

ASHCROFT DISTRICT IS MAKING PROGRESS

Land Being Sub-divided* for Fruit Growing—Mining Outlook.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Dr. George Sanson, of Ashcroft, who was on the steamer Charnier at the time of the collision, arrived here yesterday on the Princess Victoria on private business, and will leave for his home to-night.

This spring, he says, there will be over 750,000 worth of land in Ashcroft subdivided into five and ten acre lots for fruit raising purposes. On Langley's ranch 3,000 acres are to be subdivided, while owners of smaller acreages propose to act in the same manner.

Towards the subdivision of the large land area in the Ashcroft district, he says, the owners are now building extensive flumes for the purpose of conveying water on to each lot for irrigation purposes, while the other land owners are getting a ditch surveyed from the Bonaparte River to land proposed to be subdivided.

A high grade copper property in the Highland valley about 21 miles from Ashcroft is now under bond to a Butte mining company, which will ship ore by sleighs this winter. The proposition shows an eight foot ledge with average assays of nine per cent. Prospecting in the Highland valley has been going on for years, but the low price of copper has acted as a hindrance to development. The people, however, are now going in in numbers and with the Nikola coal near for smelting purposes the mining outlook is, in Dr. Sanson's opinion, extremely good for the district.

The Nikola coal people intend building a coke oven at once and to follow it with a smelter to take care of the output from the mines. This will cause a big impetus in mining in the district. The mining investors of the Highland valley have extremely good facilities with regard to transportation, as from their position they only require a three-mile road to connect with the main wagon road to Nicola and Ashcroft.

The prospects for fruit growing, says Dr. Sanson, are equal to any locality in the province. Ashcroft, being situated in the dry belt, can grow all classes of fruit successfully, and a season two weeks earlier than any other fruit raising district of the province. With the subdivisions proposed, and the opening up of the copper claims, a great impetus to all industries of the Ashcroft district is expected.

The C. P. R. has decided upon a reduction in rate by the steamer Joan between Vancouver and Nanaimo, as was asked for by a representative delegation from Nanaimo. The fares will in future be \$1.50 single and \$2.50 return. The old rates were \$2 and \$3. The rate for commercial travelers is reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.00, and for the athletic companies from \$1.20 to \$1.00.

By request of Mrs. Dunsmuir the date for the fancy dress Cinderella for children and young people at Government House has been changed from Tuesday, December 29th, to Monday, December 28th. The account of the fixture of the Victoria Musical Society for the former date. This society, in arranging to bring world-famed musicians to Victoria, depends upon the staunch support of the musical section of Victoria, and it is felt that no conflicting attractions should be allowed to detract attention from this event, or hinder a full attendance of supporters and members. Tickets for the Cinderella dance are now on sale, and may be obtained from the Daughters of Pitty, Mrs. Hasell, Challoner & Mitchell, Redfern, Hibben, and at the Alexandra Club.

The manager of the Home for Aged and Infirm acknowledges with thanks the following donations for the month of November: Mrs. H. K. Prior, stationery; Mrs. Read (Oak Bay), Lloyd's Weekly; Mrs. L. J. Quagliotto, San Francisco papers; Mrs. H. D. Helms, illustrated papers and magazines; Mrs. E. W. Pearce, Illustrated London News; Mrs. J. M. Perkins, clothing; Mrs. H. T. Knot, two boxes reading matter; A Friend, clothing and Collier's Weekly; Sons of St. George supper committee, bread, cake and sandwiches; N. Shakespeare, reading matter; Jas. Morrison, reading matter; Mr. Allen, London Weekly Dispatch; Standard Stationery Company, magazines; Messrs. Hibben & Co., magazines; Victoria Daily Times and Colonist; Peoples Press, Western Clarion and B. C. Poultryman.

Notwithstanding the popular opinion to the contrary, women have, as a rule, much coarser hair than men.

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NURSERIES

"HONEYMOON SHIP."

Princess Charlotte Receives Nickname
—C. P. R. Asked to Furnish
Wives.

That graceful vessel, the Princess Charlotte, now on her way to Victoria, has already been nicknamed the C. P. R. Honeymoon Ship owing to the bridal chambers that were fitted up in her by Fairfields for the benefit of British Columbia, says the Standard of Empire. But bridal chambers are apparently not enough. The railway is now being asked to supply the wives as well. Here is a letter received from a well-known mining centre by one of the C. P. R. agents:

"Dear Sir—I have been making a study of the Japanese woman, and I have decided that she makes a good wife. It is upon this subject I write to you to get acquainted: also if the buying of girls from their parents is still customary among the middle class. It is my intention to visit Japan before long. I expect to go via your line, and any information you can give me I assure you will be gratefully received. At the same time, thanking you in advance, I am yours sincerely, etc., etc."

MANY STREETS GETTING PERMANENT PAVEMENT

Road Improvements Going Ahead Rapidly—Govern- ment Street Next.

Good progress is being made with the street paving works at present in hand. Broughton street is completed from Douglas to Wharf except for a couple of yards at the lower end. Courtney street has been finished from Douglas to Government streets, and the workmen are now busy on Gordon street, between Broughton and Courtney streets.

The block-paving on Government street, continuing on from the end of the new pavement at Johnson street, to Herald street, will be taken hold of next. Some work has been held back until the double system of water mains had been laid for the domestic and high pressure fire protection services had been put in, but as this work has been done all is ready for the paving.

DEATH OF PROMINENT RESIDENT OF CITY

Gordon F. Grant Passed Away After Prolonged Illness.

(From Monday's Daily.)
On Saturday, Gordon F. Grant, passed away after a prolonged illness at his home on the Saanich road. Mr. Grant was very well known in this city, where he had made his residence for many years.

He was a native of Pictou, Nova Scotia, where he was born 66 years ago. About forty years ago he came to the Pacific coast and as a marine engineer was identified with the shipping on the coast during all that time. He was engaged in connection with the construction of the drydock at Esquimalt and later was associated with the late Capt. Devereaux in the bucket dredge, which for some years did service here. When put in commission Mr. Grant became chief engineer and later went to England to act as chief engineer in the ment service. In this capacity he acted up to about a year ago, when falling health forced him to retire from his position on the government steamer. About a month ago he took a decided change for the worse, as he passed away on Saturday.

He is survived by his widow. Two sons, W. Pollard Grant and Gordon M. Grant, live in Vancouver. Of his daughters, Mrs. N. Rant lives in Victoria, Mrs. A. Davey in New York, and three are unmarried residing at home. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2 p. m. from his late residence, 9044 Saanich road.

LAID AT REST.

New Westminster, Dec. 4.—In accordance with the last wishes of the late John A. Paterson, reeve of Delta municipality, the remains were yesterday interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery in this city, services being conducted by St. Andrew's church and the graveside by Rev. W. M. White, of Ladner, assisted by Rev. J. S. Henderson. The funeral was very largely attended by relatives and the many friends of the deceased both from the city and district, and large quantities of flowers covered the grave. The pallbearers were all residents of Delta and close friends of the deceased: H. N. Rich, N. A. McDiarmid, R. McKee, J. B. Elliott, J. Honeyman, W. Smellie.

MONTREAL BANK DIRECTOR.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 7.—C. R. Hosmer has been elected director of the Bank of Montreal as successor to the late Sir Robert Reid.

CREMATED THROUGH SMOKING.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 5.—William Allott, a hermit who lived alone with a dog in a hut near here, has been cremated. He was an inveterate smoker, and is supposed to have set the shack afire while smoking in bed.

—Mrs. Rowney, of 341 Windsor street, Cambridgeport, Mass., U. S. A., is seeking the whereabouts of her brother, George Brown, who when last heard of was at Sidney, British Columbia. Important news awaiting the missing man if he will communicate with his sister at the address given. A letter to the Times from Mrs. Rowney says that George Brown left his home three years ago, and was last heard of from Sidney, B. C. She wishes that anyone knowing his whereabouts will communicate with him or with her.

CONDEMNED PRISONER ATTACKS THE WARDEN

Assault Made Upon Official of Jail at New West- minster.

(From Monday's Daily.)
Superintendent of Provincial Police Kusey this morning received a telephone message from the provincial jail at New Westminster to the effect that Warden Brymner had been severely assaulted this morning by one of the three prisoners occupying condemned cell. At the time of the assault the warden was making an inspection and was set upon by the prisoner and attacked with a piece of broken glass. Severe injuries were inflicted, and the warden's life saved by the quick actions of those near him. He will be under medical treatment for some time, as he was badly cut about the face and suffered from considerable loss of blood.

COUNTY COURT.

Cases That Will Come Up For Hearing at Next Sitting.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
The December term of the County court opened on Monday and there were twenty-two cases down for hearing. In addition to adjourned cases and judgment summonses there are the following new cases set down:
Frank Crompton vs. B. C. Electric Co.—An action for \$1,000 damages for an electric shock received while sawing wood in the cellar of his residence, the saw coming in contact with a lighting wire. The defence is that the accident was the result of plaintiff's negligence or was an unavoidable accident. J. A. Alkman, for plaintiff; McPhillips & Helsterman, for defendants.

G. P. R. vs. Oliphant—An action for \$101.94, balance alleged to be due on a freight bill through a lower rate having been charged than should have been. G. A. McMullen, for company; McPhillips & Helsterman, for defendant.

Victoria Machinery Depot vs. Joseph Suatras, master of steamer Delta.—An action for \$155 for goods supplied. Sydney Child, for plaintiff; Moresey & O'Reilly, for defendant.

Jay & Garrard vs. Sutton.—A suit for \$500, amount of a cheque given in payment for lands and stopped at the bank. Defendant claims that plaintiffs did not carry out their agreement, and counter claims for \$140. Bernard & Robertson, for plaintiffs; McPhillips & Helsterman, for defendant.

Touiden vs. Turk.—Action for \$17 by a waitress for wages. Defendant pleading no agreement, and that plaintiff left in the middle of the month without notice. Bradshaw & Davis for plaintiff; George Morphy, for defendant.

Wetenhall vs. Brackman & Ker.—A suit for \$300 damages for breach of contract, defendants denying any agreement. C. J. Prior, for plaintiff; Bernard & Robertson, for defendants.

Richard vs. Kynaston.—Action for \$480.45 for work done and material supplied for a building. The account is disputed and \$500 of a counter claim filed. J. A. Alkman, for plaintiff; A. J. Kitto, for defendant.

B. C. Marine Railway Co. vs. Stewart & McEachern.—Action to recover \$200 secured by a bond given to the sheriff in a replevin action. Eberts & Taylor, for plaintiff; McMill & Bird, Vancouver, for defendants.

NEW BUILDING.

Kirk & Co. Have Commenced Work on Soda Water Factory.

(From Monday's Daily.)
Building on a new factory was started this morning for the Kirk & Co. Ltd., the name having been changed from the Victoria West Soda Water Company. This company has succeeded Fairall Bros. and will manufacture all kinds of aerated waters solely from the celebrated Esquimalt water.

Two well known gentlemen joined the company Saturday, but they will not take any active part for the present. The company has a strong standing and when the new machinery is installed will be in a position to push business and keep all orders filled promptly.

WILL TAKE NORTHERN RUN.

Steamer St. Croix Sails Atlantic Coast This Month.

The American steamship St. Croix was sold on November 25th to Schuchab & Hamilton, of Seattle, by David Whitcomb, of Worcester. The St. Croix, which last year plied between New York and Fall River, Mass., with passengers and freight, was sold previously by the Eastern Steamship Company for \$125,000. The vessel has been tied up at Fall River, Mass., for a year.

Built of wood, the St. Croix is 240 feet long and has ninety staterooms and a capacity for about 400 second-class passengers. She was built at Bath, Me.

The vessel will be placed in the Seattle-Nome passenger and freight service when she reaches the Pacific. It is expected the St. Croix will sail this month, but her departure may be delayed a few days because of negotiations with a party of Middle Western merchants and manufacturers who wish to go around in the vessel to the Pacific for business reasons, stopping off at important South American cities on both east and west coasts.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Steamer City of Puebla arrived from San Francisco last night, bringing 98 passengers and about 200 tons of freight. Among this was a shipment of the Victoria's Christmas Works. The following passengers departed here: Geo. H. Stevens, H. W. Wheeler and wife, Frank Lebarde, A. Humphrey and two second class.

STEAMERS FOR G. T. P. COASTING SERVICE

Report From Montreal Says Company is to Place Orders for Two Vessels.

Further confirmation that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company is to put a line of steamers on the coast run between Prince Rupert and Victoria, calling at intermediate points, is contained in the following dispatch from Montreal: "Early in the coming year orders for two steel-built ocean-going vessels will be placed with a firm in the British Isles. The contract will call for their completion early in 1910. The proposed steamers will incorporate the latest improvements in ship-building. They will have a maximum speed of twenty-one knots an hour." The G. T. P. according to the above dispatch are not going to allow their waterfront property in Victoria to remain idle long. Recently they gave notice to those concerned that they wished immediate possession of the property, which indicated that work was likely to be done on the valuable frontage they bought this summer in the inner harbor.

COUNTY COURT JURIES ARE COMMANDED

Judge Lampman Paid Compli- ment to Them—Disposition of Cases.

(From Monday's Daily.)
Victoria County court juries were highly commended this morning by Judge Lampman as the best that can be had. It was the first day of the December term and his Honor was fixing dates for trials. One of the cases to come up is that in which Frank Crompton vs. the B. C. Electric Railway Company for \$1,000 damages for injuries sustained by coming in contact with a lighting wire in his cellar.

J. A. Alkman, for the plaintiff, asked for a jury trial, and H. G. S. Helsterman, for defendants, suggested a special jury. It was pointed out, however, that County court juries are selected from the common and special jury panels, and that a jury of 12 is required. "And you get the best possible jury in that way," commented the judge. "I have always found the juries we get in this court exceptionally good, and I have heard any lawyer or litigant complain."

The trial was fixed for Wednesday, December 16th. Other dates fixed were: Geiger vs. Morton (Duncan), Thursday, December 17th; Richard vs. Kynaston, Friday, December 18th; Touiden vs. Turk, Friday, December 18th, 11 a. m.

B. C. Marine Railway Company vs. Stewart & McEachern, Tuesday, December 15th, 11 a. m.
Richard vs. Kynaston, Friday, December 18th, 11 a. m.
Wetenhall vs. Brackman-Ker Company, Tuesday, December 22nd, 11 a. m.
Verrinder vs. Lamb, settled out of court.

Dickenson vs. Merrifield, Allen vs. Grant, Terry vs. Grant, Morris vs. McCallum and C. P. R. vs. Oliphant, stand over until January term.
International Text Book Company vs. Robertson, Toye vs. Sutton and Victoria Machinery Depot Company vs. Quatros, stand for date to be fixed.

METHODIST CHURCH TAKES REVERE HOUSE

After Much Litigation Posses- sion Was Taken of Prem- ises To-day.

(From Monday's Daily.)
The "Corona," formerly known as the "Revere House," 837 Pandora street, this morning passed finally, after considerable litigation, into the hands of the Methodist church, which took possession of the property. The Missionary Society have purchased the property for the purpose of turning it into a Japanese mission. The Revere House was one of the first built in Victoria. It passed through the hands of various tenants, until finally taken over for use as a boarding house by Mrs. George Rosch. The sale to the church was made at the end of about a year and a half tenancy of Mrs. Rosch, when the trustees asked for possession of the property purchased. Mrs. Rosch declined to give possession without six months' notice, and legal proceedings followed. It was decided by the court that thirty days' additional notice should be given. The tenant, when the notice was not given later the trustees took the matter into the county court and obtained a verdict between two and three months ago from Judge Lampman. Mrs. Rosch, however, required time to move her business into another suitable establishment and for the last two months has been making plans. These, however, have not matured, and the church requiring the premises on Saturday last informed Mrs. Rosch they would take possession to-day, which they did, and removed the furniture to storage rooms. Some thirty old boarders were surprised this morning at the sudden notice, and went out into the rain to seek fresh quarters.

CONFIRMATION SERVICES.

(From Monday's Daily.)
At Christ church cathedral last night Bishop Perrin conducted confirmation services, at which there were confirmed nineteen boys and fifteen girls. There was a very large attendance present. Hymns appropriate to the occasion were sung and the bishop delivered an impressive address to those who were present.

TUG HOPE SALVED AT DODD'S NARROWS

William Joliffe Went to Her As- sistance Saturday Night.

The tug Hope, belonging to the J. Sayward mills, went ashore on Saturday at Dodd's Narrows, about fifteen miles from Nanaimo, on Saturday night. The William Joliffe, of the B. C. Salvage Company, had only just come in with the Charnier when the news arrived, and she was at once dispatched to the scene, where she arrived late on Saturday night.

Work was at once commenced, and the tug was soon raised and taken to Ladysmith, practically undamaged.

WHARF AT PRINCE RUPERT.

Provincial Government Will Not Give Companies Permission to Build.

The local government has refused to grant the request of various companies desiring waterfront at Prince Rupert on which to erect wharves. After consideration had been given to these applications, and the whole situation at the northern railway terminus reviewed, the government decided to refuse to grant any of the applications for waterfrontage.

It was further decided to build a wharf, to be owned and managed by the government, to afford the necessary facilities for shipping and place all the companies on an equal footing. The section of wharf to be built first will be about 600 feet in depth of water, 20 feet at extreme low tide. The wharf will be located on the government's land situated about the centre of the business section of the town.

JAMES BROWN PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING

Well Known Resident of Vic- toria Died at Advanced Age.

(From Monday's Daily.)
This morning at the advanced age of 83 years James Brown, for many years a familiar figure on the streets of Victoria, passed away at the home of his son, J. G. Brown, Gladstone avenue, Victoria, at 11 a. m.

The deceased, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, but early in life took up his residence in Glasgow, where he was a foreman in a large weaving establishment. Failing sight, as a result of cataract of the eyes, forced him to give up his trade, and about 25 years ago he moved to London, Eng., where he lived until about 18 years ago, when he came to Victoria and made his home with his son. Up to almost the last he was a firm believer in the form of the old gentleman on the streets was familiar to many. He had many friends who will lament his death.

Three members of the family reside in this city—J. G. Brown, of the Dominion public works; Walter, of Wilkerson & Brown, and Mrs. G. E. Wilkerson. Of the other members of the family, James, the eldest, resides in Glasgow, and Mrs. Sutcliffe in London. A granddaughter, Mrs. Fisher, is also a resident of Victoria. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2 o'clock from the home of J. G. Brown, 1285 Gladstone avenue.

NANAIMO COMING.

Rugby Team Will Play Here on New Year's Day.

W. Moresey, manager of the Victoria Rugby team which beat Vancouver Saturday, this morning received a telegram of hearty congratulations from James McKinnell, the backbone of Nanaimo Rugby football. From the telegram the feeling in Nanaimo is very strong over the victory recorded by Victoria.

Mr. Moresey has also received from Mr. McKinnell information to the effect that Nanaimo Rugby team will visit Victoria on New Year's Day, and play a game at Oak Bay against the local team. The attendance Saturday numbered about 400 and a word of praise is due to the management for the satisfactory manner in which the field was lined out, and roped from the crowds that stood around the playing area. The arrangement was satisfactory to players and spectators alike.

PERSONAL.

C. A. Harrison, formerly proprietor of the Diarr, is in the city.

Dr. Graham has returned from Regina and will spend some weeks here.

W. Mearns, of Cowichan, and Mrs. Mearns, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

D. Nicholson, mayor of Ladysmith, is in town. He is registered at the Dominion hotel.

WORLD'S BIG CITIES.

The century just passed has witnessed an enormous multiplication of large cities and their rapid growth. In 1801 there were in all Europe but twenty-two cities of more than 100,000 inhabitants, of which only London and Paris had more than 500,000, and none reached a million. At present there are 180 cities of more than 100,000 inhabitants, fifty-five above 500,000, and seven of more than a million. In the entire world there are thirteen cities of a million or more inhabitants, including the European seven. M. de Foville, a French student of comparative statistics, attributes this unprecedented increase to the fact that the combined efforts of science, industry and invention have accelerated the pace of the world. Chemistry, steam, and electricity, railways and steamers, sold and credit have all appeared during this period and have given both to men and to affairs an impulse like the stroke of a magic wand.

AMERICAN BOAT VIOLATES LAW. Will Be Seized by Canadian Cruiser If Found Within Three-Mile Limit.

(Special Correspondence.)

Prince Rupert, Dec. 4.—The Canadian fisheries cruisers Restless, Falcon and Restless, tied up at the wharf on Sunday, leaving again early Monday morning to patrol the halibut fishing grounds. It has been learned that an American fishing boat put into Alert Bay last week and purchased bait contrary to the fishing laws. The cruisers are now after her, and if caught within the three-mile limit she will be seized.

ROUMANIAN USES KNIFE ON COUNTRYMAN

Hearing of Evidence Was Not Proceeded With—Adjourn- ment Until Thursday.

(From Monday's Daily.)
Martin Hopcoln, a Roumanian, was charged in the police court this morning with cutting and wounding a fellow countryman, Eli Helo, who is in the hospital as a result of his injuries, and the case was adjourned until Thursday for his appearance.

The affray took place in the bar of the Colonial hotel, Johnson street, at 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and Hopcoln was arrested at 10 o'clock that night in the Princess of Wales saloon, where he had been telling some new-found acquaintances of the affair, and was inquiring as to the chances of getting away as a fireman on a steamer.

So far as Sergeant Walker has been able to ascertain from the friends of the men five Roumanians live in a couple of rooms behind the bar of the Colonial hotel. They had all been drinking pretty freely on Saturday afternoon, and Hopcoln and Helo got into an altercation. What the trouble was the other men do not know, and Hopcoln refuses to say anything. All but he left the room and continued to drink at the bar.

After a time Hopcoln came out and passed along behind the quartette as if he was going out into the street. When he had got past them a step or two he turned and walked back until he was directly behind Helo. Then he whipped out a knife which he had concealed and plunged it into his comrade's back, disappearing through the street door almost before the others had realized that anything had happened.

Helos cry of pain was the first thing that called their attention. He was caught in the arms of a man beside him and carried into his room, where his friends endeavored to take his clothes off, while Dr. Robertson was telephoned for by the bartender and the police patrol wagon called. Helo was sent to the Royal Jubilee hospital in the wagon.

With no very definite description of the man Sergeant Walker started out on the hunt for Hopcoln. He finally located him and the identity of the man was established beyond doubt by the testimony of some of those around to whom he had been retelling his story. Hopcoln was in the centre of a group of longshoremen and stokers, from whom he had been trying to find out the chances for getting away by that means. He made no secret of his having stabbed a man when talking to them and was consistently under the influence of liquor. He made no resistance to arrest, but refused to talk of the affair. There was no knife found on him when he was searched.

Helos reported, on inquiry at the hospital this afternoon, to be doing nicely. He will be about again in a few days.

CADET CORPS MARCH TO CHURCH SERVICE

Smart Turn Out of School Boys —Excellent Advice Given Them.

(From Monday's Daily.)
There was a church parade of the cadet corps of University college and the Collegiate school yesterday morning to Christ Church cathedral. The combined turn-out was nearly ninety, about half from each institution. The buglers and drummers accompanied the boys, and played a bugle march. Staff-Sergeant Clark, of the Fifth Regiment, was in charge of the parade. The University corps, under command of Captain W. J. Bowser and Lieutenants K. Corsan and H. Hilliott, were the first to start, marching to the college and being joined there by the Collegiate corps, under command of Captain P. Loewenholm and Lieutenants R. A. Smoth and J. A. Grant.

The cadets made a fine appearance, marching smartly and in good time, and looked splendid in every way. Many favorable remarks were made on their turn-out.

At the cathedral the boys had places in the south aisle and joined heartily in the service. Canon Beauland was the preacher and his sermon was based on the story of David and Goliath. It was an excellent talk to the boys on the lessons to be learned from the story. The preacher made reference to the cadet system and to its great value in the training of boys and young men. It instilled principles of discipline, thoroughness, steadiness, self-control and self-sacrifice, and had besides a large place in the preparation for the defence of Canada should it ever be necessary.

The entire world there at the service the cadets marched back to their schools.

THE REAL THING.

Mrs. Bluehouse—"Who is your favorite writer, Mrs. Shopleigh?"
Mrs. Shopleigh—"My husband."
Mrs. Bluehouse—"Wasn't aware that he was of a literary turn."
Mrs. Shopleigh—"Oh, yes; he writes cheques."

WIRELESS STATIONS FOR PRINCE RUPERT

Two Plants Probably Will Be in Operation Within Four Months.

(Special Correspondence.)

Prince Rupert, Dec. 4.—Within a few months Prince Rupert will have two wireless telegraph stations in operation, affording splendid telegraphic communication with all coast cities, and connecting with the land lines at Victoria and Seattle. In addition to the wireless station to be installed here next spring by the Dominion government, it is reported on good authority that an American company will also enter the field and erect a wireless station at Prince Rupert.

The Western Wireless Company of Seattle is now securing the necessary information to this end, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the Electric Light Company to supply the power required the work of installing the plant will be proceeded with at once.

SWIFTSURE BUOY HAS BEEN RECOVERED

Drifted Into Barclay Sound and Picked Up by Leebro.

The buoy that went adrift from the Swiftsure reefs owing to the severe storms on the West Coast has been picked up by the steamer Leebro in Barclay Sound, where it had drifted. The Leebro is now on her way to this city and will be here this evening or to-morrow morning. The buoy will be replaced as soon as preparations have been made for securing it in position.

In the meantime mariners are warned to remember that the buoy is not in position.

The provincial librarian has recently sent out four new traveling libraries. They have been dispatched to Salmon Arm, Whonnook, Slovan City and Port Haney. The latter makes the seventy-first place to receive a library since the system was inaugurated.

Application is to be made at the next session of the legislature to an act to incorporate a company to be called the Victoria & Barclay Sound Railway Company to build from this city by way of Otter Point and San Juan to Barclay Sound, near the Sarita River.

The death occurred Friday at the family residence, 2649 Grahame street, of Clarence Penketh, aged 2 years, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jeeves.

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY.

The Timeliness of Diamonds

Diamonds are timely ALWAYS. But they have an added charm when associated with the gladness of Christmas.