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YTERY MEETS

TRANSACTED AT THE ONS HELD HERE LATELY.

ROBERTSON REMAINS AND FORKS--GENERAL MATTERS.

n Thursday's Daily.)

nnual meeting of the Kootrtery convened in St. Anbyteria church here on rning and proceeded to its ewing the labors of the past Those in attendance were: oung, moderator; Jas. Ball, Robertson, Grand Forks; n, Fernie; W. G. W. Forrook; Dr. Wright, Nelson; y, Phoenix; Wm. Simmons, C. W. McColl, Columbia; ord, Nakusp; W. G. Brown, ; George H. Findlay, Ains- S. Graham(elder), Green- A. S. Thompson, B. A., d Rev. Dr. Herdman. session was taken up with minutes of past meetings, ructive Bible reading on the by Rev. Dr. Herdman. The ession was wholly taken up ome mission report, which ed by the convener, Rev. W. ne. The report showed that of the general depression the county the ministers of are doing an aggressive and work. In closing the report tendent of missions, Dr. expressed his gratitude to tery for the help accorded work, and to the ministers the Presbytery for the fruitn the hard places within our

on on Tuesday evening was y an address and conference e topic of socialism. Dr. Nelson, read an instructive ng address and laid down principles for social reform. Gordon followed with a pag up the subject for conferprovoked some discussion. ng part in the discussion were Robertson, Rev. E. C. W. Rev. Jas Ball, and the consed with a thoughtful and paper by Rev V. M. Purdy. sion of Wednesday morning th an instructive and intele reading led by Rev. Jos. who is at present supplying w's church, Rossland. gnation of Rev. J. R. Robert., of the pastoral charge of rch, Grand Forks, which has e the Presbytery for the past hs was taken up and disposed nding of the Presbytery was "Having heard the report vious meeting of the Presbythe letter written by Mr. was moved by Mr. Fortune led by Mr. McColl that the requests Mr. Robertson to his resignation for the folsons:

rge majority of his congregaposed to his resigning. ly speaking the active workcongregation are very hearty pposition to his resignation. use of Christ would suffer if Irs. Robertson left at this parncture.

n conclusion we assure Mr. of our sympathy with him in the things that make for ess."

olution was unanimously carMr. Robertson in reply thanked ytery for their confidence and to withdraw his resignation. signation of V. M. Purdy, B. e pastoral charge of St. Anurch, Phoenix, was presented pted with regret. A resoluafidence and esteem was passive of Mr. Purdy's heroic serhe midst of adverse conditions mpathy with him that because high altitude his physges a change without Rev. J. R. Robertson, Forks, was then appointed pro tem of the congregation x to declare the pulpit vacant bath. M. Robertson was also moderator of the Greenwood ion during its vacancy. with regret the Presbytery hat Rev. A. L. Burch, B. A., d it necessary to decline the ded to him by the people of w's church, Rossland, but the y hopes the congregation may appily settled so that the danprolonged vacancy may be av-

mmissioners of Presbytery to al assembly in Vancouver, inev. H. Young, M. A., Rev. Dr. nd Rev. J. R. Robertson, B A., W. S. Graham, gave brief adn their attendance on the as- They all reported that the ad a very successful meeting, church realized more than ever heritage of Western Canada, the interest of the people in work of the church was marktense.

esbytery adjourned at 4:30 p. a motion of thanks was heart- to the authorities of St. Anr the use of the church and g the same, and also to the who entertained members of ytery by the kind hospitality homes.

E A COLD IN ONE DAY. axative Bromo Quinine Tabdruggists refund the money to cure. E. W. Grove's signon each box. 25 cents.

NEWS OF THE COAST

The case of James Ball, charged with assaulting Miss Marshall, of Cloverdale, two weeks ago, and robbing her residence that night, was up for a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Pittendrigh. He was identified by Miss Marshall as her assailant, but positively denied ever seeing her before. However, several neighbors gave evidence as to seeing him in the neighborhood of the house at the time in question. Constable Calbick gave evidence as to the arrest, and he was supported by Chief of Police Logstrum, of Whatcom. Edna Stanley, of Whatcom, gave evidence to the effect that Ball had given her one of the stolen rings produced. Accused was committed to stand trial.

From Mt. Sicker comes the news that on the Lenora property there has been encountered a remarkably rich strike of ore. The new discovery exceeds anything hitherto located on the property, or for that matter in the camp, and has given a renewed impetus to the camp. The new find is reported to have given as high as $100 smelter values.In addition to carrying high values in copper, it is said to carry $16 a ton in gold and about $7 in silver. While these values undoubtedly do not represent the general run of the ore, still that averages very high. The new find is a short distance from the present workings and serves to show that the mine is rich. Manager Tregear is delighted, it is said, with the prospects of the mine. The ledge has been exposed to a width of 20 feet, and its real dimensions are not yet known.

Two car-loads of champagne were among the outward freight ofthe City of Puebla from Vancouver. In checking it over one case was noticed to be very light in weight and suspicions were aroused. It was accordingly opened. The top was nicely covered with straw, but instead of bottles of sparkling "cham" some lumps of coal were found. The Montreal customs stamp was intact so that the case must have been broached on the way across the Atlantic, and judging by the coal found inside, the steamer's firemen were probably the culprits.

The Texada Miners' Union having withdrawn its demands for a nine-hour day for carpenters and blacksmiths, the Marble Bay mines will re-open on September 1.The company has for some time past recognized the union, insofar as the payment of the regular scale of wages for miners is concerned, but has reserved the right to employ non-union men. Organizer Baker, of the W. F. of M., has informed the company that, so far as the union is concerned, no objection will be raised to the men returning to work. At the Van Anda mines the miners are still on strike, as Mr. Vaughan-Rhys, the manager, refuses to recognize the union in any form.

Quite a number of new settlers have gone into the Cobble Hill and Mill Bay localities on Vancouver island within the past few months, some of them hailing from Australia, some from New Zealand, while others are from Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. They have all succeeded in getting farms with more or less improvements in the way of clearing, fencing and buildings, and express themselves as delighted both with the climate, scenery and productiveness of the soil.

Dawson is to have a fall fair. It will be under the auspices of the Yukon Horticultural association of Dawson. The time is set for the first week in September. It is proposed to make the exposition of value to the miner, the farmer and all who are looked on to develop the great Yukon.

The Western Fuel company of Nanaimo is calling for tenders for the sinking of a shaft at a point near the entrance to the new slope at Departure bay, an indication that the development work in that district, from which so much is hoped for the city, is giving promise of satisfactory results. Work on the new shaft will be commenced as soon as rain falls.

The largest single wager ever made on a lacrosse match in British Columbia was completed the other day in Vancouver. One thousand dollars of Vancouver money was laid against a like amount of Westminster coin that Vancouver would win on Saturday. A small syndicate of Vancouver men placed the money.

E. W. Black, an employe of the Vancouver Transfer company, was instantly killed at the C. P. R. crossing leading to the Union Steamship company's wharf. A yard engine of the C. P. R., in charge of Engineer T. Hull and H. Dunlop, foreman of the shunting gang, was shunting box cars, and backed a train of them into the team of horses attached to the hack that Black has been driving of late. Black and the horses were forced against a shed near the track, the hack was completely ruined, and the driver's skull was crushed. He lived only a few minutes after being taken from the ruins wrought by the cars.

The San Francisco chief of police has issued a circular asking the police of this province to watch for Vernon Frederick Northrop, a very tall, raw-boned fellow, who is wanted in San Francisco for misappropriating city funds.

By the death of a great-uncle in Australia Mrs. Commiskey of Vancouver, has been bequeathed $33,000.

Professor Meany, of Washington State University, and secretary of the Washington State Historical Research society, arrived at Victoria recently from the Sound, bringing with him a handsome granite monument suitably inscribed, which he was commissioned by the society to present to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, on behalf of the State of Washington, with the request that it be set up on the spot where Captain Vancouver and Commander Quadra met in connection with the Nootka conference in 1790. Prof. Meany and Sir Henri Joly had a long talk upon matters concerning the history of the coast in the early days, and His Honor accepted the monument with thanks, expressing pleasure at the interest shown by the Washington Society in the notable event. The monument is of grey granite, handsomely cut, and very massive. Profesor Meany left for Nootka and will erect it himself on the spot where the representatives of the British and Spanish governments met 113 years ago and completed a compact which has had such satisfactory consequences for the Empire and Canada.

J. Palmer, of Toronto, who with other interested parties is back from an inspection of spruce pulp timber on Princess Royal island, says the syndicate expects to commence work in sixty days on the erection of a pulp and paper mill up the Coast, at a cost, with equipment, of over $1,000,000. It is proposed to have the initial capacity one hundred tons daily, and employ five hundred hands.

THE STATE OF TRADE

OUTLOOK IS AT ALL POINTS REPORTED TO BE ENCOURAGING.

THE DEMAND FOR GOODS IS ACTIVE AND PRICES ARE FIRM.

TORONTO, Aug. 28.—Bradstreet's trade review says: Trade at Montreal is showing a little more activity. As the end of the summer approaches retailers display more disposition in some departments of business to get all the orders necessary for the fall and winter in hand without further delay. Bountiful crops, better than seemed possible a month ago, are now being harvested. The outlook for trade is encouraging. The promise, as it appears at present, is for continued prosperity throughout the Dominion. Labor is well employed, and in some cases it is difficult to obtain all the help needed. Railway earnings continue to show large increases. A few more failures have been recently reported, but they have been mostly of minor importance. Values of staple goods are very strong. Leading manufacturers of cotton goods this week advanced the prices a quarter to a half cent per yard on a number of lines that were marked up on June 9th. The new prices are to take effect at once. This was done owing to the increased cost of raw material.

Numerous buyers, the advance guard of the influx in connection with the Dominion industrial exhibition and the autumn millinery openings, have appeared in the Toronto market this week. They have bought liberally, and this is taken as an indication of a large volume of business for the next few weeks. The country is prosperous. Stocks of manufactured goods have been kept well within requirements. Prices are firm. The crops are threshing out well. The construction of another great transcontinental railway, involving the expenditure of $20,000,000 annually for the next five years, will greatly stimulate the demand for staple goods. The trade outlook is encouraging.

In wholesale circles at Quebec business is fairly active. The cool weather of the week does not seem to have affected the retail trade, which continues very fair for the season. Country remittances are reported satisfactory, and the condition of trade is healthy. Activity is noticeable in shipping circles, and besides domestic freight for export considerable shipments are being made from the west.

Harvest operations in the west are now more general. Labor is more plentiful, several thousand hands having arrived from the east, but rains have caused delay in the work in many sections and some fear as to the effect on the ripening wheat. Some wheat has already been coming forward in small quantities and it grades well and shows a good yield. The feeling in business circles in Winnipeg is optimistic. Fall business so far is much ahead of previous years.

At the Pacific coast trade centres business has shown improvement this week. The jobbing trade is experiencing a good demand for fall and winter goods. Prices are firmly held. Business at interior points is improving. The outlook is promising.

There is an increasing demand for fall goods at Hamilton. Reports to Bradstreet's show that the manufacturers are busy on contracts and have as a result no surplus stocks. Labor is well employed and well paid.

In London jobbing trade circles the demand is very fair for this season. The farmers are busy with the harvest, however, and later on there will be more activity in retail trade and the sorting demand will improve. Prices of staple goods are firm.

Ottawa wholesale trade continues firm and active. The fall orders continue quite numerous and well distributed. The outlook for the next few weeks is very promising.

Business failures for the week number 25 as against 14 last week and 20 in this week a year ago.

BANK CLEARINGS.

The Weekly Report From Canadian Points to Bradstreet's.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—The following are some of the weekly bank clearings as compiled by Bradstreet's, giving the percentage of increase and decrease for the week ending Aug. 27th:

Montreal	$18,397,050	Dec.	19.8
Toronto	12,832,157	Dec.	20.0
Winnipeg	4,121,276	Inc.	30.3
Halifax	1,793,376	Inc.	19.5
Ottawa	1,921,375	Inc.	28.1
Vancouver	1,319,734	Inc.	35.9
Quebec	1,510,245	Inc.	14.5
Hamilton	903,424	Inc.	15.3
St. John, N. B.	1,013,854	Inc.	31.7
Victoria	519,711	Inc.	6.5
London	653,763		

AFTER A PLEASANT TRIP.

Canadian Pacific Telegraph Manager Home from the East.

Charles M. Oliver, local manager of Canadian Pacific Telegraphs, returned home yesterday from a two months' trip to eastern points, undertaken largely for the health of Mrs. Oliver. The friends of the latter will be pleased to learn that the holiday was exceedingly beneficial.

While en tour, Mr. Oliver and family spent varying periods in Toronto, Ottawa, Ohio points, New York city and Winnipeg. In Ohio and New York he met a number of parties interested in British Columbia mining ventures. Without exception he learned that these people were well satisfied with the prospect for good returns on their investments.

In Winnipeg Mr. Oliver met a number of former Rossland people, all of whom are prospering. W. L. Orde occupies a handsome suite of offices in the McIntyre block, and is doing exceptionally well in real estate. George Stunden has an interest in the Ford stationery company, and is getting along nicely. J. W. Spring is making a success of his loan and insurance business, and R. A. O. Hobbes holds an excellent position as accountant with the Toronto Type Foundry concern. Hon. T. Mayne Daly stumped Manitoba for the Conservative party during the election and no little of his party's success at the polls was due to his work. Frank Holstead and Duke Winters are with a prominent commission house and doing splendidly. Tom Brownlee is running as brakeman on the Canadian Northern.

THE TENNIS TOURNEY

FAST GAMES PLAYED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT THE COURTS.

NELSON HERE FOR INTER-CLUB MATCH THIS AFTERNOON.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The various series in the Tennis club's annual tournament are fast drawing to a close. Yesterday afternoon several fast games were played, with the result that matters are now down to a point where the finals are in sight. Today zest will be added to the fixtures for the day's play by the arrival in the city of day's play by the arrival in the city of four players representing the Nelson club, who will meet a quartette of Rossland players in an inter-club match.

The semi-weekly tea will be served, Mrs. J. Stilwell Clute acting as hostess.

Yesterday's games were as follows:

Ladies' handicap singles—Mrs. Scott minus 30, defeated Miss Boultbee, plus one-sixth 15, 6-1, 7-5, 6-3. The game was somewhat of asurprise, and was watched with keen interest.

Men's open singles—Phipps defeated Rose, 6-1, 6-1.

Men's open doubles—Rose and Davis defeated Fraser and Richardson, 6-1, 7-5.

Men's handicap doubles — Dewdney and Eden defeated Macdonald and Paddon, 8-6, 6-1.

TODAY'S FIXTURES.

The events arranged for this afternoon are as follows:

Men's doubles—Phipps and Dewdney vs. Nelson team.

Mixed doubles—Buckingham and Mrs. Richardson vs. Nelson team; Phipps and Mrs. Scott vs. Nelson team.

Men's singles—Dewdney vs. Nelson player; Buckingham vs. Nelson player.

Final in Nelson tournament—Men's singles, Pollok, Nelson, vs. Buckingham. Rossland.

The Nelson players consist of Mr. marked that the consul was to blame and Mr. Wright.

TO PULL FOR $2000

PROPOSAL TO BRING OFF BIG TUG-OF-WAR CONTEST HERE.

FOUR TEAMS TO COMPETE FOR PURSE OF THOUSANDS.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A proposal to arrange a tug-of-war for teams representing the Le Roi mine, the Kootenay mine, the Trail smelter and the Boundary smelters is the latest development of the friendly rivalry engendered over the carnival contests under this heading. The suggestion is in a good way to come down to realities at an early late. The local teams are ready to go into the pool, and it is asserted that the Trail and Boundary smeltermen require but little urging to induce them to take a chance on winning a big pot.

If the suggestion is to be taken up seriously a decision will be reached shortly. Last night matters looked favorable to a conclusion of the negotiations in the affirmative.

The Kootenay team is justly proud of its performance. The members very properly think that their victory, earned on its merits and clinched in the most unmistakable manner, entitles them to feel confidence against any odds, and they are willing to go into any sportsmanlike proposition in the tug-of-war line. The Le Roi men believe that lack of practice on the part of its members was the team's most serious handicap and that with a careful selection of the ample material available at the mine the Le Roi team with reasonable practice can defeat anything in the Boundary-Kootenay. It is understood, moreover, that General Manager Parrish cherishes similar sentiments and that a Le Roi team entered in such a competition as the one now proposed would have his active support morally and financially.

Trail and Boundary smelters should be in a position to turn out strong teams. Trail has a selection from about 400 men, while the field from which the Boundary plants can draw is even wider. In addition it is intimated that the Boundary smeltermen include a number of exceptionally clever tug-of-war men with long records of successes behind them. Knowing ones assert that in the four-cornered pull as outlined, the Boundary smeltermen would have long odds in their favor. This is largely speculation, however, and if the event comes off there will be huge wads of banknotes to wager on the success of the home teams.

Such an attraction pulled off at the skating rink would attract hundreds of spectators ,and almost half of the stake money could be realized at the gate if the match was properly arranged and advertised.

WANT MORE ROOM

MOVEMENT TO SECURE ENLARGED PLANS FOR DRILL HALL.

STRUCTURE NOW CONTEMPLATED NOT DEEMED ROOMY ENOUGH.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A movement is on foot to have the plans for the Rossland militia company's armory enlarged to increase the space available within the building quite substantially. It is deemed that the structure now contemplated by the department of public works is insufficient for the accommodation of the militia, and the present juncture has been deemed opportune to present all the facts to the government with the hope of having the matter revised and the suggestions emanating from Rossland acted upon.

The Rossland Liberal Association has taken the matter up and adopted strong resolutions for immediate transmission to Ottawa.

It is pointed out that as at present designed the drill hall will be 87x43, whereas a structure 100x50 feet would not be too large for the accommodation needed. As the building is to be of wood on a stone foundation, instead of brick on stone, as in Nelson, the suggested enlargement will not increase the cost to a degree that makes this a serious factor. Nor, it is believed, will the proposed enlargement delay the commencement of the work, inasmuch as the suggestion does not embody any structural change other than the increases in principal measurements.

In the resolutions forwarded to Ottawa the fact is emphasized that in addition to the regular company, numbering 45 rank and file, the Rossland militia embraces a bugle band of twenty-two members, properly uniformed, drilled and equipped with modern bugles and drums, all of which has been done at the expense of the members of the corps and without a cent of expense to the government. It is deemed only fair that when the company has gone to this trouble and expense the government should provide some drill hall accommodation for the valuable auxiliary corps. Then the company possesses a Maxim gun for which a crew of twelve enlisted men will be required shortly, and this gun squad will further increase the demand for floor space in the drill hall.

Altogether a strong case has been made out for the application, and it is hoped in the interests of the militia corps and of the city generally that the department will accede to the request.

GRADING OF FRUIT

INSPECTOR SMITH'S VISIT IN CONNECTION WITH FRUIT MARKS ACT.

POINTS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF GROWERS, PACKERS AND DEALERS.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The apple season is now commencing, and the Federal department of agriculture is taking steps to enforce the provisions of the Fruit Marks Act, 1901, as amended in 1902. The statute is designed to protect all parties engaged in the fruit business—the honest grower, the conscientious middleman, the retailer who desires to do the right thing by his customers, and last, but decidedly not least, the consumer who desires to receive value for the money he expends on fruit. The foregoing conditions are the motive of a visit to the city yesterday of Maxwell Smith, Dominion fruit inspector, with headquarters at Vancouver.

Mr. Smith left last evening to continue his trip through the Kootenays, but the importance of his work here was not restricted by the brevity of the visit.

The great handicap to the successful operation of the Fruit Marks Act in Rossland and points similarly situated is that the fruit consumed here is largely imported from Washington, and, obviously, the act cannot operate against the growers and packers, who are primarily intended to be regulated and protected. The statute provides that responsibility for the observance of the regulations is vested in the party in possession of the fruit, whether this is the commission man or retailer, and this does not seem to have been thoroughly understood in the past. As the result of Mr. Smith's visit it is probable the matter will be more closely attended to for the future with beneficial results on all hands. Prosecutions under the act have been few and far between in British Columbia, but Inspector Smith's faculty for turning up at unexpected junctures is fairly well known now, and little further trouble is expected in the matter of grading fruit offered for sale in Rossland and other Kootenay towns where similar conditions pertain.

Commission men or merchants importing fruit from foreign countries without the marking and grading required under the Fruit Marks Act are required to do this grading and marking before placing the product on the local market. Canadian grown fruit is marked by the grower or packer, so that the merchant is relieved of the obligation. When the system of grading and marking is explained it is seen at a glance that the operation of the act is a decided improvement on the haphazard method of selling fruit. For instance, closed packages bearing the mark "No. 1" or "X. X. X." are guaranteed to contain well grown specimens of one variety, sound, of nearly uniform size, of good color for the variety, of normal shape and of not less than ninety per cent free from scab, worm holes, bruises and other defects and properly packed. It will be readily seen that the honest grower who packs his fruit in this manner is in a position to command the top price for his product, the commission man secures the most favorable figure, the retailer gets the best price and the consumer secures for his money the finest fruit product obtainable—always provided the fruit marks are not infringed. The same applies in equal 3" or "X." brands. Dealers and growers are unanimous in the opinion that the bill is excellent, and, of course, it goes without saying that the consumer is greatly benefited in the protection against fraud which the fruit marks secure for him.

Mr. Smith is thoroughly informed as to the progress of the fruit raising business in British Columbia, and a conversation with him on this topic is exceedingly interesting. He states that the quality of fruit now being raised in the Okanagan country is as much superior to the Washington fruit as Ontario apples are to Washington apples, and that, in his opinion, the Okanagan apple is fully equal to the Ontario product in size, quality and texture. An experiment is to be made this year in shipping Okanagan apples to Glasgow.

BRITISH COLUMBIA COINS.

High Prices Brought at an Auction Sale in England.

A sale of coins was conducted by auction recently in the old country in which coins were sold for unprecedented sums (for Canadian coins).

The sale of the coins in which these pieces were included comprised mainly the coins of the British colonies and the United States, and extended over nine days. One of the British Columbia coins, a $20 piece, went at £116, while the corresponding $10 piece realized £83, or nearly $1000 for the pair.

The story of these two coins is a most interesting one. At the time of the gold rush in British Columbia, Captain Gossitt, R. E., provincial treasurer, came to the conclusion that it would be much better to coin the gold in the province than let it all be carried into the United States, so he went to work and set up a mint at New Westminster, but before it was completed it was discovered that the province had no authority to coin money. Still, as it was the height of Captain Gossitt's ambition to strike coin, he pushed the work to completion and turned out two or three each of the $10 and $20 pieces. The Hon. John Robson wrote in 1883: "I well remember meeting him immediately after he had achieved his object. He had the coins in his hand, jingling and admiring them, as a child would a new and very attractive toy." Captain Gossitt on his return to England presented the two coins to the British museum. The two just sold, which were the first two to come under the hammer, came from the captain also. In any case they are the highest-priced and perhaps the most historic of Canadian numismatic specimens. As the only gold coined in or for the Dominion, they are still more eagerly sought after. The minister of finance seems to entertain similar designs with regard to Klondike gold, but he has gone about it in the right way by obtaining authority to establish in Canada a branch of the royal mint. But so far this project does not appear to have made much progress.

The coins are very simple in design, bearing the value and date, 1862, within a wreath on one side and a crown with the title "Government of British Columbia" on the other. The name "Kuner" would indicate that the dies were made in Germany. Some of the prices at which the other pieces sold were also phenomenal.

Robert Beaven, former premier, in conversation with a Times representative, said that when he was finance minister there were a number of British Columbia twenties and tens in the treasury. He used to count them in cash every day, but in the book they were always entered in a separate class on account of their value as curiosities. Although minted as $20 and $10 pieces, Mr. Beaven said that the quantity of gold in them made them worth really more. When he resigned as finance minister, twenty years or so ago, the coins were still in the provincial treasury.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

It is said that Texas alone markets $50,000,000 worth of cattle annually.

Twenty-four persons living in County Tipperary, Ireland, are centenarians.

An adder 26 inches long has been killed by a gamekeeper at Tobermory, Mull.

Women, it is reported, are about to be admitted to graduate at Dublin University.

Japanese is the latest language to be added to the list at the University of Chicago.

A copy of Hawthorne's rarest book, "Fanshawe," was sold in Boston recently for $650.

A new lighthouse costing over $2,500,000 is in course of erection at Folkestone.

The Bodleian library at Oxford is just two centuries old. It is the largest university library in the world.

Some Chicago burglars used an acid test in order to take any real silver from a house they had broken into.

A collection of stamps formed by J. Owen Wheeler of the London Philatelic Society was sold recently by auction for $5,575.

According to the monks of the hospice of St. Bernard their famous dogs save on an average twenty lives every year on the mountain.

Golden eagles are increasing in the Scottish Highlands owing to the efforts made by large land owners for their preservation.

In an action for slander brought against a well known anti-Semite of Berlin all the male Jews of the town of Konitz figure as plaintiffs.

Flower growers in the south of France and other favored climes find it profitable to send the products of their skill to British markets.

Mrs. Bembridge, of Sidmouth, Eng., who is in all likelihood the oldest resident in Devonshire, celebrated her one hundred and second birthday recently.

A splendid marble bassorelievo has been discovered in Pompeii, in a little garden of a house on the Eastside, says a Naples letter in the Paris Messenger.

CREW OF A CUP DEFENDER.

Nowhere than on a cup defender is it more important to have a man for each place and every man in his place. The crew is divided into gangs under the immediate command of the mates, of which there are usually two, and other subordinate officers. The first mate controls the set and trim of the headsails; the second mate, under direction of the skipper, the handling of the main-sheet; the "captain" of the bowsprit, the carrying outboard and taking in of the jibs. There are also masthead men and men assigned to work in the rigging. But, while each man has his designated place, in an emergency every man not actually employed is required to lend a hand when needed. Discipline, of course, is the rule, while alacrity and coolness are the special requirements.

The captain, at the helm, has his eye on the trim and draught of the mainsail; the most important detail in the art of sailing; but in his position at the wheel he cannot see the headsails, and as those must be watched by an experienced eye they are under the immediate charge of the first mate. This officer must be a man of good judgment, for if the headsails are not properly trimmed the yacht will not make her best speed.

The full crew of the defender is 60 men. Besides them are the owner and his guests, varying in number from six to a dozen, as a rule efficient amateurs, who are ready to lend a hand at sheets or halyards in case of need. Formerly the crew was housed on the yacht, but that involved stripping her of interior furnishings when the time of the match arrived. The inconvenience, coupled with the increasing size of the defender and corresponding enlargement of the crew, led to the employment of steam tenders to accommodate the owner and his men. Vigilant was the first of defenders to have a regular tender. At the present time the hold of the yacht is used for stowing the sails actually needed in the race. Even the duplicate sails are carried on the tender.—W. E. Simmons in September Outing.

McINNES PASSED THE BUCK.

A fairly good story is in circulation at the coast, as to how "Billy" McInnes passed the buck. When he and Hugh Gilmour of Vancouver returned from their visit to Ottawa, it was given out by the Revelstoke Herald (Liberal-Conservative) that they had brought back a sack with them, and that the sack contained $50,000. This made the Liberal workers' mouths water, and they were not long in making demands for a share of the funds. The Nanaimo Herald (Liberal) is authority for the statement that the genial "Billy's" credit was rated higher after he returned from Ottawa in consequence of the reported value of the sack. Not long after McInnes' return he received the following letter from the secretary of an interior Liberal association:

Dear Sir: We notice by the papers that you secured a $50,000 campaign fund during your recent visit to Ottawa. We beg to request that you forward our share ($12,500) at once as it is badly needed.

Mr. McInnes replied:

Dear Sir: Your request of a recent date for a share of the $50,000 campaign fund has been received. It would give me great pleasure to comply with your request, but I find it impossible, as all the monies are distributed through the general treasurer of the party. I beg to refer you to Mr. William Sloan, who occupies that honorable position, from whom you will receive a reply.

In due time the secretary of that Interior Liberal association applied to Treasurer Sloan, and the treasurer passed the buck on to another prominent Liberal, and this was followed up by a number of other letters and passings of the buck. Finally it dawned on the secretary of the association, who has charge of the twelve interior constituencies, that he was being "jollied" and he tumbled.

LEASED THE I. X. L.

Rossland Miners Tackle the Famous Free Gold Producing Mine.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

George Pringle and William Craven, well known Rossland miners, have taken a lease on the I. X. L. mine, and commenced work on the proposition yesterday. They are also said to have contracted for a lease on the O. K. mill, but the latter statement could not be verified last night.

It is understood the new lessees of the I. X. L. will attack the dump at the mine, having satisfied themselves that it contains a large tonnage of pay ore. In the early days of the property much ore was passed over the dump that will give excellent returns with the reduced charges obtainable at the present juncture. The plans of the lessees are understood to be quite comprehensive, but the proposal to treat the dump has precedence at the present time.