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## NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

**Movements of the Propagandists—Why Nanaimo Infantry Were Disbanded.**

**Vancouver Wants Improved Electric Lighting Facilities—Mining in the Slocan Country.**

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Sept. 13.—Hon. Mr. Laurier was well received on his arrival here from Nanaimo to-day. As the boat neared the wharf the city band played "The Maple Leaf Forever," and the Liberal leader was cheered as he appeared on the deck. He was driven around the city and park after luncheon, and from three to four received a number of citizens, assisted by Madame Laurier and his travelling companions. In the evening the market hall was well filled and speaking was continued until a late hour. The speeches were similar to those delivered at Victoria. Hon. Mr. Laurier leaves for New Westminster to-morrow, and will go from there into the interior.

The Pharmaceutical Society held their meeting in the city this morning. None but routine business was transacted. The semi-annual examination will be held next month.

The train to arrive in Winnipeg last Saturday was twelve hours late. It appears that the engine of the train struck a boulder near Agassiz and ripped up the track for a considerable distance. Another boulder was encountered at Sicamous, but with the usual good luck of the C.P.R. the train was not derailed owing to the engine striking the boulder fair in the centre. The engine was damaged.

Several months ago the COLONIST announced that a Boston firm was to go extensively into halibut fishing in the Province. This firm has at length established its industry here, the Capilano having been chartered to carry the fish from the Northern halibut banks, a warehouse being leased at the Union Steamship Co.'s wharf, in which to pack the fish. The Boston firm is composed of a syndicate of fish dealers, and is financially strong. Operations will be begun as soon as the Capilano returns from Astoria flour laden for the Empress of China. A large number of fishing nets and hooks have been received from the East, and a number of boats, including a large scow, on which the fishermen are to live, have been purchased. A local firm is also going into the halibut business on an extensive scale.

A committee has been appointed to consider the promotion of trade between the northwest and northwest portions of Vancouver island and this city.

The steamer City of Nanaimo was forced to take 1,000 cases of salmon to Nanaimo on account of lack of accommodation at the C.P.R. wharves. The C.P.R., through Superintendent Abbott, has promised the Board of Trade that the Company will attend to the matter of increased wharf accommodation.

The Charmer brought over on Tuesday and Wednesday two consignments of seal skins shipped by the Hudson Bay Company that will fill five cars, their value being $124,200.

P. L. L. Montague is in jail here at the instance of Detective McCarthy, who wired to the Vancouver police from San Francisco to arrest him on a charge of embezzlement. Montague says he is innocent, and will be a free man an hour after reaching San Francisco. The first night the prisoner slept with his boots on, and the jailer becoming suspicious pulled them off; in one of them were four pawn tickets. The strange conduct of the prisoner made the jailer suspicious, especially as he attempted to bribe the jailer not to say anything about the tickets. When the prisoner was looked up for the night the jailer searched the yard, and was surprised to find a long rope made out of blankets and covered up with dirt in the corner of the yard. As there were only a few drunks in jail at the time, the rope was evidently made by Montague with an idea of escaping. Detective McCarthy is on his way here to take the prisoner back.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 14.—The Art, Historical and Scientific Society is very active lately. Each branch of the association is being pushed. The coming art loan exhibition promises to be very attractive. On Saturday a committee will visit the North Arm of the Fraser to examine a rare Indian relic, with the possibility of purchase.

The great majority of the seven hundred applicants for registration have not appeared before the revising magistrate, showing an astonishing indifference in municipal affairs.

Capt. Scott left by yesterday's express for Brantford and Montreal, interest of the Anglo-American mine, which is said to be very promising.

A set of tariffs of different nations is on its way from Ottawa and will be kept on file in the customs house here.

The large barn of Mr. S Brighouse, North Arm, and 200 tons of hay were destroyed by fire last night.

At a meeting of the free library board, J. M. Duval was appointed treasurer in place of E Odlum, absent from the city.

The action against the tram company by the city, which is an endeavor to compel them to run their cars or trams up their track, owing to the vacation cannot come up in court for six weeks. The City Solicitor has advised the city to proceed with as much work as they can, such as lowering the track or grade on Powell street, which could not be interfered with. This is being done.

The Australian hard wood block sent as an experiment, will be put down on Cordova street near the station and tenders will be received up to October 11 for putting it down.

Road work on Westminster avenue is still unfinished. It is dangerous to animal and man. The board of works ask the finance committee for $600 to put it in safe condition. No doubt money voted for other purposes will be utilized for this work.

Another chapter in the sensational case of Annie M. Byers vs. Tollman Davis et al, occurred in Vancouver yesterday. The complainant, who is the wife of a millionaire pipe manufacturer of Pittsfield, caused her husband to be incarcerated in an insane asylum, and the management of the estate fell into her own hands. Byers shortly after disappeared from the asylum. The defendants are accused of kidnapping him from the insane asylum for the purpose of getting the estate out of Mrs. Byers' hands. Judge Deaner, of San Francisco, and Judge Thorman, of Chicago, yesterday took the deposition of Purser Monroe, of the steamer Warrimoo. Monroe said in effect that he had met Byers in Honolulu, accompanied by a nurse, and though in poor health he did not seem insane. The nurse allowed him to go where he liked. On the last trip of the Warrimoo Byers took passage for Sydney under the name of John Davis, accompanied by Dr. Bodkin. He was still in poor health, but seemed sane. Defendant claims Byers was not insane when incarcerated in the asylum, or is not now.

Hon. Mr. Laurier was presented, on his departure with a large gold nugget.

So far eighteen milks vendors have taken out licenses in compliance with the by-law.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 13.—Preparations for Hon. Mr. Laurier's visit to the city to-morrow are on a somewhat extended scale. Mr. Laurier and party will be met on their arrival by the Mayor and reception committee, the city band, and an address of welcome will be read by Mayor Hoy. There will be a luncheon afterwards at the Guichon. Mr. Laurier will then drive around the city. In the evening a meeting will be held in the Agricultural hall. It is intended to decorate and illuminate the hall with electric lights. J. B. Kennedy, M.P.P., will preside.

The Mainland Standard issues its first number to morrow. It will support the Government.

A large slice of the well known Colonel Moody property in and around Westminster will be sold by auction to-morrow evening.

Members of the Vancouver council visited the city to-day and inspected the electric lighting arrangements, with a view to similarly supplying their city in the near future.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 14.—Hon. Mr. Laurier arrived from Vancouver by special car at noon, accompanied by Messrs. M. C. Innes, Gibson, Fraser, Sutherland, Choquette and Fisher. The city band played "the Maple Leaf" while Mayor Hoy and J. B. Kennedy were receiving the visitors, who were then driven to the City Hall where an address of welcome was read by Mayor Hoy, in a voice which was almost inaudible. Hon. Mr. Laurier replied in a five minute sentimental speech, after which all hands adjourned to the Guichon for luncheon. The wet afternoon seemed to put a damper on the programme, and the city drive was abandoned. They then inspected the Brunette sawmill. The programme included a meeting at Queen's Park this evening.

Sister Ethelbert, of St. Mary's hospital, was buried at Sapperton cemetery this morning. A great concourse attended the funeral. The requiem high mass was sung by Rev. Father Fayard at St. Peter's cathedral. The pallbearers were Messrs. L Guichon, C. McDonough, J. McDonald, P. Bilodeau, MacNamara, Fitzsimmons, all well known gentlemen. It was the largest funeral held in the city for some time.

NANAIMO, Sept. 13.—Hon. Wilfred Laurier and party left this morning for Vancouver. The reception here was courteous but not enthusiastic. The proceedings previous to the meeting in the opera house were very tame. A large crowd turned out for the speech-making in the evening and the Liberal big guns were cordially received. Free trade was the only subject touched upon by both Mr. Laurier and Mr. D C. Fraser the two speakers, except that Mr. Laurier returned briefly to the prohibition question. An address was presented the Liberal leader. Its contents were mainly to the effect that the Reform Club of Nanaimo hoped he (Mr. Laurier) would shortly come into power and that when this auspicious occasion arose he would reform the tariff, with particular reference to reciprocity in coal; establish a mint in the province and make certain changes in the judicial district of Nanaimo. Mr. Laurier replied only to the clause dealing with the tariff and for over an hour discoursed upon the advantages of freedom in trade as compared with the "iniquitous protective policy of the Conservative government." Mr. Laurier was followed by the member for Guysboro, N.S., (Mr. Fraser) whose oratorical effort, lasting a full hour, was very fine from an elocutionary standpoint, but solid argument was very much lost sight of amid the torrents of high falutin'. Before the meeting dispersed Hon. Mr. Laurier said he had received a letter from the president of the local lodge of Royal Templars requesting him to state the Liberal party's policy with regard to prohibition. This, he said, would be an easy matter. Last year the Liberal leaders had decided, when they came into power, to refer the question of prohibition to a plebiscite of the people of Canada, and by their decision they would abide.

Lieut. Colonel Peters, D A.G., informed Dr. W. W. Walkem, M.P.P.-elect, in response to an inquiry upon his part, that the reason for the disbanding of the Nanaimo Infantry Company, are that there is no proper drill hall, with a suitable armory in this city; that the city is not prepared to assist the government in securing such a building; that the local labor organizations are opposed to any military display, and that without the cordial support of all sections of the population any attempt to reorganize the company must fail. Colonel Peters promised to forward any official request in this connection that may be made to the authorities, at the same time pointing out that Mr. Bryden, M.P.P. elect, has made a prior claim for Wellington and offered a drill hall free.

The licensing board of this city will investigate the causes which led up to the recent fracas in the Provincial hotel, which resulted in the proprietor being laid out and confined to his bed for several days. The investigation is set for Friday week.

NANAIMO, Sept. 14.—The Dempsey-Halton assault case was settled this afternoon by complainant withdrawing the former charge of aggravated assault, substituting one of common assault, to which the defendant pleaded guilty and was bound over to keep the peace for twelve months, as well as to appear for judgment when called upon.

The case for the prosecution in the preliminary hearing of the murder charge against S. W. Lobb closed this afternoon. Counsel for the defense asked for an adjournment of one week as he was not prepared to go on with the case at once. The request was granted.

PILOT BAY.

PILOT BAY, Sept. 10.—A. B. Hendryx returned here on Saturday from the East. Good progress is being made with the works of the Kootenay Mining & Smelting Company, on which a large force of men is employed and there is a strong probability that next month the promise of smelting ore during October will be realized. The smelter company have offered their dining room for the accommodation of a school until a proper building can be erected.

CHEMAINUS.

CHEMAINUS, Sept. 12.—A grand regatta and concert under the superintendence of Rev. Father Donckle and Mr. Burchell will take place on Saturday, 15th inst., at Kuper Island. The Kuper Island band will give some choice selections.

The farm formerly owned by Mr. Morrison has been purchased by Mr. Elliott, of Victoria. His son, Mr. George Elliott, is now busily engaged in making improvements.

Mr. Robert Telford, late teacher of Oyster public school, left for Victoria on Friday last en route to Montreal, where he will enter upon the study of medicine in McGill University, which opens on the 20th inst. Mr. Telford has taught in the Chemainus Landing school for three years, and during that time has made many sincere friends, who deeply regret his departure and unanimously wish him success in his new profession. His brother, Mr. George Telford, has gone to Chilliwack to attend the public school there under the instruction of his sister, Mrs. Templer.

Miss Kirkendall, of Esquimalt, came up on Saturday to take charge of the Oyster public school, and entered upon her new duties on Monday.

NELSON.

(From the Tribune.)

Another of the Slocan claims whose worth is being proved by work is the Last Chance, which adjoins the World's Fair, one of the Noble Five group. It is owned by E. H. Tomlinson, of Butte, Montana. An incline is down on the vein about 30 feet, and in running that distance a carload of shipping ore has been mined, which will go 200 ounces of silver and 70 per cent. lead to the ton.

(From the Miner.)

The last clean-up in the Cariboo Camp McKinney, was the result of 19 days' run and realized between nine and ten thousand dollars. The bullion went to Spokane.

H. Drewry left Nelson on Thursday for his camp on the mountains opposite Balfour. Photography during August was not possible, but his party has completed about 400 square miles this year and expects to survey a further area of 1,000 miles this season, including the country between Crawford Bay and the St. Mary's river and as and around Ainsworth.

C. W. Busk has, it is said, purchased Bob Yuill's ranch for two thousand dollars and that he will put in orchards and small fruits there, Balfour sand being too light.

PLUMPER PASS.

PLUMPER PASS, Sept. 10.—Harvesting is general in the neighborhood and should the fine weather continue will be finished by the end of the week. The crops are good and bid fair for a capital yield. A "harvest home" will be held on Galiano island after the grain is safely housed.

The new school house on Mayne island is completed and looms up in striking contrast to the old building. Credit is due the contractors, Messrs. W. Gillespie and T. Bennett, for the good workmanship involved.

The shooting season has brought many sportsmen to this locality and grouse, more especially the willow grouse, are "lying" low. Good bags, however, have been secured.

F. R. Glover, of the Columbian, and party and T. C. Atkinson, J. P., of New Westminster, are among the latest arrivals in camp.

DONALD.

DONALD, Sept. 13.—The weather is superb, and the majority of those who went for their summer holidays have returned to enjoy the pure and refreshing atmosphere of Donald.

Rev. W. R. Ross has returned from a missionary trip up the Columbia in the neighborhood of Fort Steele.

Rev. Dr. Robertson of Winnipeg, preached in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, 9th inst. In his address he exhorted the people to practice the many virtues in Christian ethics, which tended to build up good character. He also pleaded earnestly on behalf of the Home Mission fund.

Joseph H. Watson, a mechanic in the C. P. R. shops, left on the 9th with his wife and children for Vancouver. As Mr. Watson was a man of considerable public spirit, he left Donald with the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

Sheriff Redgrave has placed a flagstaff before the court house to hoist the emblem of Canada during the assizes, next week.

VERNON.

(From the News.)

Judge Spinks left on Monday to hold court at Osoyoos and other southern points. Mr. Fred. Billings left on the same day to attend court in the interest of his firm.

A good deal of fall plowing will be done this year on the commonage. Mr. Quin Faulkner will commence in a few days to break about 100 acres on his new pre-emption. This week will about finish the threshing throughout the district. With some fortunate exceptions the farmers generally complain of crops much below the average. It is fortunate that an unusually large hay crop has been cut this season, as, owing to the dry summer the ranges will not be in very good condition for winter feed.

The opening of the shooting season has resulted in bringing in several parties of hunters who are looking for big game, including caribou and mountain sheep.

The list of premiums for the fall show shows that the prize list committee have done their work well and with excellent judgment.

Rev. S. Cleaver, M.A., of the Metropolitan church, Victoria, will preach in the Methodist church here next Sunday both morning and evening. Collections for home and foreign mission fund.

A hunting party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Price Ellison, Mr. G. G. Henderson and a Siwash guide, left on Tuesday for the Harris Creek hunting grounds after caribou and other big game. They intend to be away about two weeks.

Mr. Streatfield, of Streatfield & Turner, last Saturday was kicked on the leg by a young horse which he was endeavoring to mount bare back, and the limb was badly fractured.

The agricultural association have agreed to combine with the city council in welcoming Lord Aberdeen on his arrival to open the fall show. A committee from the society will consult with the civic fathers on the best steps to be taken, and arrangements will be made accordingly.

The department of agriculture at Victoria have, through their agent, Mr. R. M. Palmer, inspector of fruit pests, sent circulars to the farmers of this district inviting them to contribute specimens of fruit for exhibition at the Imperial Institute and at the office of the B. C. Agent-General at London, England. In response several of the local fruit growers have complied with the request, and among those near the city who have forwarded samples are Messrs. L. Girouard and Price Ellison. The latter's exhibit consisted of plums, Bartlett pears and apples. The pears were especially worthy of mention, being magnificent specimens of their variety, and some of the apples were veritable monsters, averaging in girth fifteen inches. The Okanagan district is gaining an enviable reputation as a fruit producing country, and this exhibit will serve to bring it prominently before the British public.

Sir Peter Walker and Hon. W. S. Powers, two English gentlemen who left on Tuesday on a hunting trip after caribou into the Harris Creek and Fire Valley country, were brought up before Mr. Price Ellison, S. M., on Monday, charged with an infraction of the game laws. The information was laid by Mr. Chas. Mee, who had been sent up for this purpose by the New Westminster District Game Protection Association, and charged them with killing mountain sheep and goat out of season, near Lytton. They pleaded guilty and stated in extenuation that they had a wrong impression as to the requirements of the act, which they thought permitted game of this discription to be killed after August 1. In consideration of their ignorance of the amended act, and the difficulty which strangers find in construing it, the fine imposed was a light one, $10 each and costs, which amounted to about $70 in all. In addition to this they were compelled to take out a shooting license of $50 each.

Mr. Justice Walkem will hold a court of revision on the Dominion voters' list in this city on October 8.

NAKUSP.

(From the Ledge.)

Cariboo creek resembles Thibet creek in Cassiar very much. This creek was rich in spots, and often paid $50 a day to the man. Much pay dirt was seldom found more than three feet from bedrock.

The citizens of Rosebery have sent a petition to E. H. Fletcher, asking that a post office be established at that point.

G. M. Spencer a short time ago found some rich float on the bank of Kootenais creek, and tracing it up he found a ledge two feet wide of gold-bearing quartz. He stripped the ledge for 25 feet and obtained some fine specimens, free gold being visible to the naked eye in one of them. The claim which he named the Hidden Treasure, is less than three miles in a direct line from Nakusp.

THE SLOCAN.

(From the Slocan Times)

Surveyor Twigg has gone up to lay out a wagon road from the Idaho mine to the bridge, a distance of nearly a mile. It is possible that a road may be built right down to the concentrator this fall.

The Alpha is showing up bigger than ever in one of the lower tunnels. Foreman Ross is reported as saying that there is more ore in sight now than ever before in spite of what has been shipped.

E. Applewhaite of Nelson, has been in the Slocan this week looking after his mining interests. On Tuesday he paid a visit to the Reed and Robertson group in which he has an interest as a vendor. He reports that a nice chute of ore about 2½ feet wide was struck the day before he visited the property.

G. W. Hughes was in New Denver on Tuesday. He is feeling very good over his interests in the Slocan. Packing ore from the Idaho is out of the question. The ore would accumulate so fast that it could not be handled. He has just returned from a visit to the Fisher Maiden on Four-mile creek. It is looking first rate.

A. E. Humphreys, of Duluth, Minn., is heavily interested in the Slocan. His syndicate proposes to be the heaviest importer of machinery and heaviest exporter of ore from the Slocan this winter. It is the intention to start to ship ore from the Idaho right away. George W. Hughes has been made manager for the owners and will have control of operating the mine.

The following estimate of the amount of ore which will be shipped the coming winter has been made by Mr J. A. Finch. The estimate is essentially conservative and does not agree with the intentions and expressions of many individual shippers; but Mr. Finch has the present productive capacity of the various mines down pretty fine, and his total may be taken as the minimum output of the country:

| | Tons. |
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| Slocan Star | 2,000 |
| Noble Five | 1,500 |
| Other claims on Reveau mountain | 1,000 |
| Wonderful | 500 |
| Idaho | 1,500 |
| Alamo and other claims in Idaho basin | 500 |
| Gladstone group | 1,000 |
| Fisher Maiden | 500 |
| Mountain Chief | 500 |
| Dardanelles | 500 |
| Ruby Silver and Surprise | 500 |
| All other claims | 1,000 |
| Total | 10,500 |

This is a very moderate estimate, yet it is three times or more than the output of last season and augurs favorably for a busy and prosperous winter.

J. A. Finch returned to the Slocan country this week and intends to remain here during most of the winter. On his way in he visited the Carbonate claim on Springs creek, from which he brought down as fine a specimen of grey copper ore as was ever seen. He also went to see the Iron Crown on Bear creek. The appearance of the Wonderful is very satisfactory, and it is Mr. Finch's intention to ship 500 tons of ore from that property this winter. On Tuesday he went up to the Reed and Robertson group on Four Mile creek, and on Wednesday he visited the Alamo, Idaho and Cumberland. The Idaho he describes as "the finest galena prospect I ever saw." Mr. Finch left Thursday for Trail creek; he will return to New Denver probably on Monday.

W. C. Ward, general manager of the Bank of British Columbia, and G. V. Holt, local agent at Nelson, arrived in New Denver by steamboat on Monday afternoon last. Their principal business was connected with the payment soon to be made on the Alpha mine and the large shipment of ore which is to begin on Monday next. Mr. Ward said he was tremendously impressed by the appearance of New Denver and the air of life and bustle about the town. "Well," he exclaimed, "this is an ideal mining camp. It is the smartest looking place I have seen in the country." On Monday afternoon Mr. Ward visited Silverton, he remarked that to see such a pile of ore on the beach gave one confidence in the country.

Some facts have come to light during the last few days which show up most extraordinary incompetence and want of intelligence on the part of the Canadian Pacific railway officials who control transportation in West Kootenay. The company can be proved to be actually discriminating against its own interest by the freight rates on merchandise which it gives to Nakusp & Slocan lake points as compared with points on Kootenay lake. The freight rates via the C.P.R. from Eastern points to Nakusp and to Kaslo are the same. That is to say, comparatively speaking, the company carries freight from Nakusp to Robson from Robson to Nelson and from Nelson to Kaslo for nothing.

## THE COUNT OF PARIS.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—It is believed that after a proper time has elapsed the remains of the Count of Paris, by permission of the French government, will be transferred to Dreux, where rest the bodies of Louis Philippe and his wife.

After the vault had been closed yesterday the ladies returned to Stowe House and the Duke of Orleans, accompanied by a number of friends, went to London, where he held a reception at the Grosvenor hotel. It was attended by all the visiting royalists. The reception commenced punctually at 5 o'clock and it was estimated that the young Duke received fully 1,000 Frenchmen. When the assemblage was completed, the Duke of Orleans addressed the royalists in a firm, solemn voice, saying:

"It is with sorrowful emotion that I receive the homage of your devotion, and I thank you for it. Your presence not only testifies your respect and attachment to him we have lost, but it also proves your fidelity to the principle of a national and traditional monarchy, of which I am the representative, whereof he has transmitted to me the heritage. Fortified by your aid and by that of absent friends, who from all parts of France have already sent me the expression of their devotion, and making an appeal to all men of heart, I will fill, without faltering, the mission which falls to me."

At the conclusion of this address the Duke of Orleans cordially thanked his fathers' counselors and addressed a few words of thanks and sympathy to nearly every individual member of the royalist gathering.

The Prince of Wales came to town to day, and called upon the Duc d'Aumale and other eminent Frenchmen who attended the Count of Paris' funeral.

## OYSTERS SCARCER.

SEATTLE, Sept. 14.—A story being current that a combine had been formed to put up the price of native bivalves, a reporter visited a dealer who handles nearly all the products of the Olympia beds which reach this city. The reporter reminded the dealer that the restaurant keepers, and small dealers had asserted that a combine had been formed among the oyster producers to raise the price of their product, and that a suffering public was anxious to know why the rate to them had been advanced from 40 cents a quart to 50 cents. He admitted that the rate on oysters had been increased from $2.50 a sack to $3.50, occasioned by the scarcity of oysters.

The oystermen at Olympia had consolidated, or formed a trust, to protect their own interests. All of them had large interests, and for years had competed against each other to such an extent as to lose money. The dealer intervied said he handled fully sixty sacks per week, and the season thus far is a poor one even poorer than the opening of last year, but it will greatly improve. The oysters are scarce from the fact that the severe frost two winters ago killed off many thousands of young oysters which could now be marketed. The usual enemy of the oyster is the star fish, but the oystermen employ men who watch the beds closely and thus prevent the ravages of this destroyer. The natural oyster beds, he said, are nearly exhausted, because no care has been exercised in connection with them and no protection afforded them.

## PLUMES NOT HIS OWN.

HILLSDALE, Sept. 13.—Word was received here yesterday afternoon that at Frontier, this county, Tuesday night Rev. Charles Clancey was tarred and feathered. Mr. Clancy was, until a year ago, pastor of the Methodist church there, but had trouble and started a church of his own with a score of members. On Tuesday night forty masked men, among them husbands of the women of his flock, called him from his house and literally covered him with a coat of tar, dusted him with feathers and then rolled him down a steep hill. Then they warned him that he would receive another dose as soon as he had shed his feathers if he did not get out of town.

## SEAL HUNTING.

SEATTLE, Sept. 13.—W. G. Emery, a seal hunter belonging to the Olsen, just returned from an eight months' voyage in Behring Sea, belonged to a schooner which was among the first to use spears instead of guns, in accordance with the terms of the Paris arbitration. According to him with a little practice spears will prove much more profitable to the sealers than guns. Mr. Emery also gave some interesting news relative to the losses among the sealing fleet of men and boats.

## THE CONSERVATIVE WATCHWORD.

MONTREAL, Sept. 14.—Addressing a Conservative gathering at St. Vincent de Paul yesterday, Hon. Mr. Ouimet, referring to the Manitoba school question, claimed that the Conservative party had never intended that any part of the country's population should suffer in their religious rights, as civil and religious liberty have always been and always would continue to be the party watchword.

## CAPITAL NOTES.

**Alleged Frauds on "Farm Pupils" in Ontario Being Investigated by Major Sherwood.**

**Customs Department Will Try to Extradite an Absconding Sub-Collector—Invalids' Foods.**

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Sept. 14.—Carriere, Lane & Co., Quebec, are the successful tenderers for the new steel dredge for salt water service.

The laboratory branch of the Inland Revenue department is engaged at present analysing infant's and invalid's food, condensed milk and fluid beef. The information resulting from the analysis is that fluid beef is of great value to purchasers.

The customs department will endeavor to extradite sub-collector Neale who absconded from St. Marys two weeks ago. The amount of his defalcation is $6,000.

Sergeant-Major Spicer, of the Northwest Mounted Police, applies to parliament next session for a divorce from his wife, Mary Spicer, formerly Mary Sarickl, a Blood Indian woman, who is at present residing on the reservation. Adultery is given as the cause.

The amount of Dominion note and specie in circulation on August 31 was $22,094,124. Deposits in Government Savings Bank during August amounted to $304,878, and withdrawals $300,800.

Four Ottawa hotel-keepers were convicted to-day of selling liquor on Sunday.

Major Sherwood, chief of Dominion police, has gone to Western Ontario to investigate alleged frauds in connection with the farm pupils' system.

## TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, Sept. 14.—(Special)—Nearly every Patron member elect to the Ontario legislature is now in the city attending a convention, the principal business of which is to decide on a settled course of action for the next session. A prominent leader says the only demand to be made on the government next session will be for the election of registrars, sheriffs and license inspectors by the people.

Traffic was immense in the city yesterday, and the number of visitors greater than ever before. The Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific each ran about a dozen special trains into the city, and all the incoming boats were jammed. The street railway company carried 180,000 passengers. The attendance at the Industrial Fair was the largest on record and the receipts $1,000 ahead of any previous day in its history.

At a meeting of the Ontario Mining Institute yesterday an invitation from the General Mining Association of Quebec and Nova Scotia, to unite with them in forming a Federal Canadian Mining Institute, was received. It was agreed to accept the invitation.

The Patrons of West York have decided to run a candidate against Hon. N. Clarke Wallace. The selection of a candidate will be made on September 26.

The Patron members-elect of the legislature met and have elected a leader in the person of J. L. Haycock, member for Frontenac. It was decided further that the members should vote solidly on all questions which the majority of their number considered Patron questions.

Prof. Jones has been appointed to the provostship of Trinity college until a successor to Rev. Dr. Boddy be appointed.

## WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 14.—(Special)—Donald McArthur, barkeeper at the Cabinet hotel, deliberately committed suicide last night by cutting his throat from ear to ear. Some time ago he was struck on the head with a heavy stick, and his relatives say this made him insane.

The clearings of the Winnipeg clearing house for the week ending September 13, were $741,397; balances, $127,000.

William Longpre, a rancher of Horse lake, Assiniboia, accidently shot himself while hunting, and is not expected to recover.

An attempt to fire the Cosmopolitan hotel block was made last night by some unknown incendiary.

## FROM THE SEA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—The lieutenant commander of the United States ship Adams, from Behring sea, in an interview said that the balance of the patrol fleet may be expected here very shortly. The Yorktown, which left Sitka on the 31st of August for Ounalaska, is due here in about two weeks, and the Ranger may be expected in a month or so. The extent of the damage to the keel timbers of the Adams through contact with the rocks will not be known for some little time, as it will be a month before she can obtain her turn in the dry dock, other vessels having the right ahead of her.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS.

TORONTO, Sept. 14.—(Special)—The wife of Frank S. Palmer, No. 6 Frichot avenue, died on Monday last under circumstances which excited so much talk that the Attorney-General's department has taken the matter up and ordered a thorough investigation. The deceased, it is said, was attended during her illness by two members of the Christian Scientists, to which organization she belonged.

## MONTREAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL, Sept. 14.—(Special)—The story that Solicitor-General Curran is about to retire is not generally credited here.

The deepening of the Lachine canal is to be completed by McNamee & Mann in three years.

CORNWALL, Sept. 14.—William Carney and Arthur Robinson have been arrested in connection with the mysterious death of Patrick Cosgrove, on Wednesday morning.


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