

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Grand Lodge Officers A. O. U. W. Fresh Salmon Shipments Stopped—Mining on the Mainland.

Arrival of President Van Horne—Vancouver's New Taxation—Cattle Disease.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, May 11.—At a special meeting of the city council it was decided to impose a tax of \$5 for each six months upon proprietors of Chinese washhouses. Clavovants are to be taxed \$30 for a six months license...

President Van Horne arrived last night by special train, accompanied by the following gentlemen: T. G. Shaughnessy, A. A. Allan, P. A. Peterson and G. E. Macdonald...

J. R. Anderson, of the Provincial agricultural department, has written to the council warning them that there are some diseased cows on Lulu Island. This will induce the council to take steps to prevent impure milk being sold in town.

VANCOUVER, May 12.—The Trades and Labor Council met last evening, when the labor day demonstration, which will be this year on a larger scale than ever, was discussed.

Samuel Gibson, the prisoner who jumped overboard from the steamer City of Nanaimo, escaped to the shore, and is now in hiding.

Free water and exemption from taxation for two years will be offered, Cargill & Co. for the erection and operation of a 150-barrel flour mill in this city.

At a meeting of the health committee today a letter was read from H. E. Small, secretary of the Department of Agriculture, acknowledging receipt of the letter on the subject of the reports in the province, and stating that the \$1000 paid to the city of Victoria was intended for the care of lepers in the whole province.

The board of underwriters have again notified the Council that so soon as the \$100 tax is imposed on insurance companies, insurance rates will be advanced 7 1/2 per cent.

Mr. W. G. Nelson, manager of the Beaver mill, is the probable candidate in the opposition contest for Mayor of Victoria. He is a resident of West Yaletown, and has been an active supporter of the nomination of the government supporters.

Last evening's session of the B. C. Methodist conference was principally devoted to the reception of probationers. Rev. R. R. Matland delivered a very interesting address in support of the motion. The newly installed ministers are J. E. Gardner, W. H. Hall, E. E. Hardwick, J. F. Southall, H. W. Peck, M. A. B. Sc., and R. B. Beavis.

The board of management and the board of directors met this morning and transacted routine business. This afternoon Rev. J. Crosby addressed the Theological Union on the subject of Indian work in British Columbia.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 11.—The man killed near Hope station yesterday was named John Christie. He was stealing a ride, and fell off a freight train. Both his legs were cut off by the wheels, and death was instantaneous.

The Grand Lodge A. O. U. W., of British Columbia, which held its first session at Ladder's Landing on Wednesday, wound up its business to-day. The delegates remain over for the ball this evening.

The reports of the grand receiver and grand recorder will be made public in a few days. The election of grand officers resulted as follows: Grand master, Wm. F. Gardner; Warren, Victoria; grand foreman, L. W. Paisley; Chilliwack; grand overseer, F. L. Badgley; Vancouver; grand recorder, R. T. Williams, Victoria; grand reporter, H. Youdall, Westminster; grand medical examiner, Dr. DeWolf Smith, Westminster; grand guide, A. Wood, Westminster; grand inside watchman, Alex. Gilchrist, Delta; grand outside watchman, J. H. Hughes, Victoria; representative to the Supreme lodge to be held at San Francisco in June, Messrs. J. T. Mollimoyce, G. Leiser and E. Roy. The next meeting of the Grand lodge will be held at Vancouver, beginning the second Wednesday in March, 1895.

W. L. Johnson & Co. shipped a half million shingles East to-day. Early next week they expect to ship a similar quantity to Ontario.

The low price for fresh salmon prevailing in the East, and the excessive freight charges by the C.P.R., have continued to put a stop to salmon shipping to New York and Montreal in carload lots. Fish freeters say they will ship no more in quantity until the rates are reduced.

A monster skate, the largest ever caught in the river, was captured by one of the Fraser River Fishing Company's boat in Ewen's strong yesterday. It measured four feet across and five feet ten inches from the nose to the tip of the tail.

New Westminster, May 12.—Only two canneries will pack spring salmon this year. Ewen's cannery began operations to-day, and on Monday the Canadian Pacific Packing Company's establishment at Stevenson will follow suit.

The run of spring salmon is moderately good, and as shipments East have been stopped these canneries may be able to put up the usual catch during the next six weeks. Good-murphy's new cannery on Disnoor's Island will be ready for use in the course of a week. Supplies are now being received and can-making will begin shortly.

F. L. Lord will manage the cannery. Mr. Good-murphy has adopted the "Moss Rose" as his brand, and hopes to put up 20,000 cases this season.

The salmon run is now nearly over, but a few stragglers are still on the river. The heaviest of the run took place about the beginning of the week and the Indians made some good hauls. The river banks above Port Hammond are covered with thousands of dead "sweeves."

The Ross Packing Co. has been organized by local people to salt salmon for export to Australia and Europe. James Grimmer, an old and respected citizen, is dead, aged 78. He came from Australia 25 years ago.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, May 12.—Samuel Gibson escaped from the custody of the police in a peculiar manner. He was arrested in Vancouver yesterday morning by Constable McLean on a charge of theft on the steamer Crown of England. In the afternoon Gibson left Vancouver with the prisoner on the steamer City of Nanaimo. When about two and a half miles from the Mainland shore Gibson, who had been walking on the upper deck, suddenly disappeared from sight. No one saw him jump overboard nor could any sign of him be seen in the water. A thorough search of the steamer was made, but no trace of the missing man was discovered. The whole affair was so sudden that the constables and officers of the steamer are completely nonplussed.

Gibson, who was a young man about 19, it appears jumped overboard with the intention of swimming out fast and the prospects of his reaching land were poor. The police of Vancouver were notified immediately on the arrival of the steamer to look out for the fugitive, and word of his capture was later received. It is reported he was picked up by Italian fishermen.

Messrs. Brownlee and Haywood of Victoria, representing the proposed Nanaimo electric railroad company, are here to-day. The intention is to amalgamate the light works with the railway. Mr. Hunter being favorable to the proposition the City Council will be asked to guarantee the interest on sufficient capital to put both enterprises on a running order. If the Council favors the proposition the company will undertake to have the railway constructed and in operation by October next. The company proposes giving a ten minute service in the city proper and an hourly service between the city and Wallington. The scheme meets with much favor in town. Business men generally believe it will be a good thing for the city.

At a meeting of Opposition delegates from all parts of North Nanaimo district this afternoon, Ralph Smith, a miner of this city, was chosen as candidate to oppose Mr. Bryden. Though the nomination was made unanimously finally, there was a marked difference of opinion among the delegates. It is quite probable Mr. Smith will be as heartily endorsed as a man chosen from the district.

LADDER'S LANDING.

LADDER'S LANDING, May 12.—One of the nicest arranged receptions and balls that has been given in the Province in some time took place at Port Guichon, near Ladder's landing, last night. The guests in attendance were in a great measure, Mr. G. Hensch, under whose excellent management the ball was carried out, with the assistance of Messrs. Lader, Gilchrist, Green, Hinchiff and others. With its waxed floor, the new Hinchiff cannery at Port Guichon, lighted with Chinese lanterns and hung with evergreens and flags, made a most excellent ball room, while the New Westminster band provided sweet music, to the strains of which 100 couples thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of the people of the Delta. The steamer Corral arrived during the evening bringing a contingent from Vancouver and the other Westminsters. These, with a number in attendance from Victoria, were very much to the enjoyment of the pleasant time. The refreshments were excellent—in fact everything that the people of the Delta could arrange was secured to entertain their guests.

NELSON.

(From the Tribune.) From Eight Mile creek some marvellously fine specimens of free milling gold ore have been brought into town. The boys have great faith in their property and if it goes they are made men.

C. Hogueon, of Victoria, is at Nelson en route to Slooan district.

On all sides there are signs of spring opening up. Everybody is full of confidence that 1894 is going to make up for 1893.

George O. Tunstall returned Monday from a trip through the mining camps of southern Yale, going in by way of Kettle river. He reports no little activity in a mining way at the different camps, but he does not report any very large sales of powder.

The road between the Poorman mine and mill is being repaired, and when completed the mill will be started up. It is expected that water will hold out until 500 tons can be run through the mill.

John R. Cook, who is interested in the Trail creek district, was in Nelson this week purchasing building material. He said that estimates had been returned from the ore recently shipped to the Tacoma smelter by the owners of the Trail creek mines. The O.K. ore went \$176 in gold to the ton and that from the Le Roi \$50. The Nickel Plate mine is soon to have a new hoist, and the Le Roi has already one that will sink 700 feet. The Le Roi shaft is down over 200 feet and is comparatively dry. The Nickel Plate ore body shows 30 inches of fine ore, from which a 200 sample has already been obtained. The wagon road is being put in repair by "Bing" Atkins, who has the contract for hauling the Le Roi ore from the mine to the wharf at Trail.

KASO.

(From the Times.) A. L. Davenport, at the Poorman mine, is mining considerable rock, and expects to have the stamp mill running within a fortnight.

W. E. Mann is anxiously waiting to begin work on the Blue Bird, the Road & Robinson, and another group on Four Mile. As soon as possible work will be actively prosecuted on these properties.

The Lincoln and Alamo claims, bonded some time since to Capital City, are being worked with encouraging promise. Good strikes have been made upon both. On the Alamo they are working in five feet of solid high grade ore.

The concentrator at No. 1 mine began working the early part of last week. It worked very smoothly and saved concentrates amounting to 40 tons, during the day, and is concentrating five tons into one. These assays from 300 to 800 ounces in silver to the ton, or an average of 500 ounces. Eight tons of concentrates produce 4,000 ounces of silver.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Dutiable List in the Tariff Passed Through Committee—The Day's Business.

Recognition of the Devotion of McCarthys Followers—Outrages on Negroes—Gossip.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 11.—The house sat in committee all afternoon on the tariff, and passed nearly all the dutiable list, including the iron and steel items, the reserved and pretty nearly the whole of the free list. Another hour or two on Tuesday will finish the committee stage. The house only sat an hour this evening, passed a few private bills and advanced four minor government measures a stage.

The Inspector of Fisheries and the British Columbia members had an interview with Sir C. H. Tupper to-day in regard to expertizing with lobster propagation in the waters of the Pacific. Mr. Mowat was engaged in this work for many years on the Atlantic Coast and believes that lobsters could be shipped to British Columbia if they were already bred there. A route, their only requirement being an even temperature in the car and plenty of natural food. Sir C. H. Tupper promised to authorize the necessary expenditure.

Dairy Commissioner Robertson informed the agricultural committee this morning that he thought there were only about four places in British Columbia where creameries could be successfully established. He hoped to see a great development in home dairying, and this will be his endeavor to encourage.

THE MOSQUITO RESERVE.

BLUFFIELDS, Mosquito Reservation, Nicaragua, May 6, via New Orleans, May 10.—(Per S.S. Rover.) A sensation was created here yesterday by the arrival of Robert Henry Clarence, chief of the Mosquito Indians. Soon after the occupation of Bluefields, by the Nicaraguans, owing to the belief that an attempt would be made on the life of the chief, he fled to the Indian settlement at Pearl Lagoon. His flight was as short as it was unexpected, he remaining only a few hours to purchase supplies which he took away with him on a small vessel flying the Colombian flag. This caused a good deal of speculation and, in reply to inquiries, he said that he had his way to the Indian settlement with him, as well as his rights as chief of the Indians, with jurisdiction over the reservation, but claimed that he had assurances of British support in maintaining the treaty of Managua. British Consul Hatch confirmed this belief, saying that England would scarcely have gone to all the expense of closing the treaty without some compelling reason. He has completed his investigation into the situation and the killing of Wilson, and is now on his way back to the capital of Nicaragua, with Commissioner Jose Matz, to make the final negotiations for a settlement. Lacey has the most arduous arbitrators in a much better spirit than was anticipated.

At a meeting of the House of Commons to-day the resolution introduced by Mr. Holt in regard to the abolition of the veto power of the House of Lords, the passage of the bill providing for Home Rule for Ireland, manhood suffrage, the cessation of royal grants, the disestablishment of the Church throughout the Kingdom and an increase of the property tax of taxation borne by the land. The National Reform Union represents the radical section of the

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SEIZED AMERICAN STEAMERS.

AMSTERDAM, May 10.—There is nothing new regarding the seized American steamers Visitor and Brooks. The captain of the cruiser Petrel gave them over to the Collector of Customs here and he placed them in charge until the matter is adjusted at Ottawa. The owners are here; they feel they are detained on a very frivolous charge.

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