

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

CHEMAMINUS.

From our own correspondent. On Monday, the 16th a general temperance meeting was held at the River school house, Chemaminus, and in spite of the snow storm a fair gathering assembled. Rev. Mr. Miller in the chair. The Rev. John Leakey, Rev. E. Mann, and Rev. Mr. Spencer gave addresses which seemed to be appreciated by the audience, several coming forward at the close to sign the total abstinence pledge.

Chemaminus, Dec. 21.—The temperance meeting held here the first of the week was not well attended on account of the deep snow. There were five speakers, all of whom spoke eloquently on the evils of intemperance and the blessedness of the temperance cause. Some signed the pledge.

The christening of the son of Horace Davies took place on Tuesday evening. Nearly fifty guests were present. After the ceremony dancing was the order of the night and part of the next day.

Mrs. H. E. Donald, who has been visiting her parents in England, returned home yesterday morning. Mrs. Roberts, of Kuper Island, went as far as Vancouver to meet her. Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman, of Victoria, who were fellow passengers, missed their boat at Vancouver and came via Nanaimo, passing through here yesterday morning.

H. E. Donald, who from a scalded foot, but expects to be around again shortly. W. Rudyerd is looking after his ranch during his illness. Although the wind blew a gale yesterday afternoon, no damage was done here, excepting to S. G. Lewis's store where, which they had almost got out of their frames.

E. J. Palmer and wife returned from Victoria yesterday. Lewis G. Hill went to Nanaimo today. Percy Roberts took some views of the giant waves which dashed upon our shore during the gale. They are quite good for an amateur.

MCPHERSONS.

From our own correspondent. A very successful musical entertainment was held at McPherson's last Wednesday. In spite of rain over 50 people were present. Mrs. Dennis Harris, of Victoria, charmed the audience with her mandolin and songs. Mrs. McPherson sang and played the piano. A fine study on the violin was also rendered by Miss Crozier. Mr. Williams, of Koksilah, brought his guitar and delighted the audience with two songs. The proceeds were for the benefit of the new hall building fund.

NANAIMO.

From our own correspondent. Nanaimo, Dec. 23.—Quennell has definitely decided to accept the nomination as a candidate for the majority for the year 1896. He will be opposed by Ald. Davison, and will have very keen opposition.

A movement is on foot to join with other parts of the province in a strong endeavor to oust the Chinamen from whatever calling they may be engaged in. The board of trade is putting forth every endeavor to get the Dominion ship coal from their new mines at Nanaimo. If a public meeting were called for the purpose of deciding what necessary steps should be taken towards the promulgation of the scheme, there would scarcely be a business man in the city that would oppose it.

VERNON.

From our own correspondent. The Armstrong flour mill is rapidly nearing completion. Contractor Crewell expects to have the building finished by the end of the week. The roof was finished last Saturday.

and smelting or milling the ores, building tramways, etc. The incorporators are S. A. Rig, C. W. Ritchie, Jay E. Graves, and H. P. Walmerston, of Spokane, and Robert E. Straborn, of Boston. The company is capitalized at \$1,000,000, and has a share of \$100 each.

A few days ago some of the principal Boundary creek property owners left Midway in company with Messrs. Fowler and Thompson, who have spirited them away to Vernon, at which place probably by this time one of the most important mining deals in the history of British Columbia has taken place.

It is reported that Messrs. Farrell & Midgeon intend shipping five tons of ore from the Stewardier to make a test of the ore. Samples that have been assayed have always given very satisfactory results, which would be pleasing to know were verified by a smelter test.

Several times the proposition has been made to establish a rifle corps in Kamloops, but no definite action was taken until last Friday night, when a well-attended meeting was held in Captain Nash's office to discuss the matter. There was a good attendance and considerable enthusiasm shown. Capt. Nash had previously corresponded with the militia department at Ottawa and stated that the department would give the company every encouragement. A list was at once opened and it now bears 47 signers. This petition will be forwarded to Ottawa soon and there is every probability that company will be formed.

There was a large attendance at a meeting held to consider the question of organizing a board of trade. The committee reported that they had found the judicial district in which Kamloops is situated, contained many more than the required number of inhabitants, and the business men were practically unanimous in favor of the creation of a board of trade. It was decided to proceed at once towards procuring incorporation, and a list was opened when over 20 names were obtained. A committee was appointed to see those who did not attend the meeting and secure their signatures as charter members.

The Kamloops Sentinel says: "On Thursday last Alexander McLean, an inmate of the provincial home, died of influenza. He was the first to die of the disease in Kamloops. He was a native of Argyll, Scotland, and came to British Columbia in 1858, and mined in all parts of the province. He had been in the Victoria home before coming to Kamloops. This is the first death at the home since it was opened."

DUNCAN'S.

Duncan's, Dec. 21.—Covichan has always claimed the championship in every progressive movement for the last twenty years. It was the first to form an agricultural society, and I think the first public library outside of Victoria was established in Covichan. Then we came to the front in forming the first municipality in a rival district, and although we are a little behind in the matter of the Fraser and in Saanich. The final meeting of the Covichan Creamery Company will be held at Duncan's on Monday, December 23rd, after which the erection of the creamery building will be in order. The site selected is over the river on property owned by Robert McKay, about half a mile out of the town of Duncan's. Nearly all the farmers of the district took shares, and among the heavy-weight shareholders are Major Matter, M.P., W. E. Jaynes and a gentleman of Nanaimo. I read an account in the Times of the Saanich plowing match. It was all very well as far as it went, but we want more information, as we are likely to have a plowing match here in the spring.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, Dec. 23.—The Spry-Palmer operating company paid a visit to our town last week and was so well received that it played for four nights. Three men No. 4 mine were severely injured on Friday last by the explosion of gas.

KAMLOOPS.

From our own correspondent. A masquerade ball will be given under the auspices of the Wellington band at the new opera house on Tuesday, December 24th. As a meeting of the Liberal-Conservative association held on Friday evening last Mr. J. Haggart was unanimously selected as the candidate for the coming Dominion election. The schools here were closed on Friday last. The 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th divisions were closed in the morning, and the 1st and 2nd in the afternoon. There are about three children attending the public school here now and the number is gradually increasing.

This time they have good houses and are all prepared in every respect. Mr. P. J. Leech returned by the last steamer from Victoria and says there is no place like Bella Coola.

The work on the government bridge is to commence at once. The completion of the bridge will be of great help to the colony at large, as it has happened before that the colonists have been refused a road to the salt water by private property owners, and therefore had to put up with a great many difficulties. This bridge when put in will give the settlers a road to the sea on the Indian reservation side of the river, where the government wharf is also to be built.

Quite an enjoyable time was spent at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Hammer at New Saturn, on the evening of November 28. A party of about twenty young people decide to call and surprise Mr. Albert Hammer. The party was cordially received and nothing was spared to make the evening pleasant. Games were played up to a late hour when all went home well pleased with the outcome of the first surprise party in Bella Coola.

The public school is progressing finely under the able management of Mr. I. Fougner. Rev. C. Saugstad, president of the colony, in company with President H. B. Christiansen, of the Bella Coola Mercantile Company, will leave here about January for a trip to Minnesota. It is rumored that many new settlers will accompany them back to Bella Coola. The young people of Bella Coola have organized a literary and debating society, and it is largely attended.

THE UNFORTUNATE TEXAS.

Has Many Structural Defects, Which Will Have to Be Remedied. New York, Dec. 23.—Once more the official trial of the battleship Texas has been postponed, this time after she had successfully accomplished three-fourths of the test allotted to her. The cause of the postponement was in no way attributed to the contractors or to the engines, but to structural defects. The ship returned to her anchorage on Saturday night, and will await instructions from the Washington City authorities to Captain Glas as to his further movement.

A CONDUCTOR'S CARELESSNESS.

Causes a Collision with Terrible Results on the Reading Railroad. Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The local northbound train on the Reading railroad left the suburb Frankford at 6:44 a.m. Saturday, without waiting as customary for the down train, which arrives at 6:45 a.m. The result was a head end collision at Sellers street, two blocks north of the Frankford station. Two persons were killed and several injured, three fatally.

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GLADSTONE ON THE CRISIS.

The Grand Old Man's Advice to the Frothing Jingoists. New York, Dec. 23.—A local paper publishes Mr. Gladstone's expression of opinion as to the best method of assuring peace between Great Britain and the United States and the successful adjustment of the Venezuelan question. The following reply is published: "Havaway, Dec. 23.—Sole possible reply: Dare not interfere. Only common sense required. Gladstone."

BELLA COOLA.

Bella Coola, Dec. 7.—The winter has set in, but it is not felt much this year as compared with last, the fact being that the whole colony had to live in tents almost the whole of last winter.

TIDE OF LIBERALISM.

The Liberal Wave Strong in That Dyed-in-the-Wool Tory Riding, Cardwell.

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