LOST IN BENNETT

A Report Reaches Skagway That Sixteen Men Have Been Drowned by Capsizing of a Barge.

Three Hundred Men at Work on the Construction of the Railroad Over the White Pass.

According to a story that reached Skagway just before the steamer Amur, which reached Victoria this morning, left that port, Lake Bennett's swift waters and dangerous eddies are still claiming victims. A late arrival from the lakes reports that on Saturday, May 28th, a barge which started from Bennett early on the morning of that day, with sixteen passengers and a large quantity of supplies and mining utensils aboard, was capsized and the occupants drowned. He was unable to give the names of the drowned men, but says that they can be learned from the officers of the N.W.M. P., who keep a record of those going to the lakes. The story, although it lacks confirmation, is given credence at Skagway.

This work on the railway to be built over the White Pass trail has begun in earnest. Three hundred men are at work and the officials of the company are scouring the coast for more men. The building of the new line is in the hands of E. C. Hawkins, representing the Pacific and Arctic Railroad and Navigation Company of West Virginia, who have placed at his disposal one million dollars to be employed by him in construction work. In an interview given to the Skagway, Alaska, Hawkins says his company is a combination of Canadian and American capitalists, the old British Yukon company on the one side, and an organization of Americans, under the financial direction of Close Brothers, of Chicago, on the other. Continuing, he says: "The Pacific Contracting Company does the work of construction, andd will turn the roa over to the company after its completion. The most valuable asset of hte company, after its cash—is the charter and holdings of the old British Yukon Company, which includes the Moore wharf and holdings at Skagway, and the right of way through Canadian territory. This charter was granted a year ago, and called for a right of way through the White Horse Pass, and thence by the most feasible route to the interior to Fort Selkirk. It is by far the most liberal franchise that will ever be granted by the Canadian government, as it was given at a time when the possibilities of Alaska were unknown and when all sorts of inducements were being held out to capital for the development of the country. Under the franchise the company was compelled to do a given amount of construction work within three years. Some months ago the company applied to parliament for an extension of the franchise for one year. The extension was refused, and before January 1st the company must have so many miles of road in operation.

For some months Mr. Hawkins has been at work on the preliminaries of the construction. The material has been bought and is now being delivered. Three thousand tons of light rails for construction and sidings are being delivered, and three thousand tons of heavier rails have been ordered for the main line. Twenty miles of ties are on the way to Skagway aboard the City of Columbia and the big barge Skookum. Three locomotives are on the way now for construction work, and forty cars have been ordered. It is not quite decided whether they will be taken up in sections and set up on the ground, or will be put together and sent north on barges.

From Wrangel comes the news that the Selkirk has fallen considerable and the river steamers tied up unable to get through the canyon have made the passage and are doing business as of yore. The Ogilvie, which has proved herself to be the swiftest and most powerful of the river fleet, was the first to get through the swift waters. She made the passage on Friday last and soon the remainder of the fleet followed.

The Amur brought few miners from the north, the majority of her passengers being the officers and crew of the steamer Iskoot, wrecked a short time ago in Kam-e-leon arm just below the Skeena. The wrecked vessel is still lying on the rocks where she struck, a hopeless wreck. Her outfit and supplies were brought down on the Amur. Those belinging to the Iskoot who were passengers down on the Amur were Capts. Gray and McLellan, and W. McCullum, D. Boyd, J. P. Nirich, J. R. Cowan, D. Nicholson, S. McMath, P. C. McPherson, W. A. McLean, M. Connely, M. Lynch, H. Ferguson, S. Holland, J. Rood, R. Proudfoot, and P. Whitson. The other passengers were: From Skagway, J. Lenz; from Wrangel, Judge Jackson, L. McDonnell, E. G. Mulen, J. Brumley, J. Herd, J. Brill, E. Book, M. R. Rosenthral, and H. Bottling.

On her way down the Amur spoke the tug Czar bound north with the barge Transfer No. 1, and the steam barge Strait's Ark, off the Skeena, bound to Wrangel with coal.

The imports of tea by the steamer Olympia, which is due here on June 18th, are likely to be considerably above the average, for American importers are making an extraordinary effort to hurry all the tea possible into the United States before the prospective high war duty of ten cents per pound become effective. At least four steamers of the Northern Pacific line could be rushed here with tea before July 1st, when the duty goes into effect, thereby saving thousands of dollars, which otherwise would go to Uncle Sam. Besides the Olympia, which sailed on the 3rd, there are other vessels of this company on the Japanese side, and the Tacoma will be due at Yokahama in a few days. A story is going the rounds on the Sound, which the officials of the company at Tacoma cannot affirm or deny, that these vessels will, in view of the fact of the government securing them as transports, be loaded with tea at the nearest available point and rushed to Tacoma before July 1st. Local tea importers say that the war duty will in no way affect Canadian importers—in fact, if anything, it will be a benefit to them, for they all get their tea direct from the country of growth. Besides the Northern Pacific steamers, the Empress of China will arrive before the new duty becomes effective and undoubtedly she also will carry heavy consignments of tea. The tea season has just begun, the last two arrivals from the Orient, the Victoria and the Empress of Japan, having brought the first shipments.

A serious question which faces those in charge of river steamers on the upper Yukon is: Where will they get fuel? It is said that but few of the transportation companies have had the foresight to put forces at work along the banks to cut wood for the steamers, and the steamers of these companies will, in consequence, be in a bad way; for if they are obliged to carry coal to feed their furnaces they would have to carry so much to enable them to make the trip that there would be scarcely any room for merchandise.

Referring to the report from San Francisco that the steamer Ning Chow had been chartered by the Unitid States government as a troopship, Mr. Harvey, of F. C. Davidge & Co., charterers of the Nig Chaw, says his company has heard nothing of the deal, and they accordingly assume that she is still flying their flag. Mr. Harvey says the Ning Chow will leave for the north to-day.

U. S. lighthouse tender Manzanitas visited this port last night and was anchored in James Bay until noon this morning, when she continued her cruise among the United States buoys and lighthouses of the straits.

Steamer Danube will sail for St. Michaels, connecting with the river steamers Yukon on June 18th.

River steamer Casca started up the Stikine on her first trip on June 4th.

YSAYE IS COMING.

The Belgian Wizard of the Violin to Appear Next Week.

Even the children in the streets know Ysaye and his famous Alpine hat, his shaggy hair, his leonine head, and his shoulders shaped like Hercules. This giant, who is the master of the magic of music, can ravish the heart with his slim bow and move mountains with his passionate playing.

He is Eugene Ysaye, the Belgian, and is every inch a man, a kind, strong man. He is the one on earth to-day who can fiddle so wonderfully that like the Pied Piper of Hamlin, the young would follow him to the green fields, over the hills and far away. He plays Bach's Chaconne and straightway you are listening to Father Bach, extemporizing, while Frederick the Great waits. He touches Beethoven and the classic muse hovers about his head; his hearers say "Yes, that is Beethoven"; and they say the same when this man of might plays Brahms, Paganini or Wieniewski.

Ysaye is a violinist among violinists; he has a tremendous personality, and though he never condescends to trickery, yet his music is so warm, so human, that its appeal to the general public as well as to the cultured is instantaneous.

He is the ideal of the broad, virile school which Wilhelmj taught us to admire. There is something alive and loving in Ysaye's style. He says something whenever the strings meet the bow; he is a wizard, but a wizard who loves life and lives it at all points.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

An Inquiry Into the Cause of the Death of Wm. Heaney.

A coroner's inquest into the cause of death of Wm. Heaney, who died yesterday morning, was opened in the city hall this afternoon before Dr. Compton, and the following jury: R. Maynard, T. R. Collister, Samuel Reid, George Mynne, W. R. Morrison and W. D. Currall, foreman. Mr. McPhillips was present to watch the case on behalf of the street railway company. Stenographer Gilbert, for the same company, reported the proceedings.

After viewing the body in the morgue the court again convened and Dr. Frank Hall, who attended the deceased, took the box. He testified that he was called to attend the late Mr. Heaney on Monday about two o'clock, when he found him suffering from a scalp wound extending from above one ear across the forehead to the other ear. He had lost a great deal of blood, and complained of considerable pain in his back. Witness treated his injuries but he gradually sunk, until yesterday morning when he died. Witness held a post mortem this afternoon and found that he had died of shock and exhaustion and septic absorption. The wounds were in the nature of a clean cut as though he had fallen on a sharp article. The patient made no statement as to the cause of accident.

The inquest is in progress.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

The Vancouver Meet.

The official programme of events for the races at Hastings, July 14th, 15th and 16th, has been issued. It comprises First day—Three-minute class, trot or pace, Purse, $125. Mile heats, 2 in 3; half-mile and repeat, for ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under, to carry 126 lbs; purse, $75; five-eighths-mile, running, weight for age, purse, $125; 2:30 class, trot or pace, mile heats, 2 in 3, purse, $150; 1¼ mile, running, weight for age, purse, $150.

Second day—Trot or pace, mile heats, 2 in 3, purse, $125; half-mile and repeat, running, weight for age, winners of previous races at the meeting to carry five pounds extra, purse, $125; 2:20 trot or pace, mile heats, 2 in 3, purse, $150; one mile, running, weight for age, previous winners at the meeting to carry seven pounds extra, purse, $150.

Third day—Free-for-all trot, mile heats, 2 in 3, purse, $200; running, three-eighths mile dash, weight for age, purse, $100; one mile pony race, for ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under, to carry 126 pounds, winner of No. 2 to carry 10 pounds extra, purse, $75; free-for-all pace, mile heats, 2 in 3, purse $200; 1½ miles running, owners' handicap, purse, $150.

Entries close on July 10th, and must be sent to Robert Leighton, secretary, P. O. box 366.

The conditions are as follows: The rules of the American Trotting Association as to trotting events and the rules of the California Jockey Club as to running events will govern the races.

Each entry must plainly state name, age, color and sex of horse, name of sire and dam, the name of the owner and driver or rider. The colors of driver or rider must also be given with the entry, and must be worn upon the track.

Any rider or driver failing to appear in the colors given on the card will be fined.

The club reserves the right to alter, amend or postpone any or all of these races should the executive committee in their judgment, and for cause, deem it expedient to do so.

In all races, five to enter and four to start.

In the event of any race not filling, if the club deem proper to start the race, they reserve the right to withhold from the purse the entry of the missing horse or horses.

Harness horses not winning one heat in three (3) to go to the stable.

Any horse distancing the field entitled to first money only.

Purses will be divided—70, 20 and 10 per cent.

Entrance 10 per cent of purse to all events.

Parties intending to be present at any of these meetings and desiring stalls for their horses, are requested to write the secretary in advance, stating what horses they have and what stalls they are likely to require.

RAILWAYS.

To the Editor:—There are no railway projects to come up in the near future (except empty political speeches) that will give Victoria close railway connection. As a matter of fact the charters, so far granted are or will shortly become the property of the C.P.R. One will hear, no doubt, during the present contest what the Vancouver, ——— and Eastern is about to do for Victoria. I placed a dash where the name Victoria comes. To use a vulgarism, "Victoria is not in it;" the whole thing is a C. P. R. trick from beginning to end and was only got up to keep Victoria back and push her to one side and allow interested parties to make money at the expense of the people at large. Victoria wants close railway connection with the mainland, and she can have it inside of one year if the people will rise in their might and choke the chartermongers out of existence and insist upon having a daily ferry railway service between Point Roberts and Victoria. Why should Victoria not get the best? Is she not entitled to have just as good an opportunity and as good a railway service as other cities near at hand?

There are several cities in North America that are twice the distance from a railway terminus that Victoria is from Point Roberts, and yet they have a daily car service over rougher water, and I venture to say the population of Victoria would double in three years had we a rapid transfer service from Point Roberts to Victoria. There is a chance of securing one to the south; so much the better. Connection with Point Roberts means the terminus of three trans-continental lines for Victoria. The C. P. R. officials know this and will keep her back all they can, being fully aware that if you break your bondage there is no railway power that can keep Victoria from making most rapid strides and taking her position as the chief commercial city of the province. Of course if we sit idly down and in a "happy go lucky way" allow schemers to get hold of everything of vital importance to the city, we shall simply be where we are now twenty years hence. With a railway we will increase our trade, will fill our houses, increase our population, lessen our burden of taxation, build up our city, fill our hotels with tourists, and make Victoria a prosperous, progressive and the most important commercial centre north of San Francisco. No one can deny this. Then why not one and all go in for it?

R. T. WILLIAMS.

Victoria, 10th June, 1898.

MUTTER MUTTERS.

To the Editor: In the Semi-Weekly Times of Thursday, 9th June, I observe a garbled account of a meeting held by the Hon. J. H. Turner at Duncan on Saturday, 4th instant, which is absolutely untruthful in several statements as regards myself. I was received, as I always have been in Cowichan, with courtesy, and certainly not "amid a blank silence" (the great majority of those present were government supporters). I did not state that Mr. Theo. Davie said it was not possible to have a double tax," but I said that dual taxation is by law illegal, which was the statement made on the floor of the house and uncontradicted by the Opposition or anyone else. I alsd said that the Hon. Theo. Davie had prepared a bill to do away with the so-called mortgage tax, but on further consideration with other legal advisers found it would not work. I did not get confused over the mortgage tax, nor am I as to a remedy, but evidently the correspondent of the Times is; and Major Mutter has not said that "If Mr. Herd tried to speak he would be speedily silenced."

The sentence re Mr. Higgins, or, as the Times correspondent puts it, "Higgins" (by dint of his knowledge and idea of propriety) is entirely divorced from its contexts and is rendered nonsense by that "other fellow" the Times correspondent, who, methinks, is much more of a Solan than a Solon. He will doubtless understand the difference.

Seemingly misrepresentation is a necessity to some of the Opposition to make things unfavorable look favorable for their side. The report is grossly inaccurate from beginning to end.

J. M. MUTTER.

Somenos, 10th June, 1898.

WHAT HAPPENED TO DR. WALKEM.

To the Editor:—I read an article in a late Colonist taken from the Wellington Enterprise, criticising rather severely Dr. W Higgins' conduct as an M.P.P. The said article struck me as a little peculiar considering from whence it came. Amongst other things it charges Mr. Higgins with the tricks of the mountebank. If Mr. Higgins has been guilty of doing such tricks he is a novice, and far from being the master at that operation that one person I have taken note of is.

I may mention Dr. Walkem. I remember a couple of sessions ago what a radical oppositionist the latter promised to be; now, through pledges he had given he said he was compelled to question any little extravagancies of the government; how that he represented hard-working miners, poor struggling settlers, men who could hardly make both ends meet, and valued the half-dollar for what it would bring in the market. Those same men had elected him to represent their interest in the legislature; to see that the government was carried on economically, and to see that the earnings of the people were not foolishly wasted.

I thought later of how nobly Dr. Walkem kept those pledges; how manfully he stood up in the house almost alone and questioned certain items, even going into small details such as billiard balls, menu cards, napkins and a variety of knick-knacks for the governor's house, bought for someone's enjoyment at the expense of the people, at the same time telling the house that he was sent there by his constituents to pursue a certain line of policy so that the government might know what to expect from him.

But what happened Dr. Walkem? This was the question I heard repeatedly. What happened Dr. Walkem? Some people are fond of enigmas, but this one was not easily unravelled until Dr. Walkem, in one of his bumping fits, gave us the situation. I can imagine he is so constituted he had to find vent or burst. So one day we were relieved of any further conjecture by the gentleman himself telling us that he was an employee of Mr. Dunsmuir, but the latter never attempted to influence his vote; and further, he always voted to please himself. But what a funny confesion to make before an intelligent assembly. And that's what happened Dr. Walkem.

A CONSTITUENT.

Among the passengers who left for the north on the steamer Tartar, which sailed for Wrangel and Dyea, were J. S. Clute, of New Westminster, inspector of customs for British Columbia, and three customs officers, who are to reinforce the different posts. Mr. Clute will make a tour of the different British customs posts in the north, investigating matters and putting each post on a firm basis. The first posts visited will be the most northerly ones, which have recently been moved down from the summit nearer the lake. Three passengers embarked on the Tartar here, and a large shipment of freight was taken north from this port.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm has no equal as a household liniment. It is the best remedy known for rheumatism, lame back, neuralgia; while for sprains, cuts, bruises, burns, scalds and sore throat, it is invaluable. Wertz & Pike, merchants, Fernandina, Fla., write: "Everyone who buys a bottle of Chamberlain's Remedies comes back and says it is the best medicine he has ever used." 25 and 50 cents per bottle at Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

LOCAL NEWS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Thursday's Daily.

—When the lock-up now being erected at the Esquimalt Navy Yard is completed, naval prisoners will be kept there instead of being sent to the provincial jail.

—A pocket book containing a few coins and four or five receipts in favor of Mrs. McCrimmon from Miss Levy for music lessons, may be obtained by the owner by calling at the police station.

—Rev. P. C. L. Harris, whose resignation of the pastorate of the Congregational church was regretfully accepted at a meeting of the congregation this week, will sever his connection with his present charge at the end of July.

—The Clerical Union of the Church of England clergy of New Westminster and Vancouver met in the latter city yesterday, the meeting being continued to-day. Several of the Episcopal clergy of this city accepted invitations to be present.

—Constable Heal, of the provincial police arrested a Saanich Indian last night on Douglas street outside the city limits. The Indian was drunk and the Chinaman who, he says, supplied him with the liquor has also been arrested. The cases are being heard this afternoon in the provincial court before Magistrate Macrae.

—Wm. Dawson was arrested by the provincial police yesterday afternoon on Bastion street in an advanced stage of inebriation, which so affected his powers of discrimination that when ordered to go home he attempted to climb a tree. This morning the police magistrate fined him $5 and $1 costs, or in default 12 days' imprisonment.

—Miss Maud Dunsmuir, youngest daughter of the late Hon. R. Dunsmuir and Mrs. Dunsmuir, of Craigdarroch, this city, was married at St. Peter's church, Eaton Square, Dublin, yesterday to Mr. Reginald Spencer Chaplin, 10th Royal Hussars, aide-de-camp to Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, and only son of Colonel J. W. Chaplin, V.C., C.B., late 8th Hussars. The marriage took place in the afternoon.

—At the opposition convention held in Vancouver last night, Hon. Jos. Martin, F. C. Carter Cotton, Charles E. Tisdall and R. Macpherson were selected as candidates at the forthcoming elections. Mr. Tisdall, the only new man on this ticket, is a dealer in sporting goods in a large way of business. He is a Conservative in Dominion politics and very popular in the Terminal City, where he has resided about ten years.

—W. A. Berry came over on the Seattle boat this morning and is at the Occidental waiting for the sailing of the Tartar tonight. His destination is Dawson City, this being his third visit to that place. Mr. Berry has a valuable claim which his partner is working. He estimates the probable output of gold this year at not less than $30,000,000. Mr. Berry takes with him about 20 tons of provisions which he intends to dispose of in Dawson City.

—There was no boxing contest at Philharmonic hall last evening, the announced reason being the refusal of the authorities to grant a permit. It is understood that application for such permit was not made until yesterday afternoon and some very uncomplimentary remarks upon the promoters of the affair were made by those who went to the hall only to be disappointed. The idea of advertising such a contest without having obtained the necessary permission to hold the same was remarked upon as an extraordinary procedure.

—Early yesterday morning at the residence of Mr. J. F. Elford, 30 Cadboro Bay road, Rev. J. C. Speer united in marriage George Walter Lilley, of the "Ferneries," Westholm, B.C., and Miss Mary Essie Elford. Mr. H. A. Lilley supported the groom, the bridesmaid being Miss Lillian Elford, sister of the bride. The happy couple left later in the morning for Westholm, the trip being made by road. Among a large number of presents was a horse and buggy, which was used by the newly-made man and wife to convey them to their new home.

—Helmor, the Kamloops man who came here last Sunday to claim his wife, is having some difficulty in persuading her to return with him. The woman seems frightened of her husband, whom she married when only sixteen years of age, and charges him with unnatural conduct toward her. He took her out for a walk this morning, and during the promenade the woman succeeded in escaping from him. She positively refuses to return home on the same boat with him, but promises to go back to her father if allowed to do so unaccompanied by Helmer. The police, meanwhile, are having great difficulty in convincing Helmer that they have no power to deliver his wife to him in chains.

—J. N. G. Williams, brother of Major Williams of this city, accompanied by his wife and two children, arrived in Victoria on Tuesday night from Cuba, and will remain here until fall. Mr. Williams and family, for whom great anxiety was felt by their friends, escaped from Cienfuegos on a coaling schooner. After a voyage of eight days they reached Tampa, where they were detained in quarantine for nine days before being permitted to disembark. Mr. Williams was the manager of a large plantation owned by a Boston firm and has not much sympathy with the insurgents. He states, however, that there is no doubt whatever that Cervera is bottled up at Santiago and at the mercy of the American fleet.

—William Heaney, of Superior street, died this morning at his residence as a result of injuries sustained by him last Monday week. The old gentleman was driving into the yard at his home, when a car, which, it is claimed, was running at a high rate of speed, came along and struck the hind wheels of the buggy. Mr. Heaney was thrown out of the vehicle, badly cut about the head, and severely shaken. He lingered in a semi-unconscious condition until this morning. It is probable that an inquest will be held. The deceased gentleman was 75 years of age, a native of County Down, Ireland, and a resident of Victoria for several years. He leaves a widow, two sons and four daughters. Three daughters, one of whom is Mrs. Bryson, reside here, the fourth one, who is also married, at Rossland. Sincere sympathy will be extended to the family in their bereavement under such painful circumstances. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at half past two from the family residence.

From Friday's Daily.

—The following promotions have been made in the First Battalion, Fifth Regiment, by the commanding officer, Lt.-Col. Gregory: To be corporals, Bomb. Clark, vice H. Fox, who reverts to the ranks at his own request; Bomb. D. McBrady, vice V. Ground, who reverts to the ranks at his own request. To be bombadiers: W. N. Winsby, vice T. Bradbury, discharged; H. Nugent Short, vice George Clark, promoted; S. W. Bodley, vice D. McBrady, promoted.

—The appointment of Wm. George Pollock, of Thurlow Island, as a justice of the peace has been revoked.

—The trial of Marshall v. Baker was this morning adjourned until Monday, pending negotiations for a settlement.

—There will be an Opposition meeting in the A.O.U.W. hall to-morrow evening. Chair taken at 8:30. Every elector welcome.

—The Press Associations of Minnesota and Wisconsin will visit Victoria during July, the first named arriving here about the 12th.

—The Chinaman charged with supplying liquor to a Saanich Indian came up before Magistrate Macrae last night. He was convicted and fined $50.

—J. T. McIlmoyle and J. E. Church left this morning for Asbury Park, New Jersey, to attend the Supreme Lodge meeting of the A.O.U.W., to be held on June 21st.

—Courts of revision of the registers of voters for Victoria city, Esquimalt, West Riding of Yale, New Westminster city and district, and the north riding of East Kootenay will be held on August 1.

—At the convention held last night by the supporters of the Turner government the following were nominated as candidates at the approaching provincial elections: Hon. J. H. Turner, H. D. Helmcken, Q.C.; Richard Hall and A. E. McPhillips.

—Connection is at last established between Victoria and Port Angeles on the wires of the Western Union Telegraph company. The first dispatch passed over the wires yesterday, amongst them being an exchange of congratulations between Ald. R. T. Williams and the Mayor of Port Angeles.

—Speaking of Prof. Berry, who appears at the Drill Hall concert to-morrow evening the Seattle Times says: "The Madison park pavilion has an attractive bill for this week. One of the cleverest features was Geo. M. Berry in his fancy and acrobatic performance on the modern bicycle skate."

—It is stated that application was made to-day to the head of the Spanish government for "letters of marque" to enable parties to fit out a ship to prey upon American shipping engaged in the transportation of treasure and merchandise to and from the mouth of the Yukon river. If letters should be issued it will be a serious question for American ships.

—Alex. Carmachel, an old resident of the city, died on the 8th inst., at the Jubilee hospital from pneumonia, which followed an attack of typhoid fever. Deceased came here about 21 years ago from Kansas City and followed the occupation of teamster, afterwards being connected with several saloons in the city. His funeral took place this afternoon.

—A pretty June marriage took place this morning in the study of the Metropolitan Methodist church of this city. The contracting parties were Mr. Emmett White, of Oregon, U.S., and Miss Carah Aletha Minor, of the same state. The young couple immediately took the boat for Port Angeles. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. C. Speer.

—The date of the opposition convention has been fixed for Monday evening next. It will be held in the A.O.U.W. hall. All electors opposed to the provincial government who desire to attend the convention are requested to call at the Central Opposition Rooms, Broad street, to secure their tickets of admission. The central opposition committee will meet this evening at 8:30.

—An assurance has been given by the deputy attorney-general that, recognizing the urgency of the case, a special assize will be held for the trial of Bella Adams, charged with the murder of Chas. Kincaid on Friday of last week. The girl herself is anxious to have the trial as soon as possible and the department also realizes the special necessity for promptness in her case. The date will be announced in due course.

—Wm. Sweeney and Julia (an Indian woman) came before Police Magistrate Macrae this morning on a charge of drunkenness. Both were convicted, Sweeney being fined $10 or one month in jail and the woman $5 and $1 costs or 12 days in jail. Sam Woo, who left cordwood piled on the street all night, paid $3 and $2 costs, or in default 14 days for infraction of the street by-law.

—A crowded and enthusiastic meeting of the opposition party was held in the central committee rooms last night, Mr. A. Maxwell Muir presiding. The work of organization was expeditiously completed, a general executive committee being appointed and arrangements made for the convention to be held on Monday evening. After the special business to transact which the meeting was called had been completed, Mr. E. V. Bodwell and Hon. D. W. Higgins briefly addressed the audience, both gentlemen scoring the Turner government on their financial policy and general incapacity.

—Notice is given in yeterday's Gazette of the incorporation of three new companies, the Lapwing Co., of Victoria, with a capital of $10,000, to purchase the freighter Lapwing and carry on a general shipping business; the Miners and Farmers' Co-Operative supply Co., Ltd., of Vancouver, capitalized at $100,000, to establish and carry on a general trading business, and the N. S. Le Page Glue Co., of Vancouver, capital $50,000, to manufacture fish glue, oil, poultry food and fertilizers, and to carry on a general cannery business.

—Mrs. F. W. McCulloch presided at yesterday's monthly meeting of the British Columbia Orphans' Home Committee. Mrs. W. Wootten and Mrs. A. S. Going were appointed visiting committee for the current month. Arrangements were made to transfer one of the delicate wards of the home to a country house for the summer, and an application for two children for adoption was referred to a special committee for report. It was decided to hold the usual steamboat excursion for the children next month, and an offer from Mr. St. Clair to give swimming lessons to the children was thankfully accepted. The following donations were received last month and are gratefully acknowledged: Clothing, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. T. Earle, Mrs. J. Kinsman, Mrs. A. R. Milne, Mrs. J. Hutcheson, Mrs. Crease, Mrs. E. H. Fraser, Mrs. Gregson, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Denny, milk, R. E. Knowles, Mrs. E. H. Parker, fruit, flowers, etc., Mrs. R. H. Hamilton, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. H. Stevens, Mrs. W. R. Higgins; books and papers, the Colonist company, Emmanuel Baptist church, Mrs. E. Cridge, Mrs. Law; new boots, Mrs. Wm. Denny.

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Late of Galiano Island, British Columbia, and formerly of Eynesbury, in the County of Huntingdon, England, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that at the expiration of three months from the first publication of this notice, I shall register the title of Amelia Franklin, of Eynesbury, St. Neots, in the county of Huntingdon, England, the wife of Stephen Franklin, and Mary Ann King of the town and county of Leicester, England, widow, the two sisters of the said deceased, the sole co-heiresses and next of kin of the said deceased unless proof shall be furnished me that other persons are entitled to claim heirship to the said deceased with the said Amelia Franklin and Mary Ann King.

Dated the 14th day of May, 1898.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

NOTICE—Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tracts of land, situate at the head of Nasoga Gulf, commencing at the N.W. corner on shore line, thence south 40 chains, east 40 chains, north 40 chains, west 40 chains, to point of commencement, containing 160 acres (more or less). FRANK ROUNDY.
18th March, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber on the following described lands: Commencing at a post marked "F. P. Kendall," southwest corner, situate on the easterly shore of Teslin Lake, at a point directly opposite islands at entrance to narrows, and about six miles from south end of Teslin Lake; thence running 160 chains north, following the shore of Teslin Lake; thence running 40 chains east; thence 160 chains south; thence 40 chains west, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.
Dated 6th day of June, 1898.

F. P. KENDALL.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber on the following described lands: Commencing at a post marked "Frank Higgins," northwest corner, situate on easterly shore of Teslin Lake, one and a half miles north from mouth of Fifteen Mile river, opposite Shell island in Teslin Lake; thence running 40 chains in an easterly direction; thence 160 chains in a southerly direction; thence 40 chains in a westerly direction; thence 160 chains in a northerly direction, to point of commencement, containing in all 640 acres, more or less.
Dated 6th day of June, 1898.

FRANK HIGGINS.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and remove timber from off the following described tract of land, situate in Cassiar district: Commencing at a post at the east end of the south shore of the west arm of Lake Bennett, thence westerly along the shore of the lake 100 chains; thence southerly 96 chains; thence easterly 100 chains; thence northerly 96 chains, to place of beginning, and comprising about 1,000 acres.

JAMES HUME.

Bennett Lake, May 17th, 1898.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

In Regina vs. Nichol Mr. Justice McColl this morning heard the argument on the prosecutor's demurrer to the defendant's plea of justification. The ground on which Mr. Cassidy relied was that although the plea of justification filed by Mr. Martin justified certain portions of the charges, yet it was not sufficient to embrace them all. His lordship in giving his judgment at 3 o'clock said that in taking up the newspaper article complained of he found that it was divisable into different aspects, and that quite apart from their official connections with the companies there were the two further informations that the prosecutions posed as decoy ducks for the benefit of the promoters and were prepared to place at the disposal of the company the secret plans of the government. Those two informations, he said, did not naturally follow from the charges justified by his plea, his lordship adding that the distinction, although a fine one, seemed to him quite clear. The demurrer was allowed with case to defendant to file an amended plea on Monday at 11 o'clock, at which time the trial will come.

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