

THE DUTIES WE PAY

IN DECADE THE CUSTOM HOUSE HAS COLLECTED A MILLION AND A HALF.

TO INLAND REVENUE WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED \$250,000 IN TEN YEARS.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The custom house was yesterday removed from the Martin block, on the east side of Washington, between First and Second avenues, to the second floor of the Federal building, and it is now housed in splendid apartments which are provided with every convenience.

The public office is a large, well lighted and airy room in the front portion of the floor. A handsome oak counter runs across this room. The furniture is also of oak, and everything is new, elegant and at the same time substantial.

It is interesting at this juncture to give a short account of the custom house since the collection of customs was first commenced in the Trail Creek division. The first building used as a custom house was a small building on Columbia avenue, just east of the St. Lawrence hotel. This was used first as a custom house in 1895, and up to 1897, when the Porin block was occupied for two years.

Mr. Jones held the place for two years. He was succeeded by Samuel Shaw, who collected duties for two years and transacted all of the business himself. In 1895 B. R. McDonald was appointed sub-collector and has held the position ever since.

There are two sub-porters attached to the Rossland district, Trail and Paterson; the former is in charge of sub-collector E. B. Stevens, and the latter in charge of sub-collector A. N. Paterson. Mr. Paterson was appointed landing water in June, 1897, and placed in charge of the sub-station at Paterson on January 12, 1898.

Beginning at sundown last evening, and ending at sundown this evening, constitutes the Jewish Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, which is one of the holy days of the Jewish calendar. During this period Jews observe close their places of business, or cease whatever toll they may be engaged in, and spend the time in prayer.

On the first day of the year it is inscribed, and on the Fast Day of Atonement, it is sealed and determined how many shall pass by, and how many be born; who shall live, and who shall die; who shall finish his allotted time, and who not; who is to perish by fire, who by water, who by the sword, and who by wild beasts; who by hunger, or who by thirst; who by an earthquake, or who by the plague; who by strangling, or who by lapidation; who shall be at rest, and who shall be wandering; who to remain tranquil and who be disturbed; who shall reap enjoyment and who be painfully afflicted; who grow rich and who become poor; who shall be cast down and who shall be exalted.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Judge Miller says one is to be built up Duncan River. Judge J. M. Miller was in the city yesterday en route from the Lardeau to Seattle. He says the Old Gold, Primrose and other mining companies in which he is interested have all been consolidated into the Kootenay Consolidated Mining company.

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HIS FLESH FEARFULLY LACERATED BY REVOLVING MACHINERY.

(From Thursday's Daily.) At 12 o'clock on Tuesday night William Thomas, engineer at the Josie shaft house, was caught in the machinery and received such fearful injuries that he died at 7:15 last evening at the Sisters' hospital.

The miners who got off shift at midnight had been hoisted from the workings, and Mr. Thomas had stowed down the machinery in order to clean it. While he was engaged in wiping the shaft in some way, however, he was suddenly thrown down so that his feet were drawn behind the driver and between the shaft and the bed plate.

The ambulance was summoned, the wounded man taken to the Sisters' hospital and Dr. Kenning called to attend to his injuries. An examination disclosed that the right leg had been fractured at a point two inches below the knee.

The left leg was badly fractured at the knee and the bolts had stripped the flesh above the knee in large sections, so that the bone was bare for a considerable distance. Dr. Kenning cut off a piece of flesh and muscle as large as a hand and did all he could to relieve Thomas' sufferings.

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STARTLING EXPOSE

THE MCBRIDE GOVERNMENT PRACTICES DAMNABLE DECEPTION.

LANDS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT MAKES STATEMENT RE EAST KOOTENAY.

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GOLD DUST

Let the GOLD DUST twins do your work!



"What is my mission in Rossland? I am still the owner of considerable property in British Columbia and the Republic camp, in which Rossland men are my partners. I come here to tie up and fix up these properties for the winter, as I have an abiding faith in the future of British Columbia. I feel that the province has seen its worst days, and if the government will try and aid and assist miners, instead of hitting them constantly on the head, like drowning muskrats, mining will be all right. There has been too much mining legislation in B. C. Had the miners been left alone and encouraged, as they were six or seven years ago, I feel that it would have been much better for the mining industry of the province, as many active mining men have been legislated out of the country."

General Warren has just returned from Sumpter, Ore., and speaks very highly of eastern Oregon gold mines. He reports Colonel E. S. Topple, formerly of Rossland, on the high road of success.

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A Well Known ex-Rosslander Loses One of His Toes. (From Thursday's Daily.) A Vars, of the firm of Baillie, Vars & Carpenter, well known in this city, but now a resident of Camborne in Cornwall, was recently the victim of a rather serious accident. He and others were out hunting caribou, which have been seen around the outskirts of the town lately, and not being successful in their quest the party of sportsmen had returned. While discussing incidents of the chase Vars was standing with the muzzle of his gun on his right foot and his arms resting on the butt, when without any apparent cause the rifle went off, sending an expanding bullet through his foot and a two-inch plank on which he was standing. Mr. Vars was immediately taken to Campbell's drug store, where it was found that the bullet had passed through the second toe slightly below the second joint. Dr. Laxter of Camborne, at once decided to amputate the member, which operation the patient bore with remarkable fortitude. Mr. Vars is rapidly recovering from the effects of the accident, and if nothing unforeseen occurs he will be able to attend to business with the aid of a cane in about two weeks.

will arrive Sunday. Canadian Manufacturers Association Coming 170 Strong. (From Thursday's Daily.) A telegram from R. J. Young, secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' association excursion party, dated at Vancouver, which stated that a party of 170, including 50 ladies, would reach Rossland on Sunday evening at 10 o'clock and would remain here until 2 o'clock on Monday. The special committee appointed by the board of trade, as well as other committees, will do all in their power to make the stay of the visitors pleasant. As the excursion party is a large party, and many of them have friends in this city, the committee says that each and every resident should constitute himself or herself a committee of one to aid in their welcome and entertainment. It is thought that one of the best treats that can be given to the visitors will be to show them through the mines. The Canadian Pacific Railway company has been asked for a train to take the party to the top of the Le Roi Hill. Just what program will be adopted has not yet been decided on. J. S. Carter, passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific, will arrive here on Friday to arrange for the special train to be used to carry the party about. A warm welcome should be given them.