BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in Condensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily.

—Halibut are reported very plentiful off Carmanah point.

—W. H. Lobb, late of Hongkong dockyard, has been appointed to succeed J. H. Innes as naval storekeeper at Esquimalt dockyard.

—The body of an unknown man between 40 and 50 years of age was found floating in the Fraser on Monday at New Westminster.

—C. A. Leggett, C. P. R. bridge carpenter, was drowned in the Maria slough on Saturday, by the capsizing of a boat in which he was working at a new trestle.

—A proposition to divide the property and distribute the assets of the Sidney Land and Improvement company will be considered at a meeting to be held on July 10th.

—The sealing schooners Ainoko and Katharine were tower to sea this morning. They take Indian crews on the West Coast and then proceed to Behring Sea.

—The steam schooner Mischief returned last evening from Clayoose, where she went with 25,000 feet of lumber for the Methodist mission. She brought from San Juan the effects of the Trial Island Hermit.

—Thomas S. Begbie, brother of the late Chief Justice Begbie, arrived on Sunday evening from England. He was delayed by the washouts on the C. P. R., which prevented him from being present at the time of his brother's death.

—The hearing of Eugene Barnard, charged with attempting to commit suicide, adjourned from yesterday, was resumed and concluded before Magistrate Macrae to-day. The prisoner was ordered committed for trial. The prisoner will be taken to the provincial jail and will probably elect to take speedy trial.

—A Whatcom dispatch says: The county auditor and commissioners have been notified that nearly forty people in township 41 north, of range 5 east, this county, have been driven from their homes by the Fraser river floods, and are in need of assistance. The commissioners will meet on Monday, and will be asked to supply seed for replanting and some provisions.

—A concert was held last evening in aid of the Spring Ridge Presbyterian mission. There were addresses by Revs. Dr. Campbell and R. G. Murison and musical selections by J. G. Brown, Miss M. Petit, W. D. Kinnaird, Miss Hattie Nicholas, B. Nicholas, Miss Robertson, R. Marwick, Miss L. Simms, G. F. Watson and Mr. Gold. Mr. McKenzie was chairman.

—The hearing of Dr. H. Conrad Hinkle, charged with practicing medicine without having registered and paid the license was resumed this morning and resulted in his discharge. It was the oath of the defendant against that of D. M. Gordon, who worked the case up for the association, and the former of course got the benefit of the doubt.

—Capt. L. C. Webster, of the United States marine corps, who is on his way to Sitka, Alaska, to assume command of the United States land forces there, is in the city. He will go north on the steamship Queen, sailing on Friday. He was caught in the blockade on the C. P. R., and in addition to the ordinary pleasantness of the situation lost all his baggage en route.

—Superintendent Hussey, of the provincial police, has wired Government Agent Stevenson, at the Forks of the Quesnelle, directing him to swear in all the deputies he believes necessary to assist in effecting the capture of the man who robbed the Cariboo stage. The police have not yet ascertained the exact amount lost, but it is thought to be very small. The owners of the lost registered letters have not yet been traced out.

—The contract for repairing the ship Benmore was let this morning to the Albion Iron Works by Robert Ward & Co., agents for the vessel. Work will be begun immediately and hurried forward as fast as possible, as it is desirable to get the vessel away as soon as possible. After the vessel leaves the marine railway she will receive the lumber discharged and also a sufficient amount by lighter from the Sayward mill to complete her cargo.

—The steamer Coquitlam arrived here from Haddington island yesterday with 2800 feet of stone. She brought back twelve of the men who were working at the quarry. The quarry has been taken up by the contractors, Adams & Co., and all of the men have been paid. Payment to date was made in every case and work was immediately resumed. The quality of the stone brought down is excellent, and is said to improve as the men work into the body of the deposit.

—Bandmaster Finn has made arrangements with George Wilkinson to locate in Victoria. Mr. Wilkinson is a clarinetist of exceptional ability. He was for a long time a member of Mann's orchestra of Manchester, England, and also held the position of clarinetist of Fred. Inness' celebrated band of New York. Mr. Wilkinson will be solo clarinet in the B. C. B. G. A. band, and will also take care of the clarinet parts in the orchestra at the Victoria theatre.

—A large English mail for British Columbia was destroyed in the recent C. P. R. accident. The post office authorities here are still hard at work sorting out the burnt and wet matter and forwarding as much as possible to the persons to whom it is addressed. As the work of clearing up the wreck continues it is probable that more bags will be found and sent to the Winnipeg office. The greater part of what is now here is too much damaged to be of any use.—Winnipeg Nor'wester.

—Arthur Robertson, of this city, was married in Toronto on the 7th inst., to Bessie, the second daughter of Alexander Nairn. The following account of the wedding appears in the Toronto Globe: A quiet but very pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mr. Alexander Nairn, Jarvis street, last night, when his second daughter, Bessie, was married to Mr. Arthur Robertson, of Victoria, B. C. Rev. Stephen Young, of Clifford, performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Mr. Jordan. About fifty of the more immediate friends of the family were present. The ceremony took place in the spacious drawing room, which was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion. The bride was given away by her father. She was dressed in rich Duchess ivory satin, trimmed with Duchess point lace, with veil and orange blossoms, and looked very becoming. She carried a bouquet of white roses. Her four bridesmaids were Miss Susie Mackenzie, of Sarnia, and her sisters, Misses Aggie, Carrie and Isabella. They were dressed in white China silk, and carried bouquets of white roses. Mr. John Nairn, brother of the bride, supported the groom. After the ceremony the newly married couple were heartily congratulated by all present. The company sat down to a rich repast, during which the health of the bride and bridesmaids were duly honored. The newly married couple left at nine o'clock for a trip to the Eastern States, after which they will take up their abode in Victoria. The presents were numerous and valuable, showing as they did the high esteem in which the bride is held by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. When leaving the bride and groom were assailed with showers of rice, old slippers, etc.

From Wednesday's Daily.

—A branch of the American Railway Union has been organized here.

—F. Burnell, with Pemberton & Son, has been gazetted a notary public.

—Charles Wilson, sent up for stealing a lawn mower, will have speedy trial on Friday.

—The Victoria West Methodist Sunday school pupils celebrate their anniversary next Sunday.

—The French warship Duguaytrouin, which is to visit Esquimalt, arrived in San Francisco on Sunday.

—The net proceeds of the K. of P. excursion to Nanaimo on Sunday amounted to $350, to be divided by the four lodges.

—H. Welsh, who escaped from the provincial jail and was subsequently recaptured, was yesterday sentenced to three months at hard labor.

—The body of John Kergan, the Trial Island hermit, has been found near Carmanah point. It was buried by Lightkeeper Daykin.

—It is believed that H. M. S. Champion will not leave Honolulu until H. M. S. Hyacinth relieves her. As the latter will hardly be able to leave here for sixty days yet, it is not probable that the Champion will be here before August.

—On July 2nd all the Methodist Sunday schools of the city will join forces and hold their annual picnic at Cadney. Trains will leave Hillside avenue at 8.10 and noon, and returning leave Sidney at 5 and 7.30 p.m.

—Inspector Constantine, of the Northwest Mounted Police, is here on his way to the Yukon country to report on that part of the Dominion to the government. It is probable that a company of Mounted Police will be sent there.

—T. L. Morrisey, resident manager of the Union Insurance Society, has authorized Messrs. McLachlan & Yates, of Vancouver, and J. St. Clair Blackett, of this city, agent for the Union in British Columbia, to contribute $250 towards the relief fund for the Fraser river sufferers.

—Mr. Alan S. Dumbleton has taken into partnership R. T. Elliott, who has been for several years in the law office of Attorney-General Davie. The new firm, which will be known as Dumbleton & Elliott, will occupy the office lately occupied by Mr. Dumbleton on Langley street.

—The appointment of W. H. Lobb as naval storekeeper at Esquimalt will probably date from July 16. Mr. Lobb has heretofore been in charge of the Hongkong station, and is expected to arrive here on the next Empress. Mr. Dobbin will continue in charge of the dockyard until Mr. Lobb arrives.

—Last evening the pupils of St. John's Sunday school took the parts in two bright little plays, a large audience being present to see them. "Who Is It?" was pleasingly rendered by ten little girls, and the burlesque "Bluebeard" was very correctly rendered, the little actors being well able to make the best of the humorous parts.

—The steamer City of Kingston brought in two carloads of seed barley last night. They were ordered by the Brackman & Ker Milling Co. for the provincial government, for distribution among the flood sufferers of the Fraser valley. It will be shipped to New Westminster to-day or to-morrow and will be taken from there up the river by the steamer Gladys.

—The annual church anniversary of the Centennial Methodist church is to be celebrated on July 8th by special services. Rev. James Turner will preach in the morning, Rev. S. Cleaver in the afternoon and Rev. Thomas Baldwin in the evening. On the following Tuesday evening the anniversary tea meeting will be held. Clement Rowlands is arranging a concert programme for the occasion.

—The sale of Wellington coal will in future be confined to one yard in Victoria. The practice of selling to three or four dealers has been discontinued, and several coal dealers will find their occupation gone. No doubt the Wellington Coal Co. have good reasons for making the change, and possibly the strongest is that the business can be more economically handled when concentrated under one management. The Vancouver Coal Co. have several agents in the city.

—A pocketbook containing papers which show them to be the property of Dr. F. C. Allen, a veterinary surgeon, was picked up on the beach on Monday by Alfred Barnes. They are now at the provincial police office. Dr. Allen is not known in Victoria, but for several weeks past a man who claimed to be a veterinary surgeon, but who did not give his name, has been visiting the livery stables of the city. He was well dressed, and seemed to be in good circumstances. It is feared that the owner of the pocketbook and papers has been drowned, but it is just as likely that they were dropped into the water.

—The lacrosse club's garden party at the Caledonian grounds last evening passed off very pleasantly. The attendance was fairly large, the grounds, platform, and club house were prettily decorated, and everything in general was calculated to contribute to the pleasure of those present. During the evening refreshments were dispensed from a booth on the grounds. The attendance would have been much larger but for the fact that the night was rather chilly for an open air affair.

—Charlie, an Indian, charged with being drunk, who was in the police court yesterday, was up again this forenoon, and with him came Willam Edwards, who supplied the liquor. They were both convicted, and Charley fined $5 and Edwards $50 and costs with the option of going to jail for four months. B. Antonio who ventured on the Indian reserve with a sample case containing six bottles of rye whiskey, also occupied a seat in the dock. He was convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with the option of paying $50 and costs. Phillip Chalk, the same old drunk of yore, got 14 days.

From Thursday's Daily.

—Candidates for the legislature will be nominated in the market hall on Saturday.

—The electors of South Victoria met at the Royal Oak last evening and were addressed by the candidates.

—A Jap was taken off an upturned boat near Clover Point last evening. He was in a half drowned condition.

—The funeral of Thos. Nicholson's infant son, drowned in the gorge on Monday evening, took place this afternoon.

—Shares 175 A and B standing in the names of Mrs. F. Walker and R. Carter, were drawn at the meeting of the Vancouver Island Building society last evening.

—The pocket book picked up on the beach by Mr. Barnes turns out to have been the property of Mr. Vernon who was drowned by the capsizing of the sloop Undine.

—The report that twelve buildings were shattered at the Pilot Bay saw mill, Kootenay, can hardly be correct, as there were only four buildings there. The tin roof of the mill was carried away and the building was submerged.

—Several hundred people attended the band concert at Oak Bay last evening. Director Finn has succeeded in getting together a lot of first class musicians and the crowd that attend the concerts show that his efforts are appreciated.

—Rev. W. L. Clay, the new pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, arrived from the east this morning, and is registered at the Balmoral. He will be inducted this evening, and on Tuesday next will be tendered a reception by the congregation.

—The proprietor of the Bee Hive saloon has been summoned to appear in the police court on Saturday. The charge is "Keeping a common gaming house." Evidence in the Barnard case went to show that card playing had been indulged in at the Bee Hive.

—Detachments of men from the three warships were drilled on the camping grounds this morning. There were several hundred men in line and they were put through a variety of movements and evolutions. A number of spectators, among them a number of the Stanford university boys, saw the drill.

—The annual meeting of the grand lodge of A. F. and A. M. will commence to-day at New Westminster and will continue until Saturday. The Victoria delegates are: R. B. McMicking, Geo. S. Russell, H. L. Salmon, B. Williams, Henry Waller, George Glover, J. W. Coburn, Thos. S. Fletcher and W. J. Quinlan.

—J. B. Wilkins was before Magistrate Macrae this morning, charged with a breach of the revenue by-law, it being alleged that he was working as a contractor and had not paid the license for so doing. The prosecution failed to prove a case that was satisfactory to the magistrate to convict, and he ordered the defendant discharged.

—The French man-of-war Duguay-Trouin, which is expected here, is a single screw iron ship of 3140 tons, ship rigged, and was launched at Cherbourg in 1877. Her length is 296 feet 3 inches, beam 43 feet 4 inches, mean draft 17 feet, and horse power 4390. She has a coal carrying capacity of 430 tons, steams 15.9 knots, and carries five 5-ton, five 3-ton and eight machine guns.

—The members of the W. C. T. U. were entertained at the home of Mayor Teague last evening. Mrs. Teague received the guests and spared no pains for their entertainment. Addresses were delivered by Mrs. Spoffard, provincial president of the W. C. T. U., and Miss Bowes. It was decided to organize a branch of the Loyal Legion. There was music during the evening and at the close light refreshments were partaken of.

—J. F. Foulkes, the well known Victoria tennis player, and A. W. Bumiller, the champion of Stanford university, played a match game at the Belcher street grounds yesterday afternoon. Mr. Foulkes won, 7—5 and 6—2. He had the advantage in form, but probably at his opponent's best would also have won. There were many brilliant plays, Foulkes time after time saving what looked to be impossible shots. Bumiller did some brilliant work in placing his shots out of reach of his opponent. The game was watched by a fair sized crowd, and there was frequent applause.

CANADIAN NEWS.

The News of Eastern Canada in Short Paragraphs.

James Cooney, a Grand Trunk brakeman, living in Hamilton, fell from a train at Guelph and was instantly killed.

Fourteen clergymen of other denominations have applied to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church for admission.

At Hepworth the shingle and planing mill owned by James Hawley and leased by William Foster was burned, together with Hawley's dwelling.

The directors of the Bell Telephone Company, acting upon the power conferred upon them by the shareholders at the last annual meeting, have decided to increase the capital of the company from $2,640,000 to $3,168,000.

Dr. McEachren, chief veterinary inspector, appeared before the committee on agriculture at Ottawa and explained his connection with the Walrond ranch company and the efforts made by him to show that no pleuro-pneumonia existed in Canada. He said the Walrond company intended going out of the business, and if the committee would recommend his permanent attachment to the department he would sever his connection with the company. A sub-committee was appointed to deal with the proposition.

At a meeting of the corporation of Trinity university the resignation of Provost Body, who goes to take a position in the New York Theological Seminary, was formally accepted and a committee appointed to consider the filling of the vacancy.

At a meeting of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children in Montreal, it was resolved to apply to the legislature to make a law for the prevention of cruelty and better protection of children similar to that in force in Ontario.

HE AIDED THE ROBBER.

Man Arrested for Assisting the Cariboo Stage Robber to Escape.

Superintendent Fred Hussey of the provincial police received a telegram this morning announcing that Constable John Bain had arrested a man for aiding the Cariboo stage robber to escape arrest. The name of the party arrested was not given. He was taken to the 150-mile station and locked up. The constable then continued in pursuit. The telegram received does not give full particulars of the incident, but it is presumed that the officers of the law are hot on the trail of the robber, and his arrest at an early date may be looked for.

SELECTED A SITE.

The Aldermen Decide Upon an Expensive Power House Site.

T. C. Nuttal's waterfront property, between Herald street and Turret rock, was yesterday selected by the council as the site for the new electric light station. The price at which this property was offered by Mr. Nuttal was $12,300. R. F. Tolmie offered the same piece of property, but his price was $13,000. The lots were last year assessed for $6,000, showing that during the year the property, in the opinion of a majority of the aldermen, has just doubled in value. It is calculated that it will cost another $5000 to grade the site, there being a lot of rock on it. This, with the cost of the site, will make a big hole in the $55,000 voted by the ratepayers. There was a long discussion as to which site should be selected, several of the aldermen advocating the selection of a cheaper lot, as suggested by Mr. Stickels, the electrician. Others suggested utilizing the James Bay mud flats. It was hardly expected that this site would be selected, although it was known that four of the aldermen were almost certain to vote for it. It was generally understood that Ald. Wilson would not vote for it. The selection was made on a division of five to four, as follows: For—Ald. Harris, Styles, Baker, Keith-Wilson and Ledingham; against—the mayor and Ald. Dwyer, Humphrey and Munn. Ald. Vigelius was absent.

J. C. Keith was named as architect for the power house, with orders to proceed with the preparation of the plans at once.

A special committee will report on Mr. Cartmel's proposition to destroy garbage in connection with the electric light works.

THE MARKETS.

Short Summary Covering Articles of Every Day Consumption.

The supply of fresh eggs is still quite short, and the retail price keeps on advancing at the rate of five cents per week. They are selling at 35 cents at the present time and are quite likely to go higher. Strawberries are very plentiful at the present time, but those who know say that the season is going to be a very short one. There has been an immense demand for them, yet in the face of it they have dropped to 10 cents per pound. Milstuffs and feeds are high, but there has been no late advance here. Oats are advancing, as is wheat, but the latter rise is the result of local causes more than in sympathy with the big markets of the world. Trade generally shows little change. Retail prices are given below:

Flour	
Salem	5 75
Ogilvie's (Hungarian)	6 00
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	6 00
Premier	6 00
Three Star	5 75
Victoria	5 75
Lion	5 75
Royal	5 50
Wheat, per ton	30 00@40 00
Oats, per ton	33 00@35 00
Barley, per ton	32 00@35 00
Middlings, per ton	30 00
Bran, per ton	27 00@30 00
Ground Feed, per ton	30 00@35 00
Corn, whole	45 00
" cracked	50 00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	40
Oatmeal, per 10 lb	50
Rolled Oats, per lb	6
Potatoes, per lb	1 1-4@1 1-2
Potatoes, new, California	2
Potatoes, seed	2
California sweet potatoes, per lb	3
Cabbage	3
Hay, baled, per ton	18 00@20 00
Straw, per bale	1 00
Onions, per lb	5@6
Eggs, per doz	35
Sugar per pound	6 1-2
Butter, Island roll, (2 lbs)	60@75
California Creamery	60@75
Cheese, Canadian, per lb, retail	20
" American, per lb	18@20
Hams, American, per lb	20@22
" Canadian, per lb	17@22
Bacon, American, per lb	22
" Rolled, per lb	18
" Long clear, per lb	17
Shoulders, per lb	14
Lard, per lb	15@20
Pig's feet, per doz	75
Tongues and Sounds, per kit	2 25
Meats—Beef, per lb	7@18
Sides, per lb	8@10
Mutton, per lb	9@15
Pork, fresh, per lb	12@15
Chickens, per pair	1.50@2.00
Turkeys, per lb	20@25
Geese, per lb	20@25
Fish—Smoked salmon (spring) per lb	15
Fish—Salmon (Spring), per lb	10@12
Rabbits, apiece	50
Salmon (Smoked), per lb	8@10
Halibut	10@12
Smoked halibut	12 1-2
Cod, per lb	8@10
" (Nfd), per lb	12 1-2
Small fish	5@8
Smelts, per lb	10@12
Sturgeon, per lb	7@8
Herring (Labrador), per doz	50
" (smoked) "	50
Eastern oysters, fresh, per quart	75
Fruits—Apples per lb	4@8
Bananas, per doz	25@40
Oranges—California	
" Seedlings	25
" Navel	40@50
Lemons, California, per doz	25@35
" (Australian)	25@30
Pine apples, apiece	25@50
Cranberries, per quart	15
Island rhubarb, per lb	8
Asparagus, per lb	10
Cauliflower, per doz	1 00
Green peas, per lb	8
Strawberries, per lb	10

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

NEWS OF THE INTERIOR.

A Budget of Newsy Items From the Ledge—All About the Floods.

Fire at Three Forks—Three Men Drowned—Some Narrow Escapes, Etc.

(Nakusp Ledge.)

Freight comes high just at present, $80 per ton being asked for hauling goods this week between Nakusp and New Denver.

A fresh meat famine of alarming proportions exists in town.

Seventy-five miners' licenses were issued from the New Denver record office last month.

It is reported that placer grounds of no mean value have been discovered about twelve miles up Six-mile creek. Two men are credited with washing out $10 per day of gold steadily.

It registered 110 degrees in the sun at Revelstoke on Friday.

Numerous discoveries of galena are being made in the Slocan this season.

By the great storm of Sunday week J. T. Nault lost 266 cords of firewood at this place, and about an equal amount, it is feared, down the river. At Rosebery he suffered considerable loss also, the whole totalling up to about $2,100.

A sharp thunder storm passed over the town on Wednesday, followed by others on the succeeding days, accompanied by very squally weather generally. This has cooled Old Sol's heated brow somewhat, causing snow to fall on the hills and the floods to abate to an appreciable extent.

During the course of the recent big gale the lightning struck and set fire to woods lining the wagon road in the neighborhood of Watson. At last accounts the fire was burning merrily.

The town of Three Forks narrowly escaped being wiped out by fire during the big storm a week ago Sunday. One of a number of small cabins in the eastern part of the town by some means caught fire and quickly spread to those adjacent. The population turned out to fight the flames in a body, but they were not controlled until six or seven of the buildings had been destroyed. Adjoining one of the buildings scorched was a shed in which 1200 pounds of dynamite was stored. Had that exploded the loss of life would have been heavy.

A beef and butter famine is raging at Revelstoke.

The supply of whiskey at Revelstoke is almost exhausted, and unless more can be procured several of the inhabitants are liable to form the habit of drinking water, which is still plentiful around that burg.

From the devastated portions of the country comes the welcome news that the waters are subsiding as quickly almost as they rose. The Arrow lakes and the Columbia river are rapidly tumbling into their normal condition, leaving debris of all shapes and classes piled high on the shores as a memento of what has been. Those who have suffered are preparing to rebuild, particularly Genelle & Co. The railway people are looking after their floating warehouses and submerged sidings, of which they stand badly in need at present for shunting purposes. At Revelstoke the river is falling rapidly, making the loading of supplies for this place a much easier task. Slocan lake has fallen over three feet this week, and it is not expected to again break its bounds this year. The C. P. R. are gradually getting their road into shape for the resumption of traffic, the various rivers all subsiding.

A fire on the government reserve at New Denver last Thursday threatened the business portion of the town. It was extinguished with difficulty.

Revelstoke citizens are preparing for a big celebration on July 1st. Ample funds have been promised and the programme now in course of preparation will be a good one.

R. Clay, who was engaged at assessment work on the claim owned by him in a gulch off Four-Mile creek, had a narrow escape for his life one day recently, a landslide passing over him as he flattened himself against the projecting rock.

The buildings of many of the ranchers on the upper river have been swept away by the floods. Last week the Marion was navigated through a number of raches, which heretofore were supposed to be above high water mark.

It will take at least a month and several thousand dollars to repair the C. P. R. telegraph lines in this district. Between Kaslo and Nelson the wire is out of sight beneath the waters of the lake, as also to a great extent between Nakusp and Revelstoke. The wire from New Denver to Kaslo is broken in scores of places, by reason of the great storm, necessitating a new circuit throughout.

Messrs. Sweeny and McCreary, two of the partners in the Consolidation mine, in the Big Bend, came down last week, says the Mail, bringing a bag of gold amounting to something over $1,000, besides a 1 1-2 oz. nugget worth $28. They brought tiding of a washout at their mine which has compelled them to suspend operations for a few weeks at least.

Information, somewhat meagre in minor details, has reached town of the drowning of three men in Five-Mile creek a tributary of Trout lake. It appears that on the evening after the great gale a week ago Sunday, a body of men engaged in placer mining were encamped in a dry gulch close to Five-Mile creek. During the night, the creek, swollen to enormous proportions, changed its course and swept through the gulch where the men were sleeping. Several of them reached dry land in safety, but three were not so fortunate and were carried away by the flood and drowned. The names of the victims were Raynor, Stewart and Metcalfe. The bodies were recovered and buried.

Arrivals in town from Kaslo report that the damage by the recent storm was considerable in that city, upwards of 50 buildings having been destroyed. Nearly all the structures east of Third street, including the jail, the bridge and the Galena Trading Co.'s store, had broken up and floated out on the lake. In many of the houses the furniture had not been taken out when surrounded by the flood, as the occupants never thought of a wind storm arising and committing so much destruction. The river's bank beneath Mayor Kane's residence was undermined and the building toppled over into the flood. Hughes' wharf and that built by the citizens a year ago at great expense was totally destroyed. J. B. Wilson, Green Bros. and other merchants on the lower part of Front street had to move their goods further up town. The water was up to the postoffice, close to which the steamers were landing.

Ainsworth escaped the storm very well, but all outlying places suffered more or less. Both of the wharves at Nelson, besides other property, were destroyed. Between Kaslo and New Denver the storm struck in places, but wherever its fury was felt everything went down before it like matches. Hundreds of trees were torn up and flung across the wagon road and telegraph wire, effectually destroying the latter. The grade of the N. & S. R. between Roseberry and Three Forks is washed out in many places, while the supports of several of the trestles have been destroyed. But meagre reports have come in from the outside, but it would seem that the storm was exceedingly wide in scope and damaging in effect.

British News.

London, June 19.—It is reported that Sir Edward Malet, British ambassador, has sent his resignation to his government in London, stating as his reason for wishing to retire that it is impossible for him longer to successfully represent the interests of England at the court of the kaiser since, owing to the acts of the British cabinet, the confidence of the emperor has been lost. It is said the kaiser has bitterly reproached the British cabinet for taking unfair advantage of his straightforwardness in dealing with England, and also accused Sir Edward Malet with having countenanced the English cabinet's duplicity. Sir Edward Malet, it is asserted, protested to the kaiser against the accusation, declaring he was as much surprised as the kaiser. The emperor, according to report, informed Sir Edward that England could thank herself if henceforth he should reverse the friendly policy of Germany and return to Bismarck's distrust of everything English.

The report of the resignation cannot be confirmed at the foreign office. It is surmised that some trouble has arisen out of the Anglo-Belgian treaty regarding the Congo frontier which has caused the friction between the German foreign office and the British ambassador, but the report of the latter's resignation is not generally credited.

Mr. E. S. Willard, the actor, was welcomed on his return from the United States this afternoon by the Green Room club, the welcome taking the form of a banquet. Henry Irving presided, and spoke glowingly of Mr. Willard's successes in the United States.

The delegates to the International University Extension congress were entertained to-day by the chancellor and faculty of the University of Oxford. The congress formally opens to-morrow in the theatre of the London University, and the Marquis of Salisbury will deliver the opening address.

Engineer Williams, of the Manchester canal, has been knighted.

Gladstone announces that it will be impossible for him to visit the United States.

While returning from a fete at Samora, Prussia, Tuesday, forty-five young people were drowned by the capsizing of a boat.

Sir William Harcourt will retire from the commons at the close of this session, and will be elevated to the house of lords. The choice of Liberal leader in the commons lies between Bannerman, Asquith and John Morley.

PRO-CHINESE.

The General Asembly Petitioning for Removal of Restrictions.

St. John, N. B., June 20.—At the Presbyterian general assembly an overture was presented, signed by about half the assembly, seeking co-operation with other churches in pressing on the government to remove the restrictions on Chinese immigration. A committee was appointed to carry out the prayer of the overture. The moderator spoke of the Chinese, showing that many ideas regarding them were very wrong. Not one objection had he heard raised to Americans and Canadians while in Formosa. The question is simply one of right. He regretted with deep sorrow that Canada should pass such a law. The overture was passed by a standing vote.

A short time ago gold ore was found on a farm in Pittsburg township. A sample was sent to Toronto to be assayed, and the report was that the percentage of gold was at the rate of $38 to the ton. An English agent is now looking at the mine.

At the session of the Toronto Methodist conference the resignation of Rev. Paul Flint, late pastor of Zion Methodist church, was tendered on the ground that he was not in accord with the Methodist church upon the doctrine of the divinity of Christ and divine guidance. It was accepted. Flint has not yet attached himself to any other denomination.

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