

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Plans of Fraser River Bridge Approved and Work to Begin at Once.

Crew of the "Crown of England" Desert at Nanaimo—Vancouver Man Missing.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Nov. 9.—Rev. J. M. McLeod, Zion church, was tendered a reception on his return from Charlottetown.

The sale of the steamer to replace the Mascot has been finally consummated.

The American bark Benjamin Sewell was towed into port to load lumber yesterday.

The following fleet are loading lumber at Hastings: American ship Eclipse, the American bark Snow and Burgess, American bark Templer, American schooner W. H. Talbot.

Lyon creek bridge has been washed away by the late heavy rains.

The bar association will mark the opening of the new court house by a banquet on the 18th November.

The Imperial Opera house has been turned into a roller skating rink.

Inspector Eeston, of the Hudson Bay Co., was in the city yesterday.

The police force will be supplemented by extra officers during the winter months.

There are a gang of sneak thieves in the city at present. One of them got away with a \$40 gold chain from Treory's jewelry store.

Mr. D. W. Gillies, who has been bookkeeper for the B. C. Cattle Co. for several years, has been appointed manager of the company for British Columbia.

W. D. Johnson, who said he was going shooting to the North Fork of the Inland September 28, has not been seen since.

He was very despondent over business troubles, and it is thought by some that harm has come to him.

Ven. Archdeacon Mackay, of Prince Albert, will occupy the pulpit of Christ church until the arrival of the new rector.

William Brown, of the C. P. R., returned from Revelstoke yesterday. He says that freight can be carried via Revelstoke until the 20th.

W. T. Oliver, formerly of the Bank of B. N. A. Winnipeg, has been transferred to the bank here.

James Hartney lost a boom of logs in the late winter. Steamers were employed picking them up, but the loss will be comparatively heavy. The boom contained over a million feet.

Acting Japanese Consul Kito reports that the Japanese will open on the 5th of the month.

H. M. S. Garnet is in port. Three delegates will be sent to the Spokane convention by the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association on 7th February.

The members of Columbia lodge No. 1, Canadian Order of Foresters, have elected an entirely new set of officers, and great things are expected of them. The order is making good progress, and several new members have been enrolled of late.

S. Mason left for San Francisco yesterday and will return with his bride.

The North Vancouver Council have adopted a resolution in favor of a grant from the Government to complete the wagon road between the Squamish and Pemberton Meadows, and to extend it along the Seymour Creek Valley to meet the Lillooet road, on which this Council has expended several thousands of dollars. They further resolved that the Government be asked to make any appropriation to make one of sufficient amount to complete the whole of said road.

W. L. Matthews, manager of the C.P. Hotel at Banff, leaves on the Empress of Japan to inspect the vitalizing stations en route.

Hon. Sydney Parker will be a passenger on the Empress of Japan.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 10.—The wharf and warehouse of the B.C. Iron Works has collapsed. One hundred tons of coal were lost. G. W. McCain returned yesterday from the East.

Deer are being butchered in the vicinity of Vancouver, and the local market is glutted with venison.

The Mission House in Mission City was totally destroyed by fire early this morning. Thirty inmates left their belongings and escaped in their night clothes. The hotel and furniture were partially insured.

The Council will require the tramway to lay fifty pound girder rails on portions of Westminster avenue, Hastings and Granville streets, where paving is to be done.

The Pioneer Society have made the following additional appointments: J. Stevenson, J. Lawson, Capt. McPhaden, M. G. McLean, D. Oppenheimer, H. A. Jones, G. Dunn, J. F. McGuigan, A. K. Stuart, W. F. Kent, executor; Dr. McGuigan, historian; Dr. Langie, medical officer; J. J. Blake, solicitor; Rev. G. F. Clinton, chaplain.

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 9.—A dispatch was received from Ottawa to-day saying that an Order-in-Council had been passed approving the plans for the Fraser River bridge. Work, it is said, will begin before the 25th inst.

NANAIMO, Nov. 9.—The crew of the British steamer Crown of England deserted at an early hour this morning. It is thought they have gone down to Victoria to ship on the outgoing steamer. Capt. Harris shipped an union crew this evening, paying full rates. The vessel starts for San Diego in the morning.

The charges against Thomas Hardy, botanical druggist, came up in Court this afternoon, and were adjourned a week.

NANAIMO, Nov. 10.—"Rob Roy" at the opera house to-morrow evening promises to be a great success.

Myrtle lodge, K. of P., held its first meeting in the new hall, Free Press building, last evening. An opening hall is to be given by the lodge at an early date.

It was reported this afternoon that the Union colliery will be closed for one month. A. Dick, Government inspector of mines, who returned from Union to-day, denies the truth of the report. J. Hunter, M.P.E., also denies the story.

NELSON, (From the Miner.) Messrs. Kleinschmidt and Roster have four men at work whip-sawing lumber for their placer property on the Salmon. In the spring they intend putting in a turbine wheel and small saw-mill plant, as they estimate that they will require at least 300,000 feet of lumber to put their property in good shape. As soon as spring opens they

will get to work in earnest, putting on at least 30 or 40 men.

A force of men are at work on the Sloan St., and the company figures on taking out 400 or 500 tons of ore this winter. According to present arrangements this ore will be stored at New Denver until the completion of the railroad.

The Alpha and the Black Bear of the Grady group on Fourmile creek are said to have been bonded recently to Mr. McNaught, a Seattle capitalist. The terms reported are \$70,000, the first \$10,000 within thirty days and the remainder on time.

Carl Kleinschmidt and several others have located a group of claims about fifteen miles from Nelson. There are ten or twelve locations in the group, the assays from which show gold, silver and copper. From one of the locations, known as the British Lion, the assay return was \$48 in gold, thirty-three ounces in silver, and twenty per cent copper. The lowest assays showed thirteen per cent in copper, two ounces in silver and \$9 in gold. These are all surface assays.

For many years it has been known that the bars along the Snake and lower Columbia rivers contain an immense quantity of flour-gold. Many and various have been the schemes devised to recover this gold, all more or less unsuccessful. During the past season the stimulus to the search for gold has resulted in an unusual number of these fine gold-seekers.

The mining and Scientific Press refers to the latest appliances as follows: A prospector named Taylor, of Idaho, thinks he has solved the flour-gold problem, and has secured a patent. He has invented an appliance, consisting chiefly of a sluice-box, in the bottom of which is a row of overlapping boards. These boards, prior to being placed in the sluice, are smeared with white lead and then sprinkled with sand. Over this surface the water runs in a low stream. Gravity resolves the sluice through a grizzly. The gold and sand settle to the bottom and are caught on the sand boards. After the sand and gold has accumulated it is taken up and amalgamated in a quicksilver bath. This device, it is said, can be worked at a cost of about \$10 per day, and, while not perfect, it is credited with the best work yet done on the Snake river placers, where the amount of flour-gold is very large. It is said that Taylor's machine has been in use all summer, and cleaned up from \$30 to \$50 per day.

KASLO-SLOCAN. (From the Kaslo-Slocan Examiner.) Quite a number of the mines have swam quantities of ore on their dumps, awaiting snowfall, so the ore can be transported on sledges.

Last Thursday a dispatch was received from D. J. Mann, who is at St. Paul, whitish he had gone to confer with the officials of the Great Northern railway, ordering the engineers to proceed at once and cross section the Kaslo-Slocan railway as far as Sandon creek, and stating that he would arrive here on 15th.

It is generally understood that the Great Northern is supplying the means for building the road, and it is well known that, whatever the Great Northern undertakes it always gets through without delay. It is reported here that a large force of laborers and teams are on the way to commence constructing the road.

FRISCO'S FAIR. The Promises Made at the Outset Are Certain to Be Fulfilled.

A Post Office Exhibit—German Village and Castle—A Hungarian Czar.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9.—The promise made in Chicago in June, that the work of exemplifying the art and industry of the world should be taken up by the side of the Golden Gate when the gates of the great White City should close, will surely be fulfilled. Seekers after new fields of research will find one ripe unto the harvest here in California when the mantle of snow lies wide-spread over the rest of the country, and here will the whole world be made to come. Here also will there be special congratulations available for the manufacturers and producers of the world, especially those gathered together at Chicago, for by them half the journey across the continent has been accomplished, and fresh eyes are waiting for the mere re-instatement of their treasures at another centre of observation.

Congressman Lund, who has just returned from Washington City, says that he thinks it will be possible to arrange for the Government postoffice exhibit at the Midwinter Fair, notwithstanding the fact that there is no appropriation available just at present. The Congressman says that there is a contingent fund in the Postoffice department, part of which may be devoted towards the expense of transferring a portion, at least, of the Government postoffice exhibit from Chicago to San Francisco. Postmaster Backus, of San Francisco, is particularly anxious that this exhibit should be made, and is using every effort to secure it.

Colonel Albert, who has the concession for the German village and Heidelberg castle, wants a good-sized slice of the exposition grounds for the perfection of the project he has in hand. The location is to be just south of the south drive. The castle will stand on an elevated knoll in the centre of that space which was recently added to the original exposition grounds, and all around the castle will be a typical German village like that which became so famous as the Columbian exposition.

Colonel Albert comes here fully prepared to push matters to a speedy completion. He brings with him Ferdinand Haasstras, as general manager and secretary, and John Knuth, as architect. There is a great deal of work to be done.

The company will spend \$80,000 in carrying out their plans. The Heidelberg castle will be by no means the only important structure in the group. The houses of the German village will be more than tawdry affairs. They will be constructed just as a house in such a village on the banks of the Rhine would be.

The committee from the Hungarian benevolent society of San Francisco called at the fair headquarters this morning with a proposition to erect a Hungarian Castle, in which a Hungarian restaurant and concert hall should be conducted during the fair, and where a Hungarian band should give concerts two or three times a day, and where Hungarian dances should be given.

TORONTO, Nov. 9.—Writs have been issued in connection with the vacancies in the representation of North Bruce and East Lambton in the local legislature caused by the deaths of David Porter and Hugh Mackenzie, late representatives of these ridings. Nomination day will be November 25, and voting December 2.

THE NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA.

Massacre of American and French Traders in the New Hebrides Islands.

The Queer Plans of the Unemployed—Interest in the Canadian Trade.

Massacres of traders by the natives of the New Hebrides caused some excitement just previous to the sailing of the Warrimoo from Sydney. The French steamer, named Polyneuse, arrived on October 17, via Noumea, bringing particulars of an onslaught to death with two of his native crew. H.M.S. Boomerang received the information in the New Hebrides, and as the crime was committed upon a French vessel by the natives of Aurora Island, the Boomerang carried the news to the French naval people at Noumea, and the cruiser Scorf was dispatched to arrest the guilty islanders. M. Locaille, who is also a trader, and who was on board the vessel, saved himself by jumping overboard and swimming ashore. He was pursued by the natives, but managed to get clear. The vessel was employed by her owner in connection with his plantation, and the attack made by the Aurora islanders was entirely unexpected and unprovoked.

Almost simultaneously with this outrage was the attack made upon the vessel Leon Henri, sailing under the American flag, and registered at Levuka, Fiji. Three men were massacred belonging to that vessel's party, and the master of the vessel, Captain W. H. Bruce, in a letter from Vila Harbor, describes the murders as having been perpetrated by bushmen on Pentecost Island. It was a quicksilver bath. This device, it is said, can be worked at a cost of about \$10 per day, and, while not perfect, it is credited with the best work yet done on the Snake river placers, where the amount of flour-gold is very large. It is said that Taylor's machine has been in use all summer, and cleaned up from \$30 to \$50 per day.

Colonel George W. Bell, the newly appointed consul for the United States in the Warrimoo on her last trip. He says of the Canadian service: "I am satisfied with the line. They seem to be on the way to prosperity. They treated me well. They are good officers, and capable good servants, whilst the trip was an excellent one."

THE SEALERS' COMPENSATION. Claims Filed Under Modus Vivendi For Two Years' Exclusion From Behring Sea.

The United States Must Now Pay for Improper Assumption of Proprietary Interest.

Claims aggregating upwards of a million dollars have been filed by the sealing schooner owners for compensation for their exclusion from Behring Sea during the years 1892 and 1893, pending the arbitration recently concluded between the United States and Great Britain. These claims have been made out with great attention to detail, one for each schooner for each year, and nearly all have been forwarded by Collector Mills to the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa. It will be remembered that in 1891, when the first injunction against sealing in Behring Sea was issued, those of the United States sealers who had been in the sea at that time, and being beyond the reach of warning, carried out their season's operations as usual. This money was paid by Great Britain, on the understanding that it should be repaid by the United States should the arbitration go against that country. The present claims have been put in under the terms of the modus vivendi of 1892. In this it is expressly agreed that if the result of the arbitration shall be to affirm the right of British sealers to take seals in Behring Sea within the bounds claimed by the United States, the United States shall be bound to compensate all the sealers who have been excluded from the sea by the United States for the use of her subjects, for abstaining from the exercise of their right during the pendency of the arbitration, upon the basis of such regulated and limited catch or catches as in the opinion of the arbitrators might have been taken without an undue diminution of the seal stocks. The result of the arbitration shall be to affirm the right of British sealers to take seals in Behring Sea within the bounds claimed by the United States, the United States shall be bound to compensate all the sealers who have been excluded from the sea by the United States for the use of her subjects, for abstaining from the exercise of their right during the pendency of the arbitration, upon the basis of such regulated and limited catch or catches as in the opinion of the arbitrators might have been taken without an undue diminution of the seal stocks. The result of the arbitration shall be to affirm the right of British sealers to take seals in Behring Sea within the bounds claimed by the United States, the United States shall be bound to compensate all the sealers who have been excluded from the sea by the United States for the use of her subjects, for abstaining from the exercise of their right during the pendency of the arbitration, upon the basis of such regulated and limited catch or catches as in the opinion of the arbitrators might have been taken without an undue diminution of the seal stocks.

It will be seen that the wording of the agreement involves a great opportunity for dispute, and the basis on which compensation shall be paid will no doubt be a subject of controversy. It is expected that in this instance, as in 1891, a commission will be appointed to examine into the claims made and award the compensation.

MONTREAL, Nov. 9.—Dr. McEachran, Dominion Government Chief Inspector, has returned to Montreal after following up the last case of pleuro-pneumonia reported to have been found on the steamer Huronia. He says that he discovered no trace of disease at the farm not at Kingston, from which the cattle were shipped.

MONTREAL, Nov. 9.—A fatal runaway accident took place last night about 11 o'clock. A Ledauna was driving a cab belonging to a master carter, of Chaboulay square, when the horse ran away. In a collision with a telegraph post the carriage was smashed and the driver badly injured. He was sent to the General Hospital, where he died at 2 this morning.

BERLIN, Nov. 9.—It is reported here that Russia proposes to abrogate the free port privileges of Vladivostok, on the Sea of Japan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9.—The whaling steamer Belvidere arrived from the Arctic Ocean to-day, and reports that nearly all the crew of the United States outer Bear, when spoken, were sick with gripple.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Mayor Authorized to Arrange With Bondholders for Consolidation of the City Debt.

An Accident in the Park—Supplementary Votes Adopted—The New Railway.

A meeting of the City Council was held last evening, Mayor Beaven presiding, and Ald. McKillop, Styles, Bragg, Baker, Henderson, Harris and Munn also present.

An invitation from Aome lodge, I.O.O.F., for the Mayor and aldermen to attend at their forthcoming anniversary entertainment, was read. On motion of Ald. Harris the letter was received, and the Clerk instructed to thank the sender. A complimentary ticket was enclosed for each alderman.

THE MAYOR read this resolution: "Moved by Ald. McKillop, seconded by Ald. Styles: Whereas by the City of Victoria Act, 1892, power is given to the corporation to consolidate its existing debentures, or such portion thereof as may be deemed expedient; and whereas the Council deem it expedient to do so, the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to inform the holders of such debentures that the Council propose to consolidate the debt secured thereby by the issuance of a series of fifty years 4 per cent half-yearly interest payable debentures, and the Mayor be and he is hereby further authorized to enter into negotiations with such holders respectively, for the purpose of ascertaining the terms upon which they will respectively surrender the same to the corporation."

Schedule A, referred to above, mentions the following loan by-laws:

Public lighting, 1885, 5 p.c. \$10,000
Drainage, 1885, 5 p.c. 5,000
Trawlers, 1890, 5 p.c. 10,000
Clearance ground, 1890, 5 p.c. 25,000
Water works, 1894, 5 p.c. 75,000
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Streets and bridges, 1898, 5 p.c. 25,000
Water works, 1898, 5 p.c. 60,000
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Agricultural association, 1891, 5 p.c. 10,000
Public market, 1891, 5 p.c. 10,000
City Hall addition, 1890, 5 p.c. 35,000
Cemetery, 1890, 5 p.c. 12,500
Four mill houses, 1891, 5 p.c. 10,000
Johnson street sewer, 1888, 5 p.c. 30,000
Water works, 1888, 5 p.c. 30,000
Streets and bridges, 1888, 5 p.c. 50,000
Public market site, 1890, 4 p.c. 45,000
Water works, 1890, 4 p.c. 45,000
Streets and bridges, 1892, 4 p.c. 25,000
Sanitary drainage, 1892, 4 p.c. 25,000
Educational, 1893, 4 p.c. 85,000

On the subject of the cable, Mr. Bowell said: "Canada has nothing whatever to do with the French cable, and we will have nothing to do with it. We will have nothing to do with any cable that is not direct under British control. That is the subject I intend to see the Australian Government about. Mr. Sandford Fleming, C.M.G., the most eminent Canadian engineer, who has come over with us in the Warrimoo, has given this cable question years of study and he will no doubt give the benefit of his advice on the subject. I fail to see that the subsidizing of the cable to New Caledonia is any obstacle to the laying of a direct cable to Canada. If New South Wales or Australia desire cable communication with the rest of the world, they should have nothing whatever to do with the direct line to Canada. There is no difficulty in laying a cable exclusively on British territory between Australia and British Columbia."

The Sydney newspapers contain daily reports of hostilities extended to Mr. Bowell and of his journeyings and speech-making in different parts of New South Wales. His private secretary, J. L. Payne, is reported to be making good use of a kodak in taking views of the places visited. As to his plans, Mr. Bowell says: "I shall return to Canada by the November boat—that is, in about six weeks. If not then, certainly by the December boat."

A STRANGE STORY. NANAIMO, Nov. 10.—(Special.)—News was brought down on the steamer Jason this afternoon, that a sloop containing two men had called at Quathlasi Cove a few days ago. One of the men went ashore and bought up all the seals he could procure. He informed the parties of whom he purchased the outfit that it was for his companion who had a sore arm. Nothing was seen of the other man who kept out of sight on board, and no one at the cove caught a glimpse at him. A short time after the sloop left Constable Calbiok and his party, who are in search of the Savary Island murderers, reached the cove in the steam schooner. Being informed of a sloop having been there they started off in pursuit. It is supposed the men in the sloop were the murderers of Green and Taylor, and that one of them was wounded in the affray.

SIBERIAN REFUGEES ARRESTED. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 10.—The five Russian convicts who escaped from Siberia and were picked up in an open boat by the whaler Charles Morgan, after being ten days at sea, with five other convicts, arriving here the night before last, have been arrested at the instance of the immigration commissioner. The Cape Horn Pigeon got in at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the other five convicts on board were at once taken into custody. All will be held until the government steamer Kankwa arrives.

WASHINGTON CITY, Nov. 10.—The case of the escaped Siberian convicts, picked up at sea by an American vessel, has been officially brought to the attention of the Treasury department here. There might be a nice question of international law involved. The Russian Government, of course, regards the men as escaped convicts. Under American law ordinary convicts are debarré from landing, but political convicts are not. The question as to whether they will be treated as political prisoners or not is now the subject for careful investigation.

Appropriations of \$6,000 for streets.

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BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS OF \$50 FOR FIRE INSURANCE PASSED WITHOUT COMMENT.

Property owners on A street, wrote protesting that the line of the Victoria & Sidney railway had been surveyed to run along that street. The letter was tabled pending the deposit by the company of a map showing their plan of entry.

THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell has had a very cordial reception in Australia, where he arrived on the Warrimoo on her last trip. As soon as the vessel was signalled near Sydney, the vessel was signalled near Sydney, the vessel was signalled near Sydney, the vessel was signalled near Sydney, the vessel was signalled