SHORT LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

—To-day is St. Valentine's day. The postal authorities had quite a large city mail.

—Fire last night at the residence of Mrs. Poudrier, corner of Fort and Moss streets. Damage nominal.

—A series of Lenten addresses will be delivered in St. Mark's church, commencing this evening, by Rev. J. B. Hewartson.

—Mrs. Ward has sent a quantity of children's clothing to Superintendent Johnson, of the market, to be distributed among the poor.

—American "raised" bills are being circulated in Victoria. A number of storekeepers have accepted these bills. They are $5 bills raised to $20.

—It is rumored that Archer Martin and Charles St. Barbe will shortly found a new weekly paper in Victoria. They could certainly corner the law and social problems very well.

—The W. C. T. U. have withdrawn the Thursday afternoon meeting for this week in order to give the members the opportunity of attending the funeral of the late Mrs. R. Elford, who was one of their oldest memebers.

—The Victoria mail from Australia was put in the Vancouver bags and taken to the Terminal City by the Arawa, and only arrived back last night. The delay is a vexatious one, and it is to be trusted that the error will not be repeated.

—At a meeting of the creditors of the Thunder Hill Mining company held yesterday afternoon a scheme was formulated for reorganizing the company, and an adjournment was taken for a week with that purpose in view.

—The St. Andrew's Presbyterian church Young People's Society entertainment in Philharmonic hall last evening was well attended. The performers acted their parts admirably. The tableaux were very pretty and the entertainment was appreciated by all present.

—The steamer Mischief, Captain McCoskrie, has returned from the wreck of the schooner Norway. She brought with her all the rigging, chains, tackel and everything of value about the wreck. The lumber saved from the surf totals 200,000 feet. It is piled up on the beach, and can be easily taken off in barges or scows.

—Mr. Swartout has been appointed missionary to the Indians of Alberni by the foreign mission committee of the Presbyterian church General Assembly. A service will be held in the First Presbyterian church, when Mr. Swartout will be inducted in his new field of labor. Rev. J. A. McDonald, the former missionary, resigned on account of ill health.

—Fred Boade, the old miner of Leech river, who was reported some weeks ago to be in a critical condition, will be brought to the city on Thursday. The day after the report was received Sergt. Langley and Constable Hutcheson left to bring him in, but the snow was so deep that the trail was impassable, and the attempt had to be abandoned. It is thought that no difficulty will be experienced this time.

—A Portland special says: The late convictions here for smuggling opium have not put a stop to the business, as the customs officers this evening captured two lots on the way to the depot to be shipped to Chinese merchants in Sacramento and Walla Walla. The shippers are not known, but the officers are keeping a lookout on one firm which is suspected of doing an extensive business in unstamped opium.

—But three of the Japanese passengers on the steamship Empress of China were manifested for Victoria, yet thirty came off here. Many of them were destined for points in the United States, and the immigration inspectors of that country objected to their being landed here. The railway and the steamship officials said they were powerless to detain them if they sought to leave. The interpreter said there were not any of them going to American points, but that was not correct.

—D. E. Catterlin was taken to Vancouver this morning to answer to the charge of theft of wearing apparel of Jennie Vincent, whom he abducted from Vancouver. Catterlin denies that he is guilty of theft, and says the girl left her father's home of her own accord. When arrested in Nanaimo she left her apparel in his charge. The overcoat which he is said to have stolen from Mr. Vincent Catterlin claims was lent to him by a sister of Jennie Vincent the night of the elopement.

—Since the beginning of the year business has been quiet; still in the freight market rates have been steady, and the tendency has been, if anything, upward. An advance of 2s. 6d. per ton has been established from San Francisco for grain, while from the northern ports inquiry has been fairly active at slightly higher figures than have ruled lately. The demand for lumber being on a very limited scale, charters are not many. The vessels are small, and nearly all go coastwise. However, freights rule remarkably firm, and suitable vessels for some directions, notably China, are scarce. Final figures for the salmon pack of British Columbia are now available. These show that the quantity put up during the season of 1893 was 590,229 cases, of which about three-fourths were supplied by the Fraser river. The shipments to England are in very much the same proportion, while the remainder has been mainly disposed of in Canada and Australia, leaving a stock of about 8,000 cases to be carried over to next season.—R. P. Rithet & Co.' monthly report.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—In the police court Tom, Indian, was fined $5 for being drunk.

—Rev. J. B. Hewetson delivered the first of a series of lenten sermons at St. Mark's church last night.

—Captain Charles Smith, formerly master of the Estelle, is in the city. He is of the opinion that the Estelle got in the tide rips at Cape Mudge and went down and that there was no explosion aboard.

—It is said that the barkentine Wrestler was given quite a bad pounding on the rocks at Esquimalt last night. As soon as the contract is let for getting her off all possible speed will be made with the work.

—The Sons of Erin met last evening and received a favorable report from the St. Patrick's Day celebration committee. The following new members were elected: John Fraser, J. Groves, H. B. Thompson, F. Moore, A. M. Jones, J. B. Jackson and Capt. Lawrence.

—The creditors of Hughitt & McIntyre met yesterday and decided to pay the loggers the funds they have on hand and make arrangements for the payment of the balance as soon as possible. The trustees will endeavor to make terms with Mr. Sutton for an extension of his agreement.

—C. E. Mallette, cashier of the suspended National bank at Port Angeles, was at the Arlington last night on his way home from Washington, D.C., where he conferred with Secretary Eckels upon the question of reopening the bank, says Wednesday's Telegraph. Mr. Mallette was succesful in his conference with the secretary and the Port Angeles bank will soon be doing business again.

—An entertainment was held last evening for the benefit of Victoria West lodge, I.O.G.T. The programme was Tableaux—"Crowning the May Queen" and "The Reaper and the Flowers." Recitations, Miss M. Dyker, Miss L. Kettle, Miss L. Banfield and Miss M. Chapman; Mr. Firth, song; W. J. and A. E. Cave, and Miss Burnett and Mr. Moir, duets; P. Gold and E. J. Etherton, comic songs; W. J. Cave, a stump speech. This was followed by the farce "Paddle Your own Canoe," by the Victoria West Amateur Dramatic Society.

—A meeting was held at Revelstoke yesterday when the following resolution was adopted: "That the urgent attention of the Government be called to the fact that West Kootenay is insufficiently represented in the Legislative Assembly, especially as it is the most progressive district in the province, and its population is increasing at a very rapid rate, upwards of 500 bona fide voters being already on the Revelstoke list, with probably more to be added; therefore we say that an additional member be given to this district and also that Revelstoke division be made the North Riding and include Nakusp."

—There was a good deal of speculation locally as to how far sealing legislation will be advanced this season, as there is fear that the schooners will be interfered with. They have been permitted to leave port without any intimation as to the new regulations. The United States government is preparing a fleet for patrol duty larger than is necessary to look after Behring sea and it is thought by some that the enforcement of the closed season is contemplated. There are not many schooners on the coast, but since they are there it would work a hardship on them to cut them off in the midst of the season. It is not believed here that any country not concerned will ratify any international restriction scheme, as the seal may some day migrate and make a rookery out of Malta or Corsica or Cape De Verde.

—Georgie Sinclair is in the police cells and a charge of attempted suicide is registered against her. The young woman stayed in a house on View street till a few days ago when she attempted to drown herself because a male acquaintance with whom she was in love was going to marry. The young man married last Tuesday night, and the Sinclair woman, who was in the Refuge Home, and heard of the marriage, threatened to take her life at the first opportunity. She would not be consoled The matter was reported to the police and Sergt. Levin arrested her this morning on a warrant issued by Magistrate Macrae. The case will come up in the police court Friday morning. Taken to the police cells, she said she had given up all idea of suiciding. She is about 23 years old, has a pleasant face and a refined manner. The ladies of the Refuge Home have taken a great interest in her.

Jaunting American Editors.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Evidently the country editors of Illinois and of a good many other states are not yet cognizant of the alleged hard times and commercial depression. It would appear so at least from the fact that the executive committee of the Illinois press association appointed last year to consider the question of an excursion to England and Europe has not only decided upon an elaborate programme, but has already secured the necessary number of travellers for the great party required by the steamship companies. The programme will be formally ratified at the annual meeting of the association in this city next week. It arranges for the starting of the excursion from Chicago on April 25, the excursionists to round up in the same city on July 25, or exactly three months later. The itinerary includes London, and all its attractions, Canterbury, Ripon, the principal points in Scotland, Liverpool, Stratford on Avon, Bristol, Plymouth, Exeter, Paris, Brussels and the field of Waterloo, Antwerp and the International Exposition, and Berlin. By special directions of the Queen Hampton Court Palace and Windsor Castle will be thrown open to the inspection of the excursionists. Over two hundred editors of Illinois and other states have signified their intention of joining the party, and in many cases they will be accompanied by their families. Still another European press excursion growing out of a discussion at the last meeting of the National Editorial Association will start from New York on July 7th. This trip includes Paris, Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges, Ostend, London, Oxford, Liverpool, Dublin, Killarney, and Cork, reaching New York on the return on August 23.

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THE USUAL WAY.

A Kootenay Paper's Objections to a Townsite Manipulation.

Hon. Mr. Vernon, on Monday—To ask leave to introduce a bill intituled an act to authorize the issue of a crown grant of certain lands in the district of Kootenay, being the site of the town of Three Forks.

The above bill has doubtless been read a first time before this, but in the hope that the government may fully appreciate the effect of such an act, some of the facts connected with the staking of this land will be stated.

On the 31st of May, 1892, a mineral claim known as the "Sara Jane" was staked on this property by E. R. Hamilton, free miner 41,873, and the same was recorded by Hamilton on June 7th, 1892. He did the assessment required by law and had a certificate of work recorded May 25th, 1893, so that the property, even should Hamilton neglect the assessment work altogether, cannot become vacant until May 25th, 1894.

Although the justice of this claim has received recognition from the government through Mr. Vernon's department it is not this claim which Mr. Vernon is recognizing in his proposed bill.

Subsequent to the mineral location, on June 14, 1892, according to their own statement, Messrs. E. C. Carpenter and C. Hugonin located the property as an agricultural pre-emption. On Nov. 9 of the same year they received a certificate of improvements. This ordinarily is given after a survey, but in this instance the surveyor's field notes bear the date of Dec. 15th, 1892. Messrs. Hugonin and Carpenter have transferred eight-tenths of th eirinterests in the townsite to the well known provincial real estate men, Messrs. Frank Stillman Barnard and John Andrew Mara, and some other Victorian men, although it is contrary to the act to sell pre-emptions before the issuance of the crown grant.

Even was the claim of Messrs. Hugonin and Carpenter to the land undisputed, the crown grant would not issue till June 14th, 1894. In the ordinary course of business, Mr. Vernon would be obliged to act in this matter, personally.

The action of the government in introducing such a bill gives rise to many questions. What is the reason for such indecent haste in the issuing of a crown grant to disputed land? Is the action of Mr. Vernon prompted by a desire to shirk responsibility in a game which has for its object, as far as can be seen, the freezing out of the man who can have only the fair title to the townsite?

The legislature, if left to itself might pass this bill of Mr. Vernon's, and not know its effect. Might not know there is a priority of claim. Unless Mr. Hamilton has abandoned his claim, the land is not yet open to pre-emption. It will be irregular to convey it, and the Kootenay country is longing for the dawn of that day when the provincial legislators will show less inclination to dance to the piping of Frank Stillman Barnard and those of like kidney.—Nelson Miner.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

In the supreme court chambers this morning before Mr. Justice Crease only one summons was on the list

Kiley-Becket Engine Co. v. S. L. Kelly & Co.—Aikman, for the plaintiff, applied for further and better particulars of the matters referred to in the defendants' defence and counter-claim. Ward (Davie, Pooley & Luxton) contra. Order made that particulars be given within ten days.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

In the Supreme Court chambers this morning Mr. Justice Crease heard the following applications:

Wooley v. Lowenberg et al Bodwell for the plaintiff applied for leave to amend the statement of claim so as to make the case agree with facts brought out on the plaintiff's examination. Davie, Q. C., for the defendants contra. Amendment allowed and trial postponed one month.

Cooley et al v. Fitzstubbs. A. G. Smith for the defendant under Rule 33 applied to set down case for argument on point of law. Belyea for the plaintiffs contra. Reserved.

In pursuance of an order of Mr. Justice Drake a meeting of the creditors and shareholders of the Thunder Hill Mining Company was held yesterday when George Byrnes was appointed liquidator of the company. Another meeting will take place in a fortnight to consider a scheme for reorganization.

The divisional court, consisting of Sir Matthew Begbie, C. J., and Mr. Justice Crease, heard argument in the Gabriel v. Mesher appeal this afternoon. The appeal is from an order of Mr. Justice Drake, dated 16th June, 1893, allowing the defendant on taxation the costs of the shorthand writer's notes and also the cost of printing the same. The plaintiff claims that the same were not necessary and the costs should be disallowed. Argument is still going on. A. E. McPhillips for the plaintiff (appellant) and E. V. Bodwell for the defendant (respondent).

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Mr. Crease disposed of the following applications in the Supreme Court this morning:

Leiser v. Cavalsky & Green—Lawson (Bodwell & Irving) for the plaintiffs, applied for leave to amend the statement of claim against Cavalsky. Jay, for defendant, Cavalsky, took the preliminary objection that the affidavit used had not been filed before the issue of the summons. Dismissed with costs to the defendant in the cause.

Matthew v. Rowlinson—Lawson (Bodwell & Irving) for the plaintiff obtained an order for the examination of the defendant as a judgment debtor.

Mr. Justice Walkem sat to hear argument in the Cooley v. Fitzstubbs case to-day. This is an action brought by Cooley and five others trading under the name of the Victoria Bed Rock Flume and Hydraulic Company against N. Fitzstubbs, gold commissioner for West Kootenay, for a mandamus compelling the defendant to issue to the plaintiffs a grant of mining ground and for an injunction restraining a grant to anyone other than the plaintiffs. The trial is set for Tuesday next and the question to be argued is whether or not the defendant has vested in him an absolute discretion in the matter as claimed. Hon. Theodore Davie, Q.C., for the defendant asked for an adjournment. Mr. Belyea for the plaintiffs objected stating that it was most important to his clients that the question be decided at once. An adjournment was granted until Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

The steamer Maude leaves for Alberni to-night.

KOOTENAY CROPPINGS.

No Diminution of Business in the Mining Country.

SPLENDID SHOWING IN SHIPMENTS

Amount of Ore Produced and Despatched Since December—Work on the Railways—Properties Changing Hands.

Nelson Tribune.

A Nelson man visited Kaslo one day last week, and when there was approached by a lady, a perfect stranger, and asked to purchase a ticket for an entertainment given to raise funds and build a hospital at Kaslo. The Nelson man replied that he had already purchased a ticket. "Show it to me, please," said the lady. Rather than tell another white lie, the Nelson man dug up his last dollar and took a ticket.

In order to secure themselves, until such time as money is easier in New York, Peter Larsen & Co., secured a lien on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway one day this week. The amount of the lien is in six figures. The lien in no way affects the operation of the road, other than since its filing trains have been coming in on time. Nelson will have, if rumor is correct, another road within less than 18 months. The Columbia & Kootenay will resume running trains on March 1st, as by that time track on the Revelstoke branch will be laid to the "wigwam" below which there is a stage of water in the Columbia that will allow of steamboats to run.

The amount of development work outlined by Mr. Harvey, the consulting engineer, has been done on the Silver King mine, and a part of the working force has been laid off, awaiting advices from London. Until advices are received, the payroll will carry about 20 names in all.

The microscope has demonstrated the reason why the ores of the Slocan are richer than those of any other district. By examination it has been found that in the cleavage of the galena cubes are minute particles of gray copper and antimonial silver. In some of the ores, notably that from the Mountain Chief, these forms are visible in great blotches to the naked eye.

There are two saw mills on Slocan lake prepared to turn out mining timber or any kind of lumber on short notice. The varieties of timber in the district are white pine, red cedar, hemlock and red fir. It is said there is more white pine in this section than any other part of British Columbia.

The steamer W. Hunter on Slocan lake is a serviceable craft. Her dimensions are: length, 60 feet; beam, 12 feet; depth of hold, 5 feet. Equipped with Roberts boiler, double engines, and twin screws. A comfortable cabin is provided for passengers. Besides the room for freight on board, she has a barge 14x60 for transporting ore and other freight. The Hunter is built of whipsawed lumber and every pound of her machinery was packed to the lake on mules.

Duplicate names for mines is liable to cause confusion in alluding to mineral claims in Slocan district. There are three Mountain Chiefs, two Northern Belles and two Wellingtons, with, no doubt, more to hear from.

Col. Russell, of Kaslo, carries a pocket piece in the shape of a silver bar weighing 1-1-4 ounces, 999 fine, which was made from six ounces of quartz taken from the Silver Glance mine in the dry ore belt north of Watson.

In nearly every instance, the mines of the Slocan gain in value as depth is attained. This has been demonstrated, and in this respect the mines of the district differ greatly from those of other localities.

The reported discovery of gold-bearing ore in Woodberry creek, in Ainsworth district, is verified. The discovery was made in a claim located last April by D. F. Strobeck and now owned by the Canadian Pacific Mining company. A shaft is down 30 feet and three feet of ore shows up in its bottom. A 30 pound sample was sent to St. Paul for assay, and the return was $150 gold, 2 ounces silver, and 62 7-8 per cent. lead. An 100 pound sample from the bottom of the shaft was sent out one day this week. The claim is called the Wakefield and the company's foreman at Ainsworth is N. C. Westerfield.

The Le Roi mine, of Trail Creek district, has over 300 tons of ore on the wharf at Trail awaiting shipment to the smelter. The management claim that the steamboat company agreed to run this ore through to Northport by the 1st of February; but as the needed repairs to the steamer Columbia have not yet been made, the steamboat management do not expect to get the ore through before March 1st, when there will be over 600 tons to haul. The Le Roi is now one of the regular producing mines of Southern Kootenay.

The depressing financial wave, which swept over the world in 1893, leaving ruin in its track everywhere, had but little effect upon the Slocan. Even, despite the great drop in silver and lead, more mines are working and the output is far greater than before the panic.

For a plentiful and never-failing water supply for power or other purposes, the Slocan mining district is second to none in the world. There is not a mine in the district at which electricity generated by water power could not be used.

Considering the newness of the district and the difficulty heretofore of getting in supplies, one is surprised to find the neat quarters provided for the employees at many of the mines in Slocan. Nearly all have whipsawed lumber for doors and finishings.

(Kaslo-Slocan Examiner.)

There is no danger of the West Arm or outlet of Kootenay lake freezing up this year.

The Kaslo & New Denver stage line has changed hands again. Mr. McAnn sold out last Monday to Messrs. George Baker, Alexander J. Scott, John Carscadden and George Lewis.

The first shipment of ore from the Mountain Chief mine owned by George W. Hughes, was made on the 16th of last September, and up to date the total output of this mine shipped from Kaslo will amount to 456 tons. The most of this ore will average 150 ounces in silver and 65 per cent lead.

During the past two weeks, since the 25th of January, there has been 18 shipments of ore made from the wharves here to the smelters in the United States. The shipments have ranged from 38,300 pounds, the smallest, to 160,000, the largest made during the period mentioned. The major portion of this ore will run from 150 to 200 ounces in silver and from 50 to 80 per cent. lead.

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The Northern Belle, which is situated at the head of Goat creek in the Jackson basin between the two fine claims, Dublin Queen and Kootenay Star, has at present 25 men at work. Within the last few days they have struck a good vein 7 feet wide, which assays 100 ounces of silver and 80 per cent. lead. This vein, the owners say, is a true formation and runs in a south-easterly direction towards other claims which show the same indications.

Since the first shipment of ore was sent over the Fort Shepard road on the 26th day of last December there has been shipped from Kaslo to different smelters in the United States nearly 4,000,000 pounds of ore, or over 1900 tons, valued at about $260,000. Twelve different mines have contributed to make this splendid showing. While some of the mines sent only one car load, others have sent out hundreds of tons. The principal producers have been the Mountain Chief, the Washington, the Northern Belle and the Dardanelles.

The Nelson Miner.

About twenty-four men, formerly employed on the Hall Mines company's property were discharged this week.

Work is being continued with the diamond drill on the Bonanza. A shoot of ore has been struck where the first trial was made and the drill has been brought further down the hillside to ascertain the character of the vein.

The Nakusp Ledge.

Eastern parties have purchased the American Boy mine for $15,000.

A. E. Hodgins has secured the contract to put the ground of the Nelson Hydraulic Co. into shape for work in the spring.

G. B. Wright, owner of the Mile Point mine, at Ainsworth, made a carload shipment of ore to San Francisco last week.

It is announced that the Great Northern railway will put two vessels on Kootenay lake, from Bonner's Ferry, in the spring.

The ore shipments from this district last month over the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway amounted to 1,214 tons, valued at $151,750.

One-ninth interest in the Nabob, an extension of the Bluebird mine, in the Slocan, has been sold by H. Ward to L. Dancereau, of this town, for $250 cash.

D. McGillivray made one of his flying trips in from the coast on Sunday. The effect of his visit was noticeable in the broad smiles that have illuminated the countenances of various parties up town. Upwards of $10,000 was paid out.

The Omaha-Grant Smelting Co., of Omaha, Neb., is a new competitor for Slocan ore, quoting a rate of $1.50 a ton less than its rivals. The C.P.R. are believed to be backing it.

Nakusp has lost its physician, Dr. Williamson having wandered off on Tuesday, en route to the coast cities, much to the sorrow of his suffering fellow mortals

(From our Own Correspondent.)

Vernon, Feb. 12.—Mr. Wood, of Cargill & Co., Armstrong, is considering the advisability of putting in a grist mill at Vernon, to be run by water power.

Messrs. Knight & Co., have purchased the butcher business of Mr. Rendell, on Barnard avenue. Mr. Knight is well known in the district, having carried on a pork packing business at Enderby two years ago. He will also add this latter branch to the business here this fall.

Mr. McKelvie, of the Vernon News, leaves on Tuesday's train for Vancouver as delegate to the grand lodge, I. O. O. F., from Vernon Valley lodge, No. 18. Mr. A. K. Stuart, a former editor here, holds his place as substitute.

The marriage of Miss Maude Cochrane to Mr. Billings occurs on Tuesday. The wedding trip will be made by Victoria to the San Francisco fair.

Mr. Alf. Postill, J. P., and family leave here on Tuesday for New Westminster where they will reside for the present, in the interests of the firm's cattle and meat business.

The building season has already opened in good shape, notwithstanding snow is still thick upon the streets. Mr. Weir is building two cottages on Schubert street; Mr. Cousins, of the steamer Aberdeen, is building at the head of Barnard avenue; Mr. McNair and Mr. Summerville are putting up residences on Mr. Ellison's addition; Mr. Cameron has plans out for another villa adjoining his property; Mr. Pettit, Captain Carew and others are in consultation with contractors. The Odd Fellows are considering ways and means towards erecting a hall, —a brick block with stores and offices on the ground floor. A new skating rink will also be built by a joint stock company. A grist mill is practically assured. All in all, the coming season promises to be a busy one.

It is understood that a large sum, said to be over $10,000, will be spent in the "lower country" on roads this year. Seeing that for years past the settlers there have been begging for a road, and that money even when voted for that purpose has been spent elsewhere in the interests of the bogus Okanagan Falls syndicate, it is no wonder that the settlers look on this bait at the eleventh hour as an election bribe. Although long isolated, they are sufficiently intelligent to see through the scheme; and although grateful for a road and for tardy government recognition, will vote as a unit against their present representatives—men who have not once even condescended to visit that section.

Messrs. Simmons Bros. had the misfortune to lose a valuable draught horse last week. In hauling logs at O'Neal's camp on Okanagan lake, a neck yoke broke, allowing the load to rush forward and crush the animal against a tree. It was valued at over $200.

Mr. Ochsner is making great alterations and improvements at the Spring Brewery and is putting up a large quantity of ice for the dog days.

The effort made by the Vernon News to induce residents to see that their names are on the register, seems to be a success; as quite a number of signatures have been put in already.

A boot and shoe war is now raging in Vernon and prices have dropped at least one-third. An agricultural implement war will be next, and ranchers may be congratulated thereon. Mr. Pettit, as agent for the Walter A. Woods machines, has made the first cut.

In social events there is little to record. The Presbyterians had a successful children's concert on Thursday; the Salvation Army were reviewed by Brigadier Margetts on Wednesday; the I. O. G. T. are rehearsing "Ten Nights in the Bar Room"; the brass band is practising for an early public hearing; a skating carnival comes off on Friday.

The steamship Penticton is still running between the Landing and Penticton and will doubtless continue doing so, as there is no likelihood of the lake now freezing. Although denied officially and with emphasis, it is still firmly believed that this boat has been "bought up" by the C. P. R. to avoid competition—and certainly every straw that blows points that way. This is much to be regretted, in the interest of the settler.

There is no prospect of the fruit cannery being in operation this year. In fact it is not a cannery at present and could not can fruit if offered. It is merely a fruit bottling or preserving works, and would require four or five thousand dollars' worth of machinery to enable it to start canning. However, this is no great drawback, except in so far as it has been advertised as a cannery to induce sale of town lots. There is a market here for all the fruit that can be raised for four or five years to come, and at prices double what a cannery could offer.

Samples of water from Long Lake were sent on Saturday to the public analyst at Ottawa, as a preliminary towards a water supply scheme.

THE MARKETS

A Short Summary Covering Articles Produced by the Farmer.

There is nothing of a special nature to be noted in connection with the markets this week. There have been no changes of importance in prices and the conditions are about the same. Eggs declined no further and are fairly firm at the figures quoted. Considerable eastern meat and game is being sold off below market values. However, nearly the entire lot is composed of shipments upon which the parties were disappointed in not meeting ready sale in the regular way and it had to be worked off or remain to become worthless. When it is all sold the last of cutting prices will be heard.

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	32 50@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 bag	1 50
Honolulu sweet potatoes	5c per lb
Cabbage	3
Hay, baled, per ton	18 00@20 00
Straw, per bale	1 00
Onions, per lb	4
Eggs, Island, per doz	30
Imported eggs	25
Australian sugar, per pound	6 1-2
Butter, Island roll, (2 lbs)	60@75
New Zealand Creamery, per lb	35
" Creamery, per 3 lbs	1 00
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	18@20
Pig's feet, per doz	75
Tongues and Sounds, per kit	2 25
Meats—Beef, per lb	7@15
Sides, per lb	8@9
Mutton, per lb	10@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—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
" (Nfld), 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 pound	5@8
Oranges	
" (Mexican)	30@35
" (Japanese), per box	75
Lemons, California, per doz	25@35
" (Australian)	25@30
Pine apples, apiece	25@50
Cranberries, per quart	15@20

B. C. Ore Stands High.

London, Feb. 15.—Arrangements are being made for a trial shipment of British Columbia ore. It is to be shipped from Vancouver, and will come by Cape Horn. The smelting will take place at Swansea. It is the expectation of the shippers that a large market will be found here for this ore. A company is also being formed to develop certain British Columbia mines. The samples of ores from these mines now exhibited here are creating much interest in mining circles.

A Loss to Art.

Paris, Feb. 15.—Jacques Leonard Maillet, the well known French sculptor, died to-day.

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