A Field on the Farm of Mr. W. Rowlands That Yields Gold Nuggets

Extraordinary Discovery That May Rival the Wealth of Cocos Island.

In these days of gold-of rich diggings on the upper Yukon, where hundred dollar pans are not infrequent, of fabulous finds in Kootenay, and of expeditions to discover buried treasure in lonely islands in the South Pacificthere is no story about extraordinary discoveries of the yellow metal too incredible for belief. Truth is stranger the city council a numerously signed than fiction in gold mining as in any- petition will be presented, praying that thing else. No El Dorado of the novelist has ever been pictured as rich in the precious metal as the famous Clon- fracas with another city employe, be at the city book stores. The second wife and three children, Mr. Pernet, dyke is nov known to be, and never in again given employment, as he has a the history of the world, perhaps, has large family dependent upon him for there been known a region of the same support. area containing as many rich silver mines as are now being developed in the Slocan district. These are cerper, when every man will have all he class entertainment. The programme if the auriferous crop which is now be tableau "The Bridal Wreath." ing harvested on W. Rowland's farm on Burnside Road can be accepted as an indication of the productiveness of what The farm of Mr. Wm. Rowlands, on

It was owned years ago by a Dr. Kennedy, but for the last twenty-five or both morning and evening. thirty years has been in the possession of the Rowlands family. Upon it is a nuggets, valued one at five dollars, one at ten dollars and several at twenty dollars. These finds were not made public, and in the lapse of time have almost been forgotten. Diligent "prospecting" failed to uncover the lead, and it was thought the nuggets were lost by a man in the early days, or perhaps hidden underground by a former. occupant of the farm. Some years ago Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands found a couple of round, flat nuggets, valued at five and ten dollars respectively, and on Thursday of last week a man on the farm picked up one worth \$20. Mr. links on Saturday, being struck in the farm, with a few friends from the city behind a boulder some 150 yards commenced the work of prospecting the by pieces of glass from her glasses. claim and were rewarded after a few which were broken by the ball. She will hours' work by finding three pieces val not lose the use of the eye, although it ued at \$20 each. Naturally they were, is seriously injured. greatly excited, and they will now work e ground systematically, go down to evening was the duet by Mr. and Mrs. 1t rather adds to the value of the discovery, that the nuggets are already Dr. Pairy's opera "White Rese." The and the latest date on any of the coins en. is the year 1860. The finds were all made within a distance of forty or fifty feet, and all close to the spot where the old barn once stood. The treasure may have been baried there thirty years ago, having since been scattered by the plough and brought to the surface. But all is conjecture, for no rerson knows when the gold coins were buried, who buried them or how much wealth still remains underground. It is not improbale that the cours found were A large crowd visited Beacon Hill scraped from the top of a pile hidden away in a bag or box, which long ago rotted away, and that there may be somewhere under the surface of the twoacre lot more wealth than was ever hidden on Cocos Island or buried by Capt. Kidd on the Nova Scotia coast. At present Mr. Rowlands thinks one mining claims. It would be unpleasant and un- | concerts shall be continued. profitable to have his splendid, farm overturned unless there was some assurance that the auriferous area extended. beyond the confines of

### BRIEF LOCALS.

field, which is at least doubtful.

Gleanings of City and Provincial New n a Condensed Form.

From Monday's Daily. ple. No. 3, have postponed their social until further notice.

Easter Monday by granting their em- by the legislative assembly has

in the operetta "Lily Bell" are especialed by a half globe showing British Colly requested to be at the A.O.U.W. Hall umbia, and just under the globe the at 2 o'clock next Wednesday for a stage arms of the province. At the bottom rehearsal.

This evening an Easter ten and en-tertainment will be held at the Agricul-tural Hall, Duncans, when Thackeray's fairy drama. "The Lose and the Ring," will be presented.

This evening the companions of the Forest will hold a primose ball and order for the reception of their guests.

That a pleasant evening is assured. the features of the evening will be a those attending those who have had guessing contest and the Primrose

reward of \$200 for evidence which will the entertainment go towards the fund

ley is accompanied by his brother,

evening at his residence on Crescent place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock from Hanna's undertaking parlors.

-The local lodges of the I.O.O.F. tendered a reception to Grand Master Gilmore, of Vancouver, who is now vis-

-The ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church will hold a sale of work to-morrow afternoon in Philharmonic hall, after which a concert will be held. The concert, which will begin at 8 o'clock in the evening, is under the patronage of His Honor Lieut.-Governor Dewdney.

-At to-morrow evening's meeting of Charles Harris, the corporation workman who was discharged because of his

-Next Wednesday evening a concert will be given in St. James Hall, which, tainly the days of gold discoveries in if the programme arranged for the oc-British Columbia the days of gold pro- casion is any criterion, will be a first wants, will come bye and bye, and we will consist of vocal and instrumental may not have to wait very long either selections, club swinging and a musical

and other parts being covered has hitherto been considered purely flowers. Special services were held and the various choirs rendered special music with anthems appropriate to the the Burnside Road, is close to the city. occasion. The congregations at the different churches were unusually large in aid of the new instrument fund. The

George Brown, who was shot some this sum \$1,000 has already been col-weeks ago by his some law, John leeted. Bandmaster Finn hopes in the small two-acre field, where once stood weeks ago by his some law. John leeted. Bundmaster Finn hopes in the an old barn which long since dis- Aiken, at Beechy Bay, is not doing as interim by means of concerts, subscripappeared. This field has been free well as he was, and the would may yet, tions, etc., to raise the remaining \$500. quently ploughed and cropped and occurrence for the prove fatal. Brown takes very little, The entertainment on Wednesday even-casionally during the last twenty years nourishment, and at times his mind wan-ing is a magniscope exhibition, in which men engaged in tilling the soil have ders. Alken, it will be remembered, acturned up with the plough large gold cording to the accepted account of the naggets, valued one at five dollars, one shooting, fired at Brown in self-derence.

> -The funeral occurred yesterday of the late Ralph Chambers, who died rec cently at Rossland. Services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Barber at the residence of Mrs. Courtenay, Cook of hundreds of nigeons: a view full of street, as well as at the cemetery. The charm and reality. The Fast Mail- Freeman, pallbearers were Messrs. George Jay, Wm. Duck, S. D. Schultz, Frank H.ggins, Frank Bennett and H. S. Henderson.

-Miss Pemberton met with a very painful accident at the Oak Bay golf Wm. Rowlands, the owner of the right eye by a wild golf ball played from -Messrs. Cooper and Stevens-again distant. Her eye was badly cut

-A large audience attended the probedrock, and, if necessary, precure a menade concert at the drill hall on Sat-1 monitor and wash the whole farm away urday evening. The feature of the if it will pay to do so. evening was the duet by Mr. and Mrs. coined, all bearing the great American concert at the Y.M.C.A. also drew a eagle and stamped \$5, \$10 or \$20. The large andience, the programme as althree found yesterday were \$20 pieces, leady published being satisfactorily giv-

> -Next Saturday evening an entertainment will be given in A.O.U.W. hall in aid of the high school fund. The entertainment is under the patronage of Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney. A number on the programme for the which is attracting a great deal of attention is the exhibition of Greek games structor of the public schools.

park yesterday afternoon and passed a most pleasant time listening to the strains of the Fifth Regiment hand. This, the first open air concert given by the band this year, was a compliment ary one. The park committee of the city council, however, have the matter claim will cover the pay ground and he under consideration, and it is underwould not advise miners to take up stood that it is their wish that these

-Mover, the agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, arrested at Duncan's last week by Constable Hutchison, was taken back to Nanaimo yesterday. To Mr. F. W. Churchouse, inspector of agencies of the Singer Manufacturing Company, Moyer confessed a shortage of \$100. On Thursday Mr. Churchouse, in response to the pleadings of Mover. allowed him three hours in , which make good the shortage, but he made himself absent instead. Further inspec--Rathbone Sisters of Behnsen Tem- tion of the account shows the shortage will reach \$300 and probably \$500.

-The address to Her Majesty on the -A few of the merchants observed occasion of her liamond jubilee passed ployes a half holiday.

yery handsomely engrossed by Mr. E. B.

Mackay, and is on view at Hibben & -All the children who are taking part | Company's. The address is surmountare views of the old and new parliament buildings. The address is signed by

Premier Turner and Speaker Higgins. -The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Provincial Jubilee Hospital will hold, an "At Home" in A.O.U.W. Hall to-morrow evening. The fadies have perfected their arrangements, and everything is in the pleasure of being present at previous entertainments given by these ladies Superintendent Hussey has offered a can bear testimony. The proceeds of

tween Kootenay and Alaska. Mr. Car- Miss Gertle Loewen; vocal solo, Mrs. ey is accompanied by his brother. Gordon; vocal solo, Mr. Booth; violon-cello solo, Professor Leo Bradicy; vocal solo, Professor Leo Bradicy; vocal solo, Mrs. R. Jones. "A Romance of vening at his residence on Crescom the Ganges Poem," by Elizabeth Barstreet of William E. Hadnett, a native rett Browning, illustrated by a series of of Gloucester County, New Brunswick, 14 tableaux arranged by Mrs. D. R. aged 73 years. The funeral will take Harris and Miss Dunlay. The connections of the connection of the connectio tive reading will be by Mrs. Harris.

-At 10 o'clock to-morrow morning the annual meeting of the Provincial Teachers' Association will be opened at the South Park school. A large attendance iting this city, on Saturday. The re- is expected, as many teachers from the ception was concluded with a banquet in other cities and from rural districts have Odfellows' Hall at which W.D.G.M. already arrived in the city. The fore-Hanna acted as moster of ceremonies. | noon will be spent in organizing the association and the programme for the afternoon session is as follows: Plano Success in the Teachers' Profession, Miss I. Lyons I In the evening a conversazione will be held, at which the visitcity teachers.

is better than that of the previous num-The contents cannot fail to appeal to all lovers of recreation, especially York. fishern.ch, as this number, which is classed as a fishing number, contains, among other interesting matter, an article entitled "Where the Speckled Make Their Home," dealing with the fishing waters of British Columbia. It The city churches were all very is illustrated and well illustrated too, preftily decorated yesterday, the pulpits by Messrs. Thomas Bamford, E. S. with Shrapnel, L. C. Barff and H. Hardev-Simpson.

> On Wednesday evening an entertainment will be given in the drill hall new justruments, which will arrive about June 1st, will cost \$1,500, and of the following programme will be given: "The Grand Gondola Procession-A beautiful and realistic view of the famous canal of St. Marco, Venice, Italy, portraying a characteristic water scene in full life and motion. A Dove Among The famous O. R. & N. overland limited approaching the audience at full The Skirt Dance-Showing two young ladies in beautiful costume executing a graceful skirt dance. At Shawnigan Lake-Or fishing on a Sun- continue her voyage. day; a very amusing scene, full of action and fun. showing the mishaps of ing for the fire. The fire; volumes of smoke; rescue of the horses; spread of the life nets by thirty-six firement and the jump from the third story win-

## SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

GOLE.

SPRING MEETING. tendance of players from this city. Seatthe and Tacoma. There were 23 entries the competition for the championship are being played to-day. Those who defeated their opponents on Saturday are: O. H. Van Millengen, C. J. event Prior, Harvey Combe, J. Gillison, Jr., (Tucoma), and Chester Thorne (Tacoma), Mr. W. E. Oliver, champion directed by Mr. St. Clair, gymnastic in- for the past two years, was defeated in the preliminary round by Mr. C. C. Worsfold. The men's open handicap was won by J. Gillson, Jr., who scored 97 and received a handicap of 18. Mrs. Case took first prize in the ladies' open handicap and Miss M. Prior record and whereabouts of this and that second. The "American cousins' cup," presented by Mr. R. Cassidy, was won and such a one married, what became of y Miss Kershaw. In the mixed four- another, where this and that family somes the first prize was won by Mr. came from etc. J. Gillison, Jr., and Mrs. Rice, and the second by Mr. W. A. Ward and Mrs. was occasionally passed in the old days Barnard.

> THE RING. DECLARED A DRAW.

The glove contest at Philharmonic great majority almost invariably kept hall on Saturday evening between Case such well checked. of Salt Lake City, and Egan, the "Monend of the twelfth round. It was orbut Referee Morton was unable to give ging, while the good ladies sewed able to keep away from his opponent. Egan's long experience, however, enend of the go an offer was made to match Jack Green against either man for from \$500 to \$1,000 a side.

BASEBALL. AUSTRALIANS DEFEATED. San Francisco, April 19.-The Australian baseball team made its first appearance here in a game yesterday, and suffered defeat at the hands of Olympic team by a score of 20 to 9.

THE ALAMO MINE BONDED.

An Eastern syndicate has secured a lease and bond on the Alamo group, tramway and mill of the Slocan Milling Company. The amount of the bond is \$140,000 and the last payment is due in July, 1898, The Alamo, up to date, has produced \$290,000 worth of ore. The

Six Hundred Chinamen Come over on the Northern Pacific

Summer Schedule of C. P. R Line Inaugurated With Departure of Japan To-Day.

The Northern Pacific steamer Victoria. solo; practical lessons in writing, by L. The Normer's tache steamer vectors, and then the going none. It is a closed was snort one day because of Good Friday, which is a legal holiprimary geography, L. E. Knapp; vocal liam Head quarantine station at 1 over hills and dales miles away in the states. saloon passengers were: Mrs. J. -The second number of Western Re- Germain, Miss Halverson, Miss Isabel creation, the magazine of sports and Anderson, Capt. A. J. Wilds, Mrs. Macpostimes of the West, is now for sale Gowan and child, Rev. W. N. Brewster, number is much in advance of the Ap- wife and daughter, Mr. E. D. Oppenril number, the paper, printing, illustra-tions and articles, in fact, everything, M White, W. G. Morris and Chu Chew Coong and Yan Pow Lee, two prominent Chinamen who are going to New

> The Pacific Coast Steamship Com-pany's steamer city of Puebla arrived at the outer wharf at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon after an absence of several weeks. She has been extensively overhanled and renaired and her appearance has been improved by a fresh coat of paint. The steamer's machinery has all adthing but the form been repaired, so that she will prop- memories of those delightful years. ably be chopping a few minutes off the record from San Francisco to Victoria The Puebla made one trip to Mexico before leaving San Francisco for Victoria.

The summer schedule of the Empress line of steamships goes into force to they had ever taken part in such doings day with the departure of the Empress in their younger days. But they did, of Japan for the Orient. The Japan is scheduled to sail from here about 8 this evening. During the summer a steamer will arrive and depart every three weeks.

The following passengers leave for San Francisco this evening by the Paci-fic Coast Steamship Company's steamer Umatilla, which leaves the outer wharf Pigeons—A scene in a farm yard, at 8 p.m.: Messrs. J. C. Coleman and showing among others the actual flight J. M. Punnett, Mrs. Allsop, Mrs. B. Humphries, Miss L. Powell and Miss

> No decision has as yet been reached in the case of the schooner rischer Brothers, but pending a decision she will, by depositing a sum of \$100, be allowed to

The steamer Rainbow left for Esquilone fisherman. Grand Fire Scene- malt this morning with a cargo of shells A most realistic and thrilling scene, which arrived by yesterday evening's showing the entire fire department start. Charmer from the admiralty department's stores in England.

> THE GOOD OLD TIMES. And the Old-Fashioned Bees, Kissing Plays and Dances.

Who now grown to man or woman-Who now grown to man or woman mental music games of various kinds, bood but can recall with pleasant mem puzzles, all present themselves for an gries the good old time "bees?" There evening's enjoyment. owere quilting bees, husking bees, log-The Victoria Golf Club's spring meet liging bees and chopping bees.
ing opened at the Oak Ray links on Sat- o Quilting bees were the favorites for married ladies. These would meet in the afternoons, gather around the frame, each working her little row of quarter of British Columbia, the finals in which steaming cup of tea would have been passed around, while the news and the

neighbors and everything within range of thought would have been discussed in all kindness. Towards tea time the liege lords, the husbands of the good ladies, would come in, and, supper over. their logic would be added to that of their wives. A favorite topic, besides taxes, crops, politics, the weather and current events, would be reviews of old times, early settlers and settlement. The family would be traced, and who such

Many a profitable and pleasant hour at the time-homored quilting bees. Of course now and again the venomed tongue would wag and show a relish for scandal, but the better sense of the

Logging and chopping bees were tana Kid," was declared a draw at the many respects akin to the quilting bees. Frequently all would be held on the iginally to be a six-round go for points, same day, the men chopping or loga decision at the end of the sixth, the performed the necessary cooking for men being so evenly matched, so an such large gatherings. Then old and other six rounds were added. Case is young joined in the sport. After supdecidedly the more scientific man of the per dishes were washed and laid away, two, and being light on his feet was the elders would congregate in the parlor, while the juniors would clear the kitchen, or barn floor, and to the tune abled him to even things up. At the of a squeaking fiddle would dance the to the amount of £17,595,000 out of the two years ago, 3,019,000 three

But young folks' parties were especially the corn husking and paring bees. Ireland from British colonies and de-The dried, unhusked corn piled on one pendencies was valued at £4.271.484, number of business failures throughout side of the barn would be attacked by and from foreign countries at £14,149,- the United Staes, the total of 195 the the lads and lasses, and it was an illplanned bee that had an odd yound lady timber imported into the United King- 244 in the week a year ago, 219 to or gentleman. The husks piled over the dom came from Russia, Sweden, Norfeet preserved a warmth unsurpassed by way, Germany, France and the United buffalo robest while the husked corn was thrown to the opposite sile.

Whoever found a red ear of corn, if

old senior of to-day pleasant memories of early, old-time, honest evenings long

ago. When dancing was not countenanced. resort was had to the ever-to-be-remembered kissing plays. Walking the cedar swamp, putting points on plows, putting letters in the post office, measuring off so many yards of tape, and other kindred plans to render indiscriminate kissing legitimate, even yet cause many a righteous, straight-laced old grand-

Then, in the shade of the primeval forests there were no terrors of 'bacil-li." Lips met lips in the good, old fashioned way a smack that made the candle snuff fly.

And then the going home. It matter solo, J. H. Monk; "Stepping Stones to o'clock yesterday. As she had 500 opposite direction, he surely saw her states. Chinamen on board the ship was thor home, and the kissing was not so pro-Chinamen on board the ship was thor miscuous or done on the fly, as earlier completely broken by the extra in the evening. Then, the tender words incidents surrounding business. ing teachers will be the guests of the the outer wharf until this morning. The of love and promises of constancy and Victoria has a full cargo of freight. Her truth and trust were honestly poured and Lower Mississippi river states were forth, even if the silken cords of at sufficient to destroy all business excent fection might be broken ere April show the merest routine. ers would fall. Sometimes, too, one of the young folks would have a crow to steel industries and the depression in pick with the other for devoting or re- woolen manufactures had a very hurtpick with the other for devoting of the pick with the other for devoting to or from ceiving too much attention to or from the bank cleanings, which got on the spirit of manly chivalry actuated the right side last week, went back this great majority of the young men of the early days, while honest womanhood eign goods, stimulated by the tariff early days, while houses was the character of the ladies. Then has caused a shrinkage in circulation stand-up collars were not in vogue, which coupled with a scarcely normal and natural honesty of heart needed not the paint pot and por er mug to develop true loveling.
Those were the

Now, all seems changed, but of that more anon.

One would scarcely think to see the staid old lads and lasses, the grandfathers and grandmothers of to-day, ar. the fathers and mothers as well, that in their younger days. Due to them difficulties has revived works suspendto lecture the youngsters of to-day. There were young folks in those days in exports and large increase in inwho would never husk corn, or pare ports at New York, 20.8 per cent. for apples, or dance Money-musk, or, that best of all, the old Scotch reel, or take part in the kissing plays—though the influence as yet. The increase in im such folks did know how to kiss when no one was around or the light was out. Dancing and kissing plays were not dignified, or aristocratic, or religious, they said. A review of the old days and old faces given a contradiction to the theory that those professing superior goodness and failing to display the characteristics of healthy, hearty, honest humanity grow up even as good citizens as the vast majority of the truehearted, clear-headed, noble young men and women of the land.

If dancing and kissing plays are not favored, there are other amusements that should be countenanced, even in March, as others with larger capacity the strictest families. By all means, let the young, and also the old, revive the good old honest custom of by gone days of occasionally gathering together during winter evenings, and the result is sure to be beneficial. Spelling matches, readings, recitations, vocal and instru-

"Ah," says one, in her youth a highflier, "but I send my children, I maist on their spending their spare hours at for export to Russia, Japan and South and the Y.M.C.A., and temperance meetings." Reader, they are all right in their place, but, mark me, you never knew a noble man or woman brought up in that atmosphere alone. They need the social, intellectual, heart and head development and experience, and in getting that they are sure to get the spirtual if ordinary common sense be observed by parents. Spirtual development alone, without social, physical and intellectual, always produces weak and extremely dangerous citizens, just as does any of the other single needs of mankind if alone given prominence. A proper harmony of all is essential to man's best and noblest development.-Woodstock

TIMBER SUPPLY OF THE EM-PIRE.

Dr. Schlich, C. I. E., professor of forestry at the Royal Engineering Col- an irregular tendency to recover. lege, Coppers Hill, read a paper at the Cincirnnati and Chattanooga report Imperial fustitute on Monday, 22nd ult. trade slow, or that demand is increased on "The Timber Supply of the British | A reverse movement is noted in prices Empire." Sir Steuart Colvin Bayley for staples, those for wheat, flour, Inpresided. The lecturer said the aver- dian corn, pork, lard, coffee and woolage annual imports of timber into the ens having advanced. Lower quotaseveral ports of the Empire during the tions are reported for sugar, petroleum years 1890-94 amounted to £19,135,000. while the exports averaged £5,114,000, showing that the net imports into the Empire reached the enormous sum of wheat) include one day less this week £14,021,000, an increase of £2,293,000 than usual. The total for both coasts in six years, or a mean annual increase and from St. John, N.B., is 1,344,000 of £382,167. The United Kingdom was for five days, compared with 2,036.000 by far the greatest importing country in six days of the preceding week. within the Empire, having taken timber 017,000 in the week a year ago, 3,165,000 total of £19,135,000. During 1894 the ago, and as compared with 3,964,000 timber imported into Great Britain and the like week of 1893. 055. States, Canada being the only British dependency which at all equalled the export countries on the Bultic. Canada Wheever found a red ear of corn, if a lad, was privileged to steal a kiss from the rosy lass by his side, and, if a lass, was subject to be kissed by the last. Oh, those were the good old days.

The rosy last by the red was by no means so well taken care of years ago. ous tracts of that area did not contain. 39 this week, against 32 last week. 34 any useful timber, while the remainder in the week a year ago and 23 two Fervent were the prayers for the red as it ought to be. Fires we e frequent ears of corn; and many were the de- and disastrous, and the quantity of timvices of the young men to keep the ber thus lost to the colony was calcullucky cobs in circulation, ated to be many times more than cut nearly 600,000 patents, or more than rewird of \$200 for evidence which will lead to the average and countries of the person or persons who has Thursday might alled a colf, the property of the leaders have proposed to stablish in commemoration of Her Maning higher than the leaders have proposed to stablish in commemoration of Her Maning higher than the leaders have proposed to stablish in commemoration of Her Maning higher than the leaders have proposed to stablish in commemoration of Her Maning higher than the leaders of the leaders and the leaders of the leader The paring bee, like the husking down and exported. Notwithstanding one-third of all the patents issued in the party, also tok place in fall and winfor a wife one was siver were landered the west waste one of the author of where the waste was a lander waste wast

# HE BUSINESS WORLD

The Eastern Crisis and the Floods in America Have a Depressing Effect.

pa or grandma to have a fluttering of The Bank Cleavings Fall Down-Wheat Recovers Nearly Pive Cents.

> New York, April 17.-The week which has closed was short one day because

The promise held out last week was completely broken by the extraordinary

export, has had a depressing effect on

Wheat, which fell 6 cents a bushel last week, has risen 4% cents this week. R. G. Dun & Co. say:

War between Greece and Turkey has been more responsible than any single cause for the changes in business this week. Actual fighting, with facts which seem to make a formal declaration of war by Turkey inevitable, have affected grain markets much and stocks slightly The progress of the Mississippi floods does not change the price of cotton, and settlement of the more important labor ed last week. The temporary decrease the month, caused questions about the financial future which have not much ports, 9,900,000, or over 100 per cent. from last year, and \$17,100,000, or 28.9 per cent, from February, if long continued may embarrass some branches of business, but can hardly exhaust balances remaining from the unprecedented excess of merchandise exports, \$232. 381,519 in nine months ending with March.

The wheat market, after its decline of 6 cents last week, was prepared to rise with prospects of European war and increased purchase for export, and has risen 4.37 cents since last Friday. The output of pig iron increases. though fifteen furnaces stopped in started, and the weekly production April 1 was 173,279 tons, against 169,986 tons last year. While 20 per cent. below the greatest ever known, the output is 52 per cent. larger than October 1. and stocks unsold increased scarcely any, though the largest on record.

The demand for natis and wire continues heavy, and in spite of large transactions in the East in structural work and rails, the demand is still fair. Africa

Woolen mills are doing a little more. though machinery is idle, and there is scarcely any buying of qualities recently Speculation in wool turns advanced. largely to foreign, and imports of 45,114 bales the past week and 15.246 the previous week at Boston alone have not prevented higher quotations for the better grades of domestic. Sales at the the chief markets were 9,606,000 pounds.

Bradstreet's save: The most conspicuous improvement in trade conditions this week is in the weather throughout the Western Central and Northwestern States, where country roadways are more passable There is a better demand for building materials, particularly lumber. In staple lines there is a more active request at Portland, Ore., Minneapolis, St. Kansas City and Atlanta, pointing to and maval stores, in addition to iron and steel.

Exports of wheat (flour included as

There is a marked decrease in the total By far the larger portion of the week being compared with 232 last week years ago. 212 in the corresponding week of 1894, as contrasted with 217 the second week of April, 1893, just fore the panic.

The total number of business failures throughout the Canadian Dominion is

Americans are the most inventive per

British Colum

NEW DENVER. Rossland Miner.

Some time ago the report here that a smelter was erected close to New Denver time "t was not known who w ed in the proposed enterprise learned new, on what is con liable authority, that English York capitalists are interesselves in the venture and the gineer is already en route to and select a site. Repres the New York wing have spected the ground and all ting now is for the engine representing the English win favorably, and in substantial report made by the America

CHEMAINUS. Chemainus, April 17.—A n Independent Foresters wa here this evening, 16th inst izer J. H. Falconer, Dept Chief Ranger. Nearly 30 mi installed: Court Deputy, Physician, D. C. A. Ranger, Geo. R., Elliott, Ranger, E. C. Walsh; Vice

er, Wm. John Walsh; Reco tary, Frank G. Wilson; Fina tary, A. J. Welch; Treasu Howell; Chaplain, Jas. Cro Warden, F. W. Roblee; den, Arthur M. Porter; Se Ross Wm. McKay; Junior Cathcart.
This court will be know Chemainus and it starts un ingly favorable auspices,

financial secretary, being tist clergyman. Had it no week the Kuper Island have been on hand at th services to do honor to tekha, the supreme chief ra order, who is like themse dian, but they are to be on first meeting of this court, be held on Tuesday evening at the new hall on the hill

time is expected. There are three large sch ing lumber here and the mil night and day, and everythi prosperous times for Chema

ROSSLAND.

Rossland Miner. A drilling contest between and W. Ross, styling them pions of British Columbia Burns and J. Riley, claimin ions' cup of Montana an l'Alenes, respectively, took Dominion hall. The strug the championship of Britis a gold medal and \$250 in ca Hall, of the Le Roi mine. judge and George Owen as Each team drilled 15 minut drills every half minute. were measured and approve Hall previous to the contest Riley won the toss and dec the other team to drill first n.m. McLeod and Ross beg ing the changing. McLeo the drills was clever. He stroke. Ross was not qu but the two men, who w plauded by the rather sca at the conclusion of their t opponents. On Burns ting to work, the former changing, it was easy to quick and heavy blows des averaging 60 to the minute, changes, and the cat-like partner, Riley, that they test well in hand. It was surprise when the result McLeod and Ross, 32 7-16 i and Riley, 35 1-8.

'We are taking out 175 day right now," said Col. general manager of the pany, to a reporter, "and a new hoist is completed, w about the 20th of the mo take out considerably mor our shipments are average \$40 and \$45 per ton. The oottom of the works thou \$100 rock. Assays from three to twenty ounces in s ay in the train service some, but we are now s regularly. Our ore is go Helena, Great Falls, Ever coma. The company has l considering the building of treating cur own ore, and beyond doubt we shall but orinion is that the compar a smelter of its own. W we can treat our ore at a ton. Mining will cost \$2 transportation as much \$10 rock can be handled and be a good thing. The com yet considered the location ter, much less have we decione point. That will have ered later, and it will be conomy. I do not think s be laid on ore."

VERNON. (Vernon News.)

Development work is bei

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neral claims on the con have reason to be more the character of their dge appears well in place assay from the latter claim \$100 in gold per ton. Several good catches of een made recently on th Veen Long and Okanagar ong lake some good-sized een secured this spring, ire not yet biting very free ieve Price Ellison holds far this year, with a which he pulled out one di The Ruby Gold Mining seived on Tuesday a telegr Underwood, their age fork, asking if they would 000 for a four-fifth interes claims. We understand pany have not yet reached in the matter, but still h der consideration. An unsuccessful attempt his week to jump the Blu on the ground that insuffi ment work had been done. Mr. Latimer, was able to

done much more than