upon the advice of Earl Grey, Lord Rindlys of Hindlys Hall, Worcester, has decided to build a summer home at Canal Flats, near Cranbrook.

It has been decided by the provincial government to raise the status of the Queen Charlotte school district, and a new school will be built as soon as the local board provides the necessary site.

Masset, Q. C. I., is suffering from a plague of wild cattle, which attack people at sight. They are regarded as more dangerous by far than any other denizens of the provincial wilds.

Chief Engineer Kennedy, of the G. N. R., after a trip over the projected Hope Mountain line, announces that a lower grade must be found. As yet the best gradient provided for by the surveyors is 2½ per cent.

The work of removing jams and other obstructions on the Yackoon river is proceeding rapidly, the workmen being now engaged in the demolition of the fifth and largest obstruction.

L. Dennis, a farm laborer, met with an accident last Thursday by falling from a hay wagon, but did not discover until he had completed his day's work that he had sustained a fractured rib.

An angry mother bear at White Salmon recently chased M. J. Von Vorst up a tree, after killing his two dogs. Von Vorst is a barrister, but he did not pause to argue the case any longer than was imperative.

At Grand Forks last Tuesday Engineer Fawsett suffered a painful accident as the result of a rear-end collision of two slag trains. In jumping Fawsett alighted on his hands in the molten slag, his hands being burned to the bone. Facial burns and body bruises were also sustained.

No trace has yet presented itself of Miss Esther Johnson of Annacis Island, who is believed to have committed suicide by throwing herself into the river, upon being discarded by her sweetheart, to join whom she had come out from Sweden. The current is believed to have carried the body out to sea.

Charles Land, while engaged in cutting wood for the steamboat company near Fort George last week, was instantly killed by the falling of a tree. The accident was due to a stern line on the steamer "Chilcoten" being let go by mistake, the bow line pulling out the tree to which it was attached and killing Land on the spot.

New Westminster's departing auditor, Mr. Moses B. Cotsworth, discussing the management of civic affairs in the Royal city, is quoted as saying: "If I wanted to be sensational, some of the parties involved would now be in jail." Mr. Cotsworth declares that he will be returning from England shortly.

The late strawberries in all their lusciousness have arrived at Mission.

New Westminster's board of trade has extended an invitation to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to visit the Royal city.

A large G. T. P. survey party has arrived at Fort George completing the final survey from Hazelton.

Construction of the Bear lake road is being pushed forward rapidly, twelve men being at present employed.

Michel is to have a new C. P. R. station and an improved railway service.

John Jones, conductor on one of the C. P. R. freights, was drowned last week in Mara lake, while bathing.

The "Salmon Arm Observer" now makes its appearance as an interesting weekly journal of eight pages.

Rumor has it that John Oliver, lately member for Delta in the provincial house, is to be appointed to the vacant place on the railway commission.

The initial number of the "Fort George Herald," of which J. B. Danielli is editor and proprietor, has made its appearance.

Hereafter no passengers are to be permitted to remain on the upper Fraser steamers while they are running the formidable canyons.

H. T. Gussow, Dominion Botanist, has been delivering a series of exceptionally interesting addresses in the Okanagan towns.

Westbank Farmers' Institute has discussed and strongly recommended government control of irrigation systems.

Charles McEarcheran has been arrested at Nelson on a seven months' old charge of obtaining $30 by means of a bogus cheque.

Freight rates from Quesnel to Barkerville were last spring advanced from 2 to 2½ cents, in consequence of which the people interested are voicing protests not loud but deep.

Many of the wells at Merritt have gone dry during the prolonged drought and the domestic water supply question has in consequence become a serious one.

Vernon's Board of Trade is installing a cabinet at the C. P. R.'s hotel at Sicamous, in which will be displayed the fruit wealth of the Okanagan.

Great Northern locomotives have recently been the cause of very considerable damage to standing timber in the locality of Rock Creek, chiefly between Myncaster and Bridesville.

Dr. Thompson, for some time medical superintendent of the Tranquille Sanitarium, has been succeeded (upon his resignation) by Dr. D. W. Davis of Montreal.

The "Chilcoten" has made her maiden trip from Soda Creek to Fort George, navigation of the heretofore dreaded Fort George canyon without apparent difficulty.

The various boards of trade of the lower Fraser are discussing consolidation in order to promote the settlement of unoccupied areas of the Fraser valley.

The Western Canadian Power Co., (Stave Lake) will have their system in operation by the close of 1911, after an estimated expenditure of five million dollars.

The service furnished by the Great Northern railway in Westminster district will again come into criticism and review at the meeting of the Railway Commissioners to be held at Vancouver on September 5th.

Fort George has now building a first-class surgery and sanitarium, with eight private rooms for patients, each and all especially designed and constructed with a view to comfort and hygienic requirements.

The new Upper Fraser steamer "Chilcoten" is repairing on the ways at Fort George, having been badly disabled on the return half of her maiden voyage. It is feared that she will be unable to resume service for a month.

During a brief visit to Walhachin a few days ago Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked many pertinent questions as to the soil and prospects of the district. He was also pleased to accept a handsome album containing many views of the townsite and the fruit farms.

William Moody, a lad of twelve, was recently arrested by a federal government agent at Nelson, charged with robbing H. M.'s mails. The boy confessed and took the officer to a cave wherein he had concealed a bundle of letters, $3,002 in money, and a number of bank drafts.

Rev. Fr. Beck was chawed by an infuriated bull last week in the pasture of the St. Eugene mission, but (as he himself explains) "by the grace of God and with the assistance of a pitchfork managed to stand off the infuriated animal."

An important seizure of smuggled opium has been made by the customs officers at Rossland. Hundreds of pounds of Chinese tobacco and a quantity of smuggled Chinese whisky were also included in the spoil of the authorities.

Vancouver's finance committee has served what is practically an ultimatum upon the B. C. telephone company, insisting that they instal automatic phones or prepare for a competing company being admitted to their field.

By practically unanimous vote the people of Penticton have ratified the agreement between the municipality and the K. R. V. railway. As a result construction work in the Penticton district will begin this autumn.

Louis Saddleman has been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment by Magistrate Murray and Matthews of Merritt, for having shot an Indian boy through the arm. He claimed that his rifle was accidentally discharged.

Steamer Chilco has returned to Fort George from a trip up the Nechaco as far as Miller's Landing. The passengers speak most enthusiastically of the country traversed by the Nechaco and the fertility of its soil. It is regarded as a pre-eminently field for settlement.

Lieutenant Governor Paterson, in addressing the Canadian Club at Vancouver on Friday last, advocated that every public official, whether federal provincial or municipal should possess some slight knowledge of first aid to the injured.

The provincial police authorities in the Crow's Nest camp have during the past fortnight served notices upon all license holders containing a list of upwards of fifty names of well known residents who in other respects are estimable and hard-working citizens but who are unfortunately addicted to the practice of going upon "pay day sprees." Taking advantage of the extreme powers conveyed by the new license act, the authorities have determined that it is for the advantage of these men that they be denied liquor, and dealers have been notified accordingly Incidentally the District Ledger, published at Fernie, directs public attention to a feature of the new act which has not heretofore obtained public comment, this being that not only licensees but "any person" who sells or gives liquor to an interdict is liable to an offence and to the full penalties provided under the new law. Th e reminder is very much in oredr, for doubtless but for it some friend of one or other of the persons debarred from indulging the appetite for liquor would quite innocently have obtained refreshments from the bottle of a friend. The incident is illustrative of the extremely far reaching character of the new provincial law, and of the determination of the provincial authorities to apply it for the adequate regulation of the trade and the advantage of the community.

The Fire Fighters

In the brave battle with forest fires that has been waged for the last ten days on the other side of the frontier many a warrior must have earned the highest honor that man can bestow upon his fellow. The men who went into the fight faced an enemy that gave no quarter. The hero of many a forlorn hope made his last stand where no man noted his struggle and his story can never be told. From the straggling survivors of large parties accounts will be gradually gathered and stories of peril, endurance, suffering, death and narrow escapes will be told by graphic writers, or in the more effective words of those who were there. But enough is known to show that there were charges as desperate as that of the Light Brigade, slaughters more agonizing than that of the Black Hole, struggles brave and fatal as Thermopylae. Doubtless the men who were gathered up for this work included many who perished because they did not know their danger. But among the victims were experienced leaders, who are dead because they stood at their posts too long, and who took the risk with full consciousness of their danger. Men who fall in battle are cherished in the memory of the countries they die to save. But the fight to preserve for a country the forest inheritance, which is one of its great possessions, and whose loss is a national calamity, should not be forgotten. Whatever may have been the personal motive of the victim he has been a benefactor in so far as he has succeeded in arresting the progress of the flames, and when he has perished he has died in a cause worthy of great sacrifice. The Carnegie medal for heroism must have been fairly won by many of the fire fighters of the northwestern states in the last few days.—News Advertiser.

The Methodist Conference

The proceedings at the Methodist General Conference, at present in session at Victoria, are, for the most part worthy of a great religious denomination. But no church can live upon traditions alone; in fact, the wide and breadth of the influence which it exerts on the thought and conduct of any age depends, to a greater extent, probably, than is always realized within the age on the measure to which it responds to the moral, spiritual, and intellectual needs, tendencies and, even, impulses of the day. Nor is this statement to be interpreted as a plea for mere time service. Absolute truth is eternal, but not every age perceives the same aspects of truth. In these days, for example, the heresy hunt is not popular. In all branches of the Christian church, the conviction is very prevalent that re-statements of beliefs are as much to be desired as unquestioning adherence to long established dogmas. Approval of the action taken by the conference in abrogating the "foot note" which specified practices and amusements which were to be regarded as forbidden, will we think, be cordial and general. It is impossible to frame any such note so as to include all practices which may be regarded as evil. Nor can the action of the conference in this particular be fairly regarded as an indication of the lowering of standards or the loosening of rules of conduct. It is apparent, alike at the most careles glance and on the most searching scrutiny, that there is a call to the highest Christian life in the statement prepared by Dr. Andrews, professor of chemistry in Mt. Allison college, and which now takes the place of the "foot note." "For as much as these rules are to be interpreted by the enlightened Christian conscience, according to the principles of Christian liberty, revealed in God's word, our members are earnestly admonished that they guard with great care their reputation as servants of Christ, and in the case of those amusements and practices which are of a hurtful and questionable tendency they engage in none injurious to their spiritual life or incompatible with their allegiance to Jesus Christ, their Master."—Vancouver World.

FISHING STEAMER NEW ENGLAND ASHORE

Stranded in Narrows at Vancouver During Fog Yesterday Morning—Tartar Also Strikes Bottom

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 1.—The halibut steamer New England, which returned from Seattle on Tuesday night after undergoing her annual overhaul and survey, stranded in the narrows this morning while proceeding to sea. She left the New England Fish Co's dock at 4 o'clock this morning and at that time the fog was very thick. Going through the Narrow she stranded on the sand on the north side of the Narrows close to the western dolphin. Anchors were let go and the steamer settled easily on good bottom. She will float at high water at 4 o'clock this afternoon and proceed to the fishing grounds as she has sustained no damage.

The Kingfisher is in port today with 45,000 lbs. of halibut, the smallest catch that has been landed for some time. A scarcity of fish prevails in northern waters at present.

In addition to the New England, the steamer Tartar, of the Sechelt Steamship Company, went ashore in the Narrows while inward bound this morning. A telephone call for assistance resulted in the Etta White going to her aid and the Tartar was pulled off without much trouble, arriving at 11 o'clock.

For Sound Run

SEATTLE, Sept. 1.—Two new steamships, the Orteric and the Lucerie, now being built on the River Clyde for the Bank Steamship Line, will make their appearance on the Sound shortly after Christmas, according to a statement by Frank Waterhouse, head of Frank Waterhouse & Co.

RETURN TO WORK

Agreement Entered Into Between Coal Operators and Wyoming Miners

DENVER, Col., Sept. 1.—Under an agreement entered into today between representatives of the coal operators and the miners of Southern Wyoming, several thousand men who have been on strike for a number of months will return to work pending ratification of the agreement by a joint convention to be held in Cheyenne on Sept. 9.

The conference was held in this city and resulted in a compromise which miners representatives say is in effect a raise in wages.

STRUCK NATIVE SILVER STREAK

Big Find Reported in Mine of Stewart Mining & Development Company—The Tyee Company to Smelter Ore

A rich find has been made in the mines of the Stewart Mining & Development Company in the Stewart district at the head of Portland Canal. A streak of native silver has been found in No. 3 ledge. R. M. Stewart, manager of the mine, has arrived in the city, and yesterday he received a telegram from Stewart by way of Prince Rupert, which said:

"Struck streak native silver in No. 3; looks good."

The Stewart Mining & Development Company is one of the richest properties in the Portland Canal district, and mining men who have looked over the property have been enthusiastic regarding it.

The Tyee Copper Company is stated on good authority to have made an offer to the Stewart Company to make a special low freight, including freight and treat, to smelt the ore of the Stewart Mining & Development Company's mine as soon as the company is ready to ship. Mr. Adams, engineer of the Tyee Copper Company, is now on the ground at the mine making an examination of the property and taking a preliminary sampling of the ore for a thorough working test at the Ladysmith smelter. He will ascertain the smelting qualities of the ore, and determine the proportion of fluxes required.

A meeting of the directors of the Stewart M. & D. Co. is being held to discuss the proposed arrangement between the mining and smelter companies.

PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION

Many Companies Seek Authority to Do Business in British Columbia—New Incorporations

There appears to be no cessation in the stream of Extra-Provincial companies which by applying fir licenses to transact business in British Columbia express their compliance and agreement with the new Companies Act in the province.

During the just past week the following firms and corporations have been duly licensed and registered: Bovril, Limited; Brantoford Carriage Co., Ltd.; Caisse Hypothecaire Anversoise; Ideal Bedding Co., Ltd.; Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd.; Laing Packing & Provision Co., Ltd.; Lang Tanning Co., Ltd.; Philip Morris & Co., Ltd.; Standard Woolen Mills Co., Ltd.; W. J. Gage & Co., Ltd.; Dominion Sawmills & Lumber Co., Ltd.; F. T. Crowe & Co., Ltd.; and the National Cash Register Co.

Of the newly incorporated British Columbia companies may be named the Alberta-Kootenay Investment Co., Ltd.; B.C. Anthracite Coal Co., Ltd.; Bridges Lumber Co., Ltd.; Canadian Arctic Whaling Co., Ltd.; Canadian-Mexican Tin Concession, Ltd.; Chase Fire Association, Ltd.; Copper Cliff Mines, Ltd.; Electric Railways Construction Co., Ltd.; Graham Island Anthracite Coal & Coke Co., Ltd.; International Financiers, Limited; Kalamalka Hotel Co., Ltd.; Lakeview Irrigation Co., Ltd.; Lillooet Lands, Limited; Maritime Trust & Investment Co., Ltd.; Notch Hill Builders Supply Co., Ltd.; Sharpe & Irvine Co., Ltd.; Underwood Hotel Co., Ltd.; Vancouver Island Collieries, Ltd.; Vancouver Sewer Pipe & Refractories Co., Ltd.; and 20th Century Shoe Repairing Co., Ltd.

Child Born to Poisoner.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 1.—A boy was born to Dr. and Mrs. B. Clark Hyde today, but it died in about four hours. Guarded by six armed deputies Hyde was taken from his cell in the county jail to his home after the child had been born. He was present when it died. "Well, it's all over, I suppose I might as well go back to jail," he said. Mrs. Hyde's condition is serious. If she does not show improvement an effort will be made to influence Judge Latshaw to permit another visit.

A winter of unusual severity is predicted by old-timers of the Interior.

LABOR SHORTAGE CAUSES DELAY

President of Grand Trunk Pacific Not Satisfied With the Progress Made Upon Road—Conditions Good

VANCOUVER, Sept. 1.—"No, candidly, I am not satisied with the progress being made on the British Columbia section of the G.T.P. When I visited Prince Rupert a year ago, the contractors told me that on my next visit I would be able to travel to Kitselas Canyon by rail. Upon by present visit, however, I found that the road was only built to about fifty miles from the canyon. The trouble is that the contractors cannot get enough laborers."

This was the statement made by Mr. Chas. M. Hays, president of the G.T.P., when interviewed on the arrival of the Prince George here. He was accompanied by Mr. Alfred Smithers, chairman of the board of directors, and other officials. After their visit to Seattle and the provincial capital they will return here on Sunday or Monday, where Mr. Hays' private car awaits them, which will then go east over the C.P.R.

"Would you approve of the employment of Asiatics on the road?" Mr. Hays was asked.

"That question rests with the people of British Columbia. The people of this province know whether they want Asiatics employed on railroad construction or not," was his non-committal reply.

Questioned as to whether conditions in the construction camps were such as to appeal to white labor, Mr. Hays replied: "They are paid thirty cents an hour for a ten hour day, and on the cold storage plant being erected there, I understand the rate of pay is thirty-five cents an hour, and all contractors provide excellent food and shelter."

Mr. Smithers, although agreeably surprised at the strides made at Prince Rupert, shared Mr. Hays' opinion.

METHODS AT GOLDEN GATE ARE CRITICIZED

Shipping Paper Tells of Protest Concerning Manner in Which Tonnage Dues Are Increased at 'Frisco

The methods adopted by the U. S. Customs authorities in the matter of collecting tonnage dues from foreign vessels are causing a good deal of comment and have likewise drawn forth many protests on the part of owners and charterers who find the register tonnage of their vessels sensibly increased by the American system of measurement.

Matters are bad enough at all Atlantic ports, but they are worse on the Pacific coast than anywhere else and hardly a foreign ship ever comes to San Francisco without having to pay dues on several hundred tons of cargo space above that shown on the certificate of registry. This had occurred more particularly where cargo has been carried in spaces exempted from the net register tonnage or on deck. In the United Kingdom and almost all European countries, when deck cargo is carried, the measurement of such deck cargo is taken and the figures added to the net register for tonnage dues, whereas in the United States the whole of the deck space or exempted space is measured when any cargo has been carried therein and the total added to the register for the purpose of calculating the tonnage dues. It has been pointed out that in so far as American vessels are treated precisely in the same way as foreign vessels there cannot possibly be any question raised with the United States government. It is, however, difficult for an owner to accept this view when if he has, say, 20 tons of cargo in an exempted shelter-deck space measuring in all perhaps 200 tons, he has to pay tonnage dues, not on the 20 tons of cargo carried, but on the whole 200 tons of shelter-deck space. Possibly, too, the officer will take upon himself to remeasure the whole ship, and arrive at a different net register basis—always in excess of the foreign certificate—upon which the ship has to pay dues. It was reported some time ago that diplomatic representations would be made to Washington on this score, but the movement appears to have met with little encouragement. This is a question, however, in which many American charterers are interested and perhaps a solution might be arrived at by having the boards of trade or chambers of commerce at the various U. S. ports take up the matter directly with the authorities at Washington.

Negro Defeats English Boxer

PARIS, Sept. 1.—Battling Jim Johnson, negro heavyweight pugilist, of Galveston, Texas, tonight knocked out Jim Maher, an Englishman, in the third round of a glove contest.

Expels All Castros.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—The entire Castro family, apparently has been ousted from Venezuela. A despatch to the State Department from the legation at Caracas states that forty-six relatives of former President Castro have been expelled from Venezuela and have sailed for Porto Rico.

Late in 1908, President Castro left Venezuela for Europe. When he tried to return he was not allowed to land in Venezuela and has been kept out of that country ever since.

What was the occasion for the latest outburst against the Castro family was not explained in the brief despatch to the department.

The contract for the erection of the new North Star School at North Vancouver was yesterday awarded by Hon. Dr. Young, Acting-Minister of Public Works, to Mr. F. P. Rogers.