

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

BURGOYNE BAY.
Burgoyne Bay, Aug. 8.—At the recent teachers' examination held in Victoria two pupils of the Burgoyne Bay school were successful in passing, viz., Miss Lizzie Wilson and Miss Annie Furness, while another old pupil, Miss K. Furness, who two years ago took first place in Third A. succeeded this year in taking the high position of fourth place in second class A. Altogether four pupils have been successful from this rural school in four years, Miss Nellie Wilson having passed in Second B last year.

PORT HAMMOND.
Port Hammond, Aug. 7.—The regular meeting of Loyal Fraser Valley Lodge, No. 91, C.O.P., was held in the Odd-fellows' hall here on Saturday last. The Provincial Grand Master, James Tagg, of Victoria, present on an official visit, was asked to take the chair by O. N. Hamerton, N. G. There was a large and enthusiastic meeting, the hall being literally crowded with the brethren. Matters of great importance to the order were discussed and the degree work thoroughly explained. A most enjoyable time was spent by all present. Mr. Tagg addressed the meeting at considerable length and was loudly applauded on resuming his seat. Mr. Tagg is on an official tour through the district and will visit Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Otter and Stevenson during his stay at Port Hammond. Mr. Tagg was hospitably entertained by S. McTavish, sr., and Mrs. McTavish. A delegation consisting of S. D. McTavish, V. G., and D. N. McTavish accompanied the C.E.M. to Chilliwack from Loyal Fraser Valley, No. 91.

VERNON.
Vernon News.
The total number of claims recorded, up to date at Camp Hewitt is 51. The number of pre-emptions recorded at the government office during the month of July was 32.

The B. C. Cattle Co. continue to make large drives of beef stock into the Kootenay country. Last week a drove of 250 head was started for Rossland. Mr. H. Upple, of Enderby, had a field of some 18 acres of the finest wheat in the valley, which he was compelled to cut for hay, as the roads were too muddy to admit of taking in a binder or threshing machine.

Mr. George McCalla, of White Valley, has one of the best crops of wheat in this part of the country. He expects to harvest two tons for every 100 pounds of seed, and from 1,700 pounds will be confident that he will obtain 35 tons of first-class wheat.

Mr. J. H. Christie came in this week and exhibited some remarkable specimens of gold-bearing quartz, but resists all interrogations as to the place whence he procured it, stating that for the present he wishes to keep "mum" until he has the ledge more definitely located. He also thinks he is on the track of a cinabar discovery.

Development work is being done on some of the claims in Camp Hewitt, and the proprietors of the Lake View are now down some feet on the ledge, which has widened out as it goes down. There are still a number of prospectors at work in the hills and new locations are being made every day. It is reported that Mr. William Hutchinson, of Enderby, has received an assaying report on some rock which he sent to be tested goes over \$400 to the ton in gold. Others have not been so fortunate and have received returns of a less promising nature, but all interested appear to have unbounded faith in the richness of the new mines.

Last week we called attention to the fact that counterfeit 50-cent pieces had been shovelled off on a number of city merchants. Since then we find that the amount of fraudulent coin thus put in circulation is much larger than we at first supposed. Hardly a fill in the city on being examined but was found to contain a number of these spurious pieces, and it is estimated that some \$100,000 in counterfeit has been made to "shore the queer" in this city. The coin are of the issue of 1892, and are fairly well done, though none of them will stand a close inspection. So far as we know there is no positive clue as to the guilty parties, though suspicion has fallen upon one or two.

Had it not been for the thoroughly organized fire brigade of Vernon the city would have met with a most disastrous fire this morning. It broke out at Knight's stable, which is connected with Megaw's agricultural implement store, and both were entirely burned down, together with Porter Watson's barber shop and Harry Knight's butcher shop. The night watchman gave a prompt alarm and in a few minutes a large crowd congregated, and the fire engine had the blaze soon under control. Porter Watson's total loss is \$1,500; H. Knight, \$1,500; no insurance; W. R. Megaw, \$3,000, fully insured.

KAMLOOPS.
Inland Sentinel.
Fifteen cars of cattle for England left Ashcroft at noon to-day. They are shipped by Birchall & Howie, of Manitoba.

Douglas Lake Cattle Company shipped five cars of cattle, and J. E. Hall & Co. one car, to the coast on Tuesday. The clouds of grasshoppers so prevalent a week ago have nearly all disappeared and danger of loss through them is almost passed away.

Mr. J. H. Russell on Wednesday brought in a quantity of gold, got out of his claim on Tranquille creek. He has three men sluicing.

Work still goes on on the Mountain Whale, Adams Lake district, with a fine showing of ore. All the assessment work will be done this season, so that a crown grant may be taken out.

Returns from tests made by the cyanide process upon ore from the Home-stake mine have been received by the company. These have been very satisfactory, from 75 to 91 per cent. of the assay value of the ore being saved. A party of the owners will visit the property shortly with a view to putting in the required plant as soon as possible.

Mr. J. B. Latreuil and others returned early in the week from a search for gold bearing ground about 20 miles south of Tranquille creek. They came upon some which had not been worked, but near which good prospects are being developed. He has obtained a lease of the benches and will have it thoroughly prospected.

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AT COST! STRAW HATS BOATING & TENNIS SUITS B. Williams & Co., 97 Johnson St.

On Wednesday morning for Tete Jaune Cache, there were eight men and 24 horses in all. A ton and a half of provisions were sent up last Saturday to Louis Creek and the horses will be packed. The trip is expected to take about a month. A quantity of mica will be brought down and other work done. During the past year there have been several inquiries about the property.

NEW WESTMINSTER.
The Chilliwack Valley Fruit Growing and Shipping Association are sending out consignments of fruit, grown in the district, to Vancouver, Donald and Colvins of the Gladys landed a number of boxes of apples and plums at Port Hammond for shipment per C.P.R. to the two eastern points named above, and also brought down fruit of both kinds for Vancouver buyers, to whom it was taken by the W. & V. tramway. In addition to the above the C. V. F. G. & S. Association also shipped from Westminster for Calgary 100 boxes of plums.

Much damage has threatened and widely extended damage been done by the bush fire which for days has been and is still fiercely burning just across the Fraser in the Surrey municipality. Yesterday the W. & V. Tramway Co. stopped its bus service to Port Hammond to prevent it from getting out of control. The bush fire started in close proximity, and which was only prevented from doing serious damage to the premises and plant by the exertions of the men detailed to check its progress. The same fire caused Messrs. Gilley Bros. much anxiety and involved them in expense in finding men to assist in extinguishing it, or prevent it from reaching their skid road and timber limits. Campers and picnickers are the cause of most of the fires.

MIDWAY.
Midway Advance.
Mr. George Beardsley has made a strike which he considers to be "away up." The location is some distance from any existing camp but the location he believes his claim will form the nucleus of a greater than Greenwood.

The largest number of claims recorded in one day was on Wednesday last, seventeen being the number. A car of ore was shipped last week to Penitence bound for the Tacoma smelter. The consignors were Mr. Elliott and Messrs. Guess & White, of Fairview.

A sample car of ore will be sent to Tacoma shortly, which is now being mined at the Buckhorn, Fairview, by the lessee, Mr. J. McDougall.

The Strathroy Company, Fairview, have decided to sink a shaft on their south vein on the Brown Bear claim, work to commence immediately. Upon this vein some very good ore was discovered just prior to the closing of the works last summer.

The Boundary Creek Mining Company commenced work on the Last Chance last week. Twelve men are employed on three shifts of eight hours. Development, therefore, should be rapid. The company has certainly, since its incorporation, not lost much time, and on this point is to be congratulated.

This season's work on the Knob Hill, Greenwood Camp, was completed last Saturday, and the showing at the bottom of the shaft is most promising. Says were made by Mr. Gibbs, of Boundary Falls, whose returns we have not as yet obtained. We are assured, however, that in gold and copper the ore runs high.

Mr. McIntosh, the fortunate owner of the Winnipeg, Wellington Camp, has already sunk a shaft twenty-five feet deep on the property. He studiously maintains his intention of making the Winnipeg mine himself, unless he can obtain the price he asks. It is interestingly moderate in fact, when the extraordinary rich promise of the claim is considered.

On the North Fork of Kettle river a number of good ranches might yet be pre-empted. C. De B. Green, C.E., in his report of an exploratory survey made up the river last year, estimated that there were 25,000 acres of land available for settlement. The fact that a wagon-road is being built up the river, as also that a large number of mineral locations are being made in that vicinity, should attract settlers.

Fifteen acres of fine wheat as grown in any country is being harvested at Mr. Spraggett's ranch in the Granite Kettle River. This is the result of sowing Saskatchewan Fife in the fall, which was seeded 60 pounds to the acre. As an object lesson, we should say the result shows what can be done by light seeding and thorough cultivation.

On Tuesday Mr. Castellan left for the Similkameen, to meet his son and daughter, who are driving a band of cattle into that country from Chilliwack. Miss Castellan's pluck is much to be admired; there are indeed few young ladies who would undertake to ride over two hundred miles following cattle on a rough trail. The party arrived in Midway on Friday night.

Another rich strike had been made on the Smuggler, Fairview. For some time past a tunnel has been run on the vein from which ore was being taken for shipment. About a week ago, however, it was decided to sink the shaft somewhat deeper, and as a result of a few days' work the vein widened out to 4 feet, the quartz changed somewhat its character, and what was formerly a good shipping ore assaying \$100 to the ton when sorted is now so much richer that free gold is often visible in the rock, and if it continues as good as it is at present Mr. T. Elliott, the owner, will be lucky indeed.

Under the supervision of Mr. Smith, three shifts of men were set to work Monday last, and the work will be vigorously prosecuted. Mining camps and mineral claims have in nearly all cases a history of romance attached to them, and the history of the Smuggler would show that her first locators disposed of their claim, not first locators could not see enough ore in sight, but because on the surface it was low grade (\$8 a ton), and they considered it worthless and sold out for \$300. The large nuggets had at one time been procured. He has obtained a lease of the benches and will have it thoroughly prospected.

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mine. Meanwhile it will be interesting to watch the progress of development.

PORT HAMMOND.
From Our Own Correspondent.
Port Hammond, Aug. 10.—The weather still keeps very hot and dry and the farmers are wishing for a shower. Mr. Peter D. McTavish, who so creditably passed the teachers' examination, has been appointed teacher at the South Lillooet school. This is the right man in the right place.

Mr. James Tagg, Provincial Grand Master of the Canadian Order of Odd-fellows, passed through here to-day on his way to Victoria, after having held the Mainland lodges. An immense meeting was held at Chilliwack on Tuesday evening, at which Bro. Tagg was present. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed. After the close of the meeting an entertainment was made to the Queen's Hotel, where a banquet was held. Bro. S. D. McTavish, V.G., and Bro. D. N. McTavish formed a delegation from Loyal Fraser Valley Lodge, and accompanied the Provincial Grand Master to Chilliwack.

BELLA COOLA.
From Our Own Correspondent.
Bella Coola, July 20.—On July 20 cattle from the interior visited Bella Coola. He was from the vicinity of Tatlo lake. He offers to sell cattle at a very reasonable price, and deliver them to the settlers in Bella Coola, which is a great encouragement to the settlers, who will be saved the risk and expense of having the cattle shipped by steamer in here. He reports his country to be very nice and well adapted for cattle raising. He also informs us that his encouragement of the scheme is to make to connect the Bella Coola valley with that country. Four or five hundred dollars would be quite sufficient. A connection between these places will certainly be an encouragement to the cattle of Bella Coola. It is desirable that efforts in that direction should be made in the near future.

The weather is very nice. The health of the settlers is good. Mr. P. J. Leitch has been rather unwell, but is now quite strong again.

WELLINGTON.
Wellington Enterprise.
Mr. F. G. Hinton, of Victoria, gave us a call this week. He is here in the interests of some Victoria gentlemen, amongst whom is Mr. H. Croft, who propose to operate a system of water works here, provided they meet with any encouragement. The scheme is as follows, viz.: To pipe the water from a lake in Mount Benson, a distance of about five miles, using a 12-inch main of the best steel. The fall is about 300 feet, which will give a water pressure of 100 pounds to the square foot. The population of this vicinity at 2,500, the mains will be able to supply 70 gallons per day per capita at the rate of 25¢ per 1,000 gallons. The proposed capital is to be \$40,000, to be divided into 40,000 shares at \$20 per share, paid up. There is already 50 per cent. of the stock subscribed in Victoria. As soon as the rest of the stock is taken up, the company will begin work, and the water will be supplied from this lake has already been obtained from the Messrs. Dunsuir. The cost of the operation of the works is estimated to be \$100,000, and consequently ought to return a very handsome profit to the investor.

COXOX.
Union News.
Mr. S. Leiser has arranged to erect a store building and boarding house at the foot of the mountain, near the Union Bay. The building will be two stories, the boarding house of sufficient capacity to accommodate about 80 boarders. The order for lumber is already on hand, and work will commence immediately. The mill and work will be completed in about two months. When completed Mr. A. Lindsay will have charge of them.

In this district the crops will be large except upon the uplands, where the drought has affected them.

NANAIMO.
From Our Own Correspondent.
Nanaimo, Aug. 12.—The annual meeting of the medical committee of the employees of the N. V. C. & P. R. took place Friday afternoon. The committee in the report showed there had been 42 accidents during the year, three of which proved fatal. The medical officer in his report showed there had been 6,156 patients visited, and 5,979 came to the office, making a total of cases for the year of 11,285. The death rate was 6.5 per thousand.

Balance sheet for the year ending May 31st, 1895.

Table with financial data: To balance forward \$508 10, Income \$15,302 50, By amount transferred to Art-zen's fund \$457 78, etc.

EXPENDITURE.
Salary to doctor (including contribution of Chinese) \$8,948 98, Contributions from Northfield \$204 50, Salary of Northfield doctor (Dr. Bell-Campbell) and levies \$1,008 50, Accident allowances \$1,589 05, Special grants—Ant. Gen. \$500 00, W. Quail (funeral) \$2 00, J. W. Davison \$100 00, B. Belloni \$500 00, Burial plots for Quail and Hopkins \$22 00, 1,004 00, By balance in hand \$13,354 11, 1,908 71, \$15,262 82.

On motion of N. McCuish, the financial statement was adopted.

ting committee, and the meeting adjourned. Comox is to have an agricultural and horticultural show this year. The event is to take place on October 3rd, and a large excursion is being arranged from this city on that date.

It has been proposed by the officers of H.M.S. Nymph to give a minstrel concert in this city on the return of the warship. Among the crew are a few very clever minstrels, and no doubt the event will prove very enjoyable. Further particulars will be made known later.

The New V. C. Co. paid out to their employees on Saturday a little over \$75,000.

ROSSLAND.
(Rossland Miner).
The price given for the Spotted Tail and Ida was \$3900 cash.

Mike Gowat gets some nice ore on the Alabama, a fraction which adjoins the Sunset.

The shaft on the Evening Star, which lies between the Iron Horse and the Star, is reported to be full of ore, which samples led to the ton.

Building operations are as active as ever in Rossland, and the saw mills have the greatest difficulty in keeping pace with the demands for lumber.

There was exposure made in the demoralized this week. The shipments have been as large as usual, but at the hour of publication the returns were not to hand. The total shipments for July may be put down at 3000 tons, of a value of \$140,000.

J. Smith, who owned the ferry at Northport, fell into the Columbia river on Thursday and was drowned. He bought the ferry and had operated it since 1892. It was a losing concern, and the mines began to ship over the wagon road, but since then it has been valuable.

Ben Finnell and partners and some other prospectors, who are interested on the headwaters of Murphy and Sullivan creeks, are about to cut a trail straight through from Rossland north. Ben's group of claims are looking fine.

The last assay on the ore gave a return of 12.2 per cent. in gold to the ton. It is about 21 miles from discoveries round by Trail, whereas by going from Rossland the distance cannot be much over nine miles.

Mike Flaherty's Gold Star, situated three miles north of the White Elephant, is a claim that has been overlooked in the general stampede to the south belt during the past month. An open cut runs in on the ledge for about 15 feet and shows a face of nearly solid ore, where he is located at present, has a future that will equal the best of them and that it is the nucleus of a very large camp. To a Post-Intelligencer reporter Mr. Clark said: "The camp is yielding 150 tons of quartz a day, and the ore is of a class that is very satisfactory, giving from \$45 to \$50 of gold to the ton. There are some solid pyrites of iron and copper, with a little silver. The tariff on lead ore is to our advantage at the present location, in British Columbia, where the tariff is 10¢ per ton. There is sure to be a smelter in the vicinity of Rossland within a year, as the conditions at present would justify such an enterprise. The ore is now shipped to Helena and Tacoma, which makes it quite expensive. It is several miles by stage from Rossland to the Trail Creek landing."

Rossland has 3,000 people. They have all come there within a year and the place has every indication of permanency. The miners get the best wages and times are good; the people are very peaceable and are there for business."

Mr. Clark ranks next to Marcus Daly as a successful mining manager. He was for eleven years prominent in Butte mining-circles, and for the past eight years has been manager of the Poor Man mine in Coeur d'Alene. He is a large shareholder and the manager of the War Eagle mine at Trail Creek.

For one of his years, nearly 45, he appears remarkably young and is a typical miner in appearance and manner. The western miner who does not know Patsy Clark, either by name or reputation, is hard to find.

BRIEF LOCALS.
Meetings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.
From Friday's Daily.

Joseph Mayers and Miss Maggie Taylor were married last evening by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

The Post family, who have been missing from their home on the Snohomish river for five months, are said to be living on an island in British Columbia.

Last evening's Gazette contains the notices of the appointment of P. S. Lappman as secretary, sub-treasurer and librarian of the Law Society, and of T. J. Lendrum as a justice of the peace for the South Riding of West Kootenay.

Notice is given in the Gazette that the Lieut.-Governor in Council has been pleased to adopt the "British Columbia Log Scale" for the measurement of saw logs and timber in this province. A book of tables has been computed and copies can be obtained from the provincial timber inspector at Vancouver, upon payment of \$2.50 each.

R. E. Jackson and B. W. Pearce had a personal encounter on Government street this morning, and there may be a hearing in the court going out of it. It appears from the stories told by those who were interested spectators of the affair that Mr. Jackson was the aggressor as far as the actual encounter itself was concerned. He and Mr. Pearce were walking along the street together, when those close to the two were attracted by the sound of a slap with loud talking, and looked to see Mr. Pearce with cane uplifted. Mr. Jackson dropped his stick and seized that of his opponent. A short scuffle followed and the two parted. A number saw the affair and it created considerable stir on the street.

The certificates of registration of the British American Mining Co., of Butte, Montana, with a capital of \$500,000; the Cariboo Reefs Development Company, of England, with a capital of £20,000; the Lookout Mining and Mill-

ing Company, of Spokane, with a capital of \$250,000, and of Vancouver, B.C., are published in yesterday's Gazette. The objects for which the Cariboo Reefs Company is formed are various. According to the certificate they wish to engage in the business of miners, builders, engineers, contractors, carriers, shippers, farmers, merchants, insurers, bankers, and traders in and manufacturing and producers of all kinds of merchandise and goods, and any other business, directly or indirectly connected with, capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with, any of the business or objects above mentioned; to erect, construct, or acquire by purchase, hire, or otherwise, and improve, maintain, use, and work any roads, ways, bridges, canals, railways, tramways, quays, wharves, waterworks, irrigation works, furnaces, mills, slings, steamers, barges, machinery, locomotives, plant, warehouses, buildings, and work to contribute to, subsidize, or take part in any constructions, works, or operations.

From Saturday's Daily.
Hall, Ross & Co., of the flour and rice, and dissolved partnership on the 1st instant. T. B. Hall continues under the same style.

The funeral of the late John H. Mullen was held on Monday morning, took place at 10 o'clock from Hayward's undertaking parlors.

On the trip of the steamship Mollera from Victoria to Honolulu, the members of the teachers' party presented Captain Stott with an address, commending their appreciation of the many courtesies extended to them during the voyage.

There are already thirty names on the list of charter members of the new Orange Lodge which is to be shortly instituted in this city. The new lodge is to be known as Capital Lodge. A hall has been secured in the Duck building and is being fitted up.

The contest between Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Macleure as to the possession of their two children will in all probability be continued in the courts. Mr. Macleure now has the custody of the children, and he took them this morning from his wife. Some weeks ago she took the children from a C. P. R. train near Yale and brought them to Victoria, afterwards going to Port Townsend, where she remained until yesterday morning, when she returned to Victoria. Mr. Macleure has been over the Sound looking for his wife and children. He returned this morning and served writs issued by the courts, thereby obtaining the children.

From Monday's Daily.
A big grass fire was raging yesterday on the Oak Bay road in the vicinity of the Golf club course.

The Union Steamship Company's steamer Capilano left yesterday for Comox for a load of coal for the Behring-Sea district. She will be commanded on her northern trip by Capt. H. E. Foot.

The schooner Lizzie Colby, M. McPhee master, arrived at Anacortes last week, 17 days from Behring Sea. She left Anacortes April 20 for the cod banks, and brings back a full catch of 112,000 fish, or about 500,000 pounds. This was the Colby's fourth voyage to Behring-Sea since January 1.

Charles W. Jenkinson, assistant provincial assessor, and Miss Eleanor Deane Richardson, of Olympia, were united in marriage at Seattle on Saturday evening. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Rev. John F. Damon, the officiating clergyman. A couple left for Victoria at once, arriving yesterday morning, and are receiving the congratulations of their friends.

Prof. Prince, the fisheries commissioner, who has been spending some time studying the habits of the salmon and the manner of catching them on the northern rivers, has gone over to the Fraser river with the same object in view. He will endeavor to frame regulations suitable to various fishery grounds. After the close of the Fraser river season he will come to Victoria to confer with the cannery owners, most of whom reside here.

Last week Rev. Dr. Campbell preached in the school house at Colwood to a large congregation. After the service a conference regarding the building of a church took place. Mr. Perce generously offered for a church site an acre beautifully located. Steps are being taken to proceed at once with the building. This is a new station erected on in conjunction with Sooke and Methosin. Mr. Robertson, the Presbyterian missionary in the field, is very popular, and is doing excellent work.

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