ANOTHER CHINESE DEFEAT.

In Full Flight They Fling Arms, Ammunition and Provisions Behind Them.

Japanese Troops Most Hopeful and Enthusiastic—Anxious to Go Forward.

YOKOHAMA, Oct. 28.—Dispatches received here confirm the report of a battle between the Chinese and Japanese forces after the latter crossed the Yalu river. It is added that the whole of the Japanese army afterward advanced northward, and Kiuren castle, held by a large force of Chinese, was attacked on all sides. The Chinese made a desperate defense, and the fighting was very severe. The Chinese are reported to have numbered 20,000 men. The enemy fled toward Antung. The Japanese captured a quantity of provisions. The Chinese lost 200 killed and a number wounded. Many prisoners were taken.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—A correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette at Chefoo cables that the fleets of China and Japan are now off that port and a battle will take place there shortly.

It is announced that China is negotiating in London a loan of £1,600,000. It will be a 7 per cent. silver loan, and the issue price is expected to be 98. The loan will be secured on the revenue of the treaty ports.

The Wiju correspondent of the Central News telegraphs: "Friday's attack on Kulienchao was made by four columns acting in concert. The troops were in position early in the morning and began the advance at day-break. There was no sign from the Chinese batteries and sentinels. A gun was fired, but there was no response. Then a shell was dropped into the principal battery; but still no sign. The scouts soon came back with the news that the place had been vacated by the Chinese. When the significance of this flight was read to the troops they gave round after round of cheers. It is believed that the arrival of the defeated Chinese troops from Fushang caused such a panic in the garrison that the officers could not restrain the men from flight.

Another dispatch repeats the assertion that a second Japanese army had landed on the east coast of the peninsula, off Kinchow, upon which Port Arthur is situated. The Japanese army, according to this dispatch, now occupies the neck of the peninsula, thus cutting off communication between the port and arsenal and the mainland.

After the Japanese troops had advanced some distance they found the line of battle indicated by hundreds of muskets and rifles which the Chinese had thrown away in their haste. The batteries which had been abandoned were well built and the position was a strong one. The guns, however, were not numerous enough for the defence of the works. Besides the small arms and artillery, large stores of ammunition, hundreds of tents and any quantity of rice and fodder fell into the hands of the Japanese. Apparently the Chinese were too much frightened to wait even a few hours to destroy anything. The enthusiasm of the troops is intense. Every man is eager to press forward. It is believed that Moukden can be reached without an encounter with any organized Chinese force, great or small.

WASHINGTON CITY, Oct. 28.—U. S. Minister Denby from Peking cabled the state department yesterday as follows: "Japanese troops entered Manchuria." This is the first official advice that the state department has had that any Japanese troops have set foot on Chinese soil, and it is supposed to refer to the fight at the crossing of the Yalu river by the Japanese. The Japanese legation has received the following official cable from the home office: "The advance column of our first army began to cross the Yalu October 24, and the next day, after fighting three hours, won a signal victory at Hoosan, near Kinlenchong, the opposing army, consisting of 3,500, being utterly routed and scattered. Marshal Yamagata is at Wiju."

ROSEBERY AT BRADFORD.

LONDON, Oct. 28—The Liberals last night opened their electoral campaign at Bradford, where a meeting was held which was attended by 5,000 people. Prime Minister Rosebery delivered the principal speech of the evening. He said that in his opinion the next general election would not be founded on the home rule, disestablishment of the church in Wales or liquor questions, but on a question which would include all. The matter of the House of Lords was the greatest legislative question that had arisen in two centuries. It had long been evident to him that drastic dealing with the House of Lords must precede the full realization of other political programmes. He confessed freely that all experience pointed to the necessity of a second chamber of some sort, but to his mind it was an absolute danger that there should be a second chamber in the position of the House of Lords. It was, therefore, as a lover of legislation and freedom that he implored the people to take this question into immediate consideration. The powers of the House of Lords over finances had thrice been restricted by resolutions of the House of Commons. The upper house had also been restricted regarding interference with elections. Therefore a resolution which the government would introduce would declare in clear terms that the House of Commons in the partnership with the House of Lords is the unmistakably predominant partner. To instance the responsibility of the government, it would present a joint demand of the executive and the House of Commons for a revision of the constitution.

EARTHQUAKES IN ARGENTINE.

Horrible Scenes—Many Lives Sacrificed—At Least Two Thousand Victims.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—The Herald has the following: "Buenos Ayres, Argentine, Oct. 28.—The Herald's correspondent at La Rio Ja, capital of the province of the same name, telegraphs that the city has been ruined by last night's earthquake. The churches, schools and public edifices are all thrown down. The people are camping out in the neighborhood. Comparatively few were killed, as there was a general rush into the open air when the first shock came at 4:30. At times the shocks last 26 seconds. The scene was a horrible one, women shrieking and fainting on every hand as the walls came crashing down. Two sisters of mercy were killed and many more are entombed beneath the ruins. The governor fears that the killed and wounded throughout the province must number at least two thousand, as many of the outlying towns suffered greatly.

From San Juan de la Fronters the Herald's correspondent reports that the shocks continued during the night though they were less violent in character. Not a house in town is without damage. It is reported that in various parts of the province the ground opened and a geyser of boiling water and mud spurted forth. Couriers continue to arrive here with news of the damage wrought in the various departments and towns. The village of Del Arbordon has been completely swallowed up in the huge gaps which opened in the ground. The national government is sending special trains with doctors, tents, food and every kind of assistance, as well as laborers, to clear away the wreckage. Though the shock was felt in other parts of the country it was less severe than in the provinces of San Juan de la Fronters and Rio Ja, where the damage was very great.

TERMINAL CITY.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 29—(Special)—Sneak thieves are operating on Mount Pleasant. Several houses have been entered, and articles of wear and provisions carried away.

Richmond farmers and citizens will meet and discuss measures to prevent the Chinese operating in their midst.

There is considerable lawlessness in South Vancouver, and the citizens of that municipality are considering the advisability of establishing a guard of mounted police.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 30.—(Special)—A lady with an infant three months old arrived in Vancouver some time ago and engaged board with a private family. She had been with the family but a few days when she borrowed $5 from her landlady for the purpose, as she explained, of looking for her husband in Victoria. She left presumably for Victoria, the baby being abandoned to the care of the kind landlady. The mother has not been heard from since, and as the baby is too young to be received by the Children's Home the city council was last night asked to provide $3 a month for the keep of the little waif by a respectable woman who volunteers to undertake the charge.

Mgr. Termos, of Rome, is a guest at the residence of the parish priest. Mgr. Termos is at the head of all the ramifications of the missionary work of the Catholic church. He is returning home after a tour of India, China and Japan, and will have circled the world.

The flag ship Royal Arthur came in yesterday.

Last night Mr. Budlong's residence and the Merchants' Exchange hotel were robbed, and in Westminster the residence of A. J. McCall, Q C.

The clerks in the customs offices claim exemption from the poll tax and have refused to pay. The collector has been instructed that they are not exempt.

Tenders are to be called for the Vancouver electric light bonds receivable up to November 23.

The council have had placed before them the names of all the officials in their employ and the amount of insurance carried by each. They passed a resolution that the city requires them to insure their lives, and if they do not do so, in case of death or accident no aid will be forthcoming from the city.

The helmets of the B.C.B.G.A. have arrived just in time to be used in the military guard of honor to meet the Governor-General at the train.

The St. Patrick's society was re-organized in Vancouver last night. J. M. O'Brien was chosen to represent the Irishmen of Vancouver at the St. Andrew's society concert on Halloween.

Edward Burke, the legless vagrant, who was moved on from Tacoma to Seattle and from Seattle to Victoria, and from Victoria to Vancouver, and from Vancouver to Westminster, has been moved on to Whatcom by the people of the Royal burg.

The time for the allowance for the rebate of taxes has been extended for one month in Westminster.

TURBULENT SIWASHES.

PLUMPER PASS, Oct. 29.—(Special)—Mayne island was the scene of another Indian outbreak on Saturday. About 20 Cowichan Indians returning from the Cohoe fishing were landed on the wharf by the steamer "Yosemite," and being possessed of an unlimited supply of whiskey began indulging in a pow-wow, fighting forming their chief amusement accompanied by blood-curdling warwhoops. Constable Drummond, who is stationed at the Pass, appeared on the scene and in his endeavor to stop a drunken Siwash from "pounding" his klootchman, was roughly handled by the others, sustaining a bite on his wrist. An Indian policeman taking up the cudgels on behalf of his fellow tribesmen helped to prevent the constable from making an arrest. Assistance was rendered by three inhabitants of the Pass, the only people around at the time. One klootchman, a regular amazon in strength, delivered a well planted blow on the face of one of the "intruders," following it up with a "feint" on the left. The Siwashes finally put off for Cowichan the same evening. The Indian policeman is likely to be called upon to give an account of his stewardship, and every effort will also be made to ascertain who supplied the Indians with the whiskey.

The upper end of Galiano island is fast becoming populated and settlers are arriving in large numbers. Captain McCoskrie, formerly of the wrecker Mascotte, is the latest arrival, having purchased property from the Beale estate. The settlers are now advocating the formation of a school district in that neighborhood.

A reduction in the fare to Victoria has been made and the return trip on the steamers may now be had for $3.

Operations are progressing favorably with the diamond drill boring for coal on Mayne island, the work being carried on under the personal superintendence of Mr. A. D. Rand. The land in the vicinity has been all bonded for prospecting purposes. It is also the intention of the syndicate to sink a drill hole on Pender island.

Hallowe'en will be celebrated by a fancy ball, to be given in aid of the Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.

Portlock point, abreast of Enterprise reef, is said to have been the site chosen for the lighthouse which will shortly be erected by the Dominion government.

The sloop "Aunt Sally," which has been beached at Millington's bay for repairs, left for Howe sound on Friday, carrying a party of trappers.

Ralph F. Grey, of Samuel Island, has been appointed Justice of the Peace for the North Victoria district.

Mrs. J. D Fraser, wife of the C. P. R. agent at Donald, and Miss A. Irving, of Maple Ridge, who have been visiting friends on Mayne Island, returned home on Wednesday.

Wild geese are plentiful just now, though ducks are rather scarce.

Few remedies for biliousness are at all agreeable. A pleasant and perfectly harmless medicine for all liver and stomach troubles is Eseljay's Liver Lozenges. They effectually regulate the digestive organs and purify the blood. 25 cents at all druggists.

ALL SURROUNDED.

The Japanese Have Completely Encircled Port Arthur and Will Shortly Attack It.

The Fight at Ping Yang—Third Japanese Army Assembling—Mutiny at Nanking.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai states that it is reported there that the Chinese have completely surrounded Port Arthur, and that the Chinese forces defending that place cannot hold out long.

The Central News correspondent in Tokio telegraphs: It is not believed here that the Japanese will attack Port Arthur before the end of the week. Gen. Nodzu, who commands the advance force of the Japanese army, has abandoned the pursuit of the fugitives from Kulienchao as he does not wish to be burdened with any more prisoners. The Japanese march upon Fen Huang Cheng has begun.

The Daily Graphic prints this dispatch under a Yokohama date: The Chinese fleet is centring in Chinkow, with a view of defending Port Arthur against the Japanese. The intention of the Japanese is to blockade Port Arthur, Talliwan and all nearby ports and bays.

Advices from Moukden state that General Tso's force was not annihilated in the battle of Ping Yang. The greater part of it escaped and reformed under General Nieh. It is believed at Moukden that the Japanese will require a much larger army than they possess, to secure the Chinese palace treasure.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily News telegraphs: A dispatch from Chekoo says a Russian fleet has arrived there, and that a Japanese fleet of eleven vessels, including several torpedo boats, is at Weihaiwei.

A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai says the Chinese fleet has been ordered to protect Shanhaikwan. The dispatch adds that a Japanese fleet with thirty-four torpedo boats is threatening Weihaiwei.

The Central News correspondent in Shanghai says that is rumored in Tien Tsin that the young Empress is dead, but the fact will not be announced nor mourning be worn by the court until after the birthday of the Dowager Empress.

The London correspondent of the Berlin Kreuz Zeitung had an interview with a Japanese attache here yesterday. The attache said he had learned privately from friends acquainted with Manchuria that for a trained army campaigning in that region would be easier in winter than in summer. The ice in Korea bay would not suffice to prevent the free movement of the Japanese warships.

The Times publishes a dispatch from Yokohama saying that a third Japanese army, numbering 25,000 men, is assembled at Hiroshima.

The Japanese legation here has received official telegrams from Tokyo confirming the reports of the fighting at Kiulen. They say the Japanese loss was twenty killed and eighty-three wounded. Field Marshal Count Yamagata is now at Wiju.

A dispatch from Shanghai states that several thousand troops at Nanking mutinied and refused to march to Tientsin because their pay was in arrears for several months.

A dispatch to the Times from Tientsin says a large Russian fleet is assembling at Chee Foo.

Japanese overtures to Russia for a new commercial treaty have been received favorably, and the negotiation will be begun soon.

William Hill, an American, has been fined $100 for sketching the defences at Hong Kong.

THE FROZEN NORTH.

PORT TOWNSEND, Oct. 29.—(Per steamer Chilcat)—Juneau, Oct. 18.—The twenty-seventh anniversary of the formal acquisition of Alaska by the United States was fittingly celebrated at this place on the 18th instant. There are in this place three persons who were present at Sitka when the formal transfer was made and the stars and stripes substituted for the royal Russian ensign floating above the citadel, one of whom was David Flannery, the official standard bearer on that important occasion.

A new placer discovery is reported from Berner's bay, where coarse gold was found in a flume ditch being dug for the Berner Bay mining and milling Company. Two of the nuggets found weighed $9 and $23 respectively.

The Alaskan, published at Sitka, has passed into the hands of Rev. E. O. Smith, who will continue its publication. Mr. Smith has also purchased the plant of the defanct Herald, also of that place.

Charles Welch, a returning Yukon prospector, reports the finding at Trumbley bar of a body subsequently identified as that of Alexander McDonald, an old-time prospector of that region, who had spent several winters in the wilderness alone.

The rite of cremation was carried out on the 7th inst., on Douglas island, the body being that of a woman found dead in a cabin near the Mission. The custom of burning the dead still obtains among the native Tlingets, even where long contact with the whites has modified their habits very materially. The bodies of deceased shamans, or sorcerers, are, however, with much ceremony, deposited in boxes elevated on posts. The ashes of the cremated bodies are carefully preserved and with offerings from the family and friends, sometimes amounting to hundreds of dollars in value, placed in small mortuary chapels in a common cemetery.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—Count V. E. De Gainville, of Paris, has arrived in this city per steam whaler Jeannette after five years' hunting trip in the unexplored wilds of Alaska and the Northwest territory. All the country he passed through was mountainous and generally wooded. He saw many places where valuable coal mines could be developed. He searched carefully for traces of gold on the Upper Yukon river, where fables have been told of the vast riches which there await the adventurous miner. He was not able to verify these stories. He found traces of gold, but nowhere could he discover any rich deposit. On one of his trips De Gainville searched for the reputed big Esquimaux lake east of the Mackenzie river. He spent much time and went over much country, but was unable to discover if the immense lake of which other travellers claim to have heard natives speak really exists. He did, however, find many small lakes in clusters, as well as numerous creeks.

A Boon to Horsemen.—One bottle of English Spavin Liniment completely removed a curb from my horse. I take pleasure in recommending the remedy, as it acts with mysterious promptness in the removal from horses of hard, soft or calloused lumps, blood spavin, splints, curbs, sweeny, stifles and sprains.

GEORGE ROSS, Farmer.
Markham, Ont.

Sold in Victoria by D. E. Campbell.

B. C. MINERALS.

What Is Being Done on the Mainland to Develop Buried Wealth.

Interesting and Encouraging News From the Camps—Full of Life and Activity.

(From the Nakusp Ledge.)

Six inches of snow fell at Summit City on Tuesday.

Yingling & McDougald feel proud of their claim on Cariboo creek. The Golden Eagle, originally located by T. Hardy, was subsequently restaked by the former and rechristened the Golden Arrow. Two or three weeks ago Mr. McDougald took 1,000 pounds of the ore to Revelstoke for a mill test. The ten sacks assayed from $86 in gold for the lowest to $216 per ton for the highest, besides a few ounces of silver and a percentage of copper.

S. M. Wharton, with his brother, G. C. Wharton, J. Buckley and S. Cresston came in from Denver on Thursday, destined for the Cliff mine owned by the Whartons, where preparations will be made for shipping a carload of ore out for a mill test. They have a big showing. The Pilot Bay people are after the output of the Cliff. S. M. Wharton is also part owner in the Rico, one of the best mines in the Slocan, which he says has a bigger display of ore now than ever before, and is getting daily more like a mine. Between 500 and 600 tons of ore will be shipped to Omaha this winter. Messrs. Buckley and Cresston reported the Grady group looming up. While here the party inquired about the Cariboo creek discoveries, and were strongly impressed with the specimens shown and the certified assays. They were of the opinion the camp would be a good one, and in the spring they will make a trip in to invest.

Alex. Mackenzie, of the Alpha mine, on Four-Mile creek, who arrived over on Thursday, early next morning received a telegram announcing that rich bodies of ore had been struck in both the upper and lower tunnels of the mine. This with what was already in sight gives him enough to work on for another year. The shipments so far made have averaged about $105 to the ton, totaling more than sufficient to pay for the whole mine. Mr. Mackenzie is eminently satisfied with his purchase. He took with him some specimens from a small vein in the main lode that assays over 5,000 ounces of silver to the ton.

The Cariboo creek camp, both mineral and placer, took a decided forward step this week, several outside capitalists having bought in, while others are inspecting preparatory to investing. Inquiries have been made about the camp from as far east as Toronto and New York. Chas. Vader has been one of the foremost pushers in the camp, and has been a silent partner in several locations.

The whole camp is full of life and vitality and more talk of mineral is heard in town than ever before. W. Briggs, one of the original owners of the Grady group, on Four-Mile, intends to thoroughly investigate the discoveries and will then invest. Alex. Mackenzie, of Alpha fame, will be interested in the new camp inside of a month. He proposes to send in two experts to examine some ledges staked out, and if their reports be satisfactory will purchase interests, and in the spring put a gang of men to work developing the properties. He proposes to spend several thousand dollars there. The Whartons purpose investing on the creek. J. O'Leary is interested in the Highland Laddie, Hattie and others, and believes he has a bonanza. E. Mahon, of Vancouver, has tested considerable of the rock, and in no instance has he found less than $80 in gold to the ton. Taken all in all Nakusp's mineral protege is very vigorous.

F. W. Jordan has returned from a trip into Fire valley, whither he had been accompanied by Mrs. Jordan. Mr. Jordan spoke enthusiastically of the valley, the change wrought in two years having been surprising. At that time the first settlers took up land and their example was speedily followed by others, the present population being about 30. Almost all the available land has been pre-empted, and several acres in each instance have been cleared and seeded down. Two avenues of communication are available, the one in from Vernon and the other from the Lower Arrow lake. Work in the valley is done on the co-operative system. Mr. Jordan is getting in a stump-puller, to be used by all, while a hay press is talked of. Nearly all the settlers have put in fall wheat. Vail and Bangs grew spring wheat with success, capable of making capital flour.

(From the Midway Advance.)

There were no less than thirteen different parties or agents buying ore in the Kootenay country at one time recently.

One hundred and fifty pounds of Greenwood ore were taken by Captain Woods last week to Vancouver for treatment by the cyanide process as a test.

Mr. J. Douglas having sold the Marble group of mines in Atwood's camp, to Mr. J. E. Ross, has moved to the Skylark mine with Mr. Atwood. The terms of the sale are as yet private. It is the intention of Mr. Douglas and associates to commence operations on the Skylark as soon as possible, and ore from this well known claim will again shortly find its way to the smelter.

There are already several tons of ore ready for shipment at the Helen, which will be sent to Everett or Tacoma as soon as the new road is completed. The owners state their willingness to ship via Penticton provided an equally low rate is quoted by the C.P.R. as by the S. F. & N. railway.

The Helen claim, which has been attracting so much attention, is a gold proposition. A depth of twenty-two feet has been reached and the vein and pay streak are both widening out. It is not unlikely that a small concentrator will be brought in before next spring to work the ore.

Mr. Chas. Hayward, provincial timber inspector for the interior, took in the lower Okanagan and Kettle river last week on an official visit. His object was not so much to collect stumpage as to see the sawmill men and make them thoroughly acquainted with the law. He will probably pay this section another visit within a few months.

The wagon road connecting the St. Lawrence mine with the road through the reserve has been completed by Mr. C. C. Sands. There were over three miles of grade and one thirty-two foot bridge across Kusmoos creek. This road will greatly reduce the cost of shipping ore to Marcus. Mr. Sands has ten men at work putting up building and has a large mortar on the way in from Spokane which will be used to crush the richest ore. The St. Lawrence is now sufficiently developed to work twenty-five men.

The bench settlers at the Priest's range, Mission, have been getting on well. Messrs. Kerby Bros. and B. Lequime are building an irrigation ditch three miles long from Canyon creek, which will next year place one thousand acres of their respective places under irrigation—all good bench. There is little doubt that this bench land will in time produce more fruit than the bottom lands in the valley, which are better suited to hops.

The idea of reclaiming land along the shores of the Okanagan lake by clearing out the Okanagan river has attracted the attention of land owners in that section of the district for a long time past, and it is to be hoped that some practical action will be taken this year and assistance obtained from the Dominion government. To thoroughly clean out the bed of the Okanagan river between Okanagan and Dog lakes would not only render the river navigable and extend navigation to Okanagan falls, but also by giving Okanagan lake a better outlet reclaim an immense quantity of land.

About forty men in all are placering on Rock creek, of whom fully thirty will winter there. Messrs. Ord, Donahue and Madden, who have been working a bench digging close to White's bar, have been averaging about $6 per day to the man. They have reached bed rock and are thirty feet in on the surface of the bench. They are going to drift this winter. Messrs. Pemberton, Davis and McAfee have a very good bench prospect, out of which they have been taking fair pay.

J. E. Boss, who lately purchased the Mable group from Mr. Douglas, came in on Wednesday, after sending in a large amount of supplies and making other arrangements for the thorough development of the properties acquired by him.

Action is being taken to eject Mr. H. Cameron from off the Cariboo claim at Camp McKinney by the Cariboo Mining Company, through their representatives, Messrs. Cochrane & Billings of Vernon.

We were recently informed of a case in which a rancher on the lower Fraser grew from one pound of seed no less than 480½ pounds of good potatoes.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)

A monthly mail will be carried between Revelstoke and Big Bend during the winter, commencing about the first of December. John P. Neilson will use dogs for this purpose, and will visit all the mining camps on Carnes creek, Smith creek, French and McCulloch creeks. Only letters and newspapers will be carried, as the total weight will have to be less than 100 lbs. Mr. Neilson is anxious to interview P. O. Inspector Fletcher, to see if there is any chance of getting a small subsidy from the post office authorities. As the trip will be a long and wearisome one—between 70 and 80 miles each way—over the lonely mountains, where probably eight or ten miles a day will be about the limit, according to the condition of the snow, Mr. Fletcher ought to encourage the hardy young man who will brave the hardships and perils of journeying to the Bend throughout the winter.

A. R. Holdich, assayer, states that the large smelter now practically completed at Pilot Bay, on Kootenay lake, is intended to work, and pretty soon. In fact, as soon as there is enough ore in the works and in sight, the composition of which has been accurately determined so that they are sure of a lengthy run, the furnace (80 tons capacity per day) will be started, and kept running. This is good news for the Lardeau as well as for the Slocan.

George Terryberry, who has been in charge of the placer mining operations at Carnes creek for the Carnes Creek Mining Co., arrived down on Thursday, bringing between seven and eight ounces of clean gold, all in small flat nuggets, and worth about $140. They have reached a depth of eight feet, but have not struck bedrock yet. The claim will be worked all winter.

The party who left here last Saturday on horseback for Big Bend, returned to town yesterday. They had been up to inspect the Sol Holden mine, a hydraulic claim, located on the Columbia a few miles above Smith creek, with a view of making a purchase. They were very favorably impressed with the property, and it is understood that a deal is just about consummated for a transfer of ownership. The only objection seems to be the cost of transportation, which could be lessened considerably if they intend conducting operations on a large scale. The same parties have valuable hydraulic property in Cariboo.

(From the Vernon News.)

The local agent has received notice that a considerable reduction has been made in passenger rates from this point to the East; in fact the rates are now the same as from Vancouver with the fare on the S. & O. to Sicamous added.

Hon. G. B. Martin arrived on Monday's train, and, accompanied by Mr. L. Norris, immediately proceeded to Okanagan Mission, where he made an investigation of the requirements of the district in roads, etc. He was kept busy in receiving the congratulations of his many friends on his newly acquired honors as commissioner of lands and works.

Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Atier, partners of the unfortunate man Roe, killed lately in the tunnel on Siwash creek, decided after the accident to give up the work in the tunnel, and accordingly turned their attention to the bench above. They were rewarded last week by striking a streak of "pay gravel," which so far has panned out about $10 per day to the man. The gold is extremely coarse, and several small nuggets have been found worth from $8 to $15 each.

(From the Inland Sentinel.)

Contracts for the river bank protection are said to have been let, the Revelstoke Lumber Company being among the successful parties. If this undertaking and the railway construction on the R. & A. L. are in progress this winter there will be fairly brisk times here.

The C. & K. S. N. Co.'s steamers will not come to Revelstoke any more this season, but will land their freight and passengers at the end of railway construction on the R. & A. L. railway. From this point the Arrow Lake express will keep traffic open. For passenger traffic a combination coach, baggage and mail car has been placed on the route. It is currently reported that in addition to these travelling facilities the C.P.R. intend completing this branch line to the lake and that work will be commenced at once.

Mr. Frank Allingham came in on Monday afternoon from spending the summer at his pre-emption on Mad river, a branch of the North Thompson, about one hundred miles from Kamloops. Mr. Allingham has succeeded in demonstrating that any cultivable land will produce abundantly all the grain, vegetables and flowers of a temperate climate.

P. Olsen came down from the Homestake mine on Saturday and left for the coast on Tuesday. He has been engaged in making a sleigh road to the mine and it is now finished. Work is progressing well on the tunnel and the owners of the mine purpose putting on a double shift of men in expectation of tapping the vein by the time snow falls.

THE RUSSIAN CZAR.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 28.—A bulletin issued at 7 o'clock last evening from Livadia says: "The Czar ate well during the day. The action of his heart is rather better. The oedema has not increased. His spirits are better than they were yesterday." The bulletin bears the signatures of the five doctors attending the Czar.

BRITISH POLITICS.

Lord Salisbury Speaks at Edinburgh—How He Proposes to Amend the Lords.

Conservative Measures for the Ensuing Session—Decisive Split Among Irish Unionists.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Lord Salisbury speaks in Edinburgh on Monday in reply to Lord Rosebery at Bradford this evening. A forecast of Lord Salisbury's speech, as accepted at the Carleton club, credits the ex-prime minister with the purpose of appearing in the role of a reformer of the House of Lords, not only by a drastic principle of limiting the legislative powers of the hereditary branch of parliament, but by providing for a house of peers, a part of the members of which shall be elected by the people, the remainder holding their seats by right of birth. Another scheme of Lord Salisbury's, which he advances as an alternative to the principle of a house of peers partly elective and partly hereditary, provides for a greater infusion of life into the existing House of Lords, with the proviso that whenever a bill which has been passed by the House of Commons shall have been twice rejected by the peers, the measure shall be referred to the country at large. The plans of both Lord Rosebery and Lord Salisbury, so far as they are known, thus indicate that the question of the abridgement of the powers of the House of lords will be given place in the forefront of the election programme.

E. T. Ellis, the Conservative whip, gave a glimpse of the official bills to be considered at the coming session of parliament in a recent address to his constituents. Mr. Ellis said that besides the measure for the reform of the House of Lords, there would be introduced for the disestablishment of the church in Wales, the Irish Land Acts Amendment bill, the one man one vote proposal, the factory bill, and other labor and social measures.

The split among the Irish Unionists over the land bill is decisive. T. W. Russell, who represents the south division of Tyrone in the House of Commons, leads the Protestant farmers of Ulster in their adherence to the support of the proposals made by Mr. John Morley. The result is that the Unionists of Ulster are breaking to piece and the landlord party is fighting the farmers. This rupture, it is believed, will enable the Nationalists to secure five of the seats for Ulster at the next general election.

DYNAMITE OUTRAGE.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 29.—A most villainous outrage was perpetrated at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, wherein it was premeditated to sacrifice 60 lives by the aid of dynamite. The motive was undoubtedly robbery, and it resulted in the instant death of three Hungarians, while a large number were injured, eight of whom are in a serious condition. McDonald & Sayre, railroad contractors, are building a second track on the Lehigh valley cut-off, in the wilds of the Wilkesbarre mountains, where a Hungarian camp was located, presided over by Mike Urklowitz and wife. The camp consisted of a rough building 30 feet square, constructed beside the track. During the night, as is the custom, three of the Hungarian boarders, men and women, sat up on watch and were whiling away the time playing cards.

Some time during the night a party of desperadoes secured a battery and completed a circuit to the corner of the camping house. It was then but a moment's work to turn on the battery, setting off the dynamite. However, the miscreants made a faulty connection at the battery and only one or two of the dynamite sticks exploded. Frank Novako, one of the party playing cards on the first floor, was instantly killed, both legs being blown off at the knees. The building totally collapsed and the roof sank in, partially covering the debris. The two men with Novako at the table were hardly injured, while the others killed and injured met their fate from the collapse of the building. The Hungarians who were uninjured by noon had prepared to take their departure, paying no attention to their dead and injured countrymen. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company sent out a wrecking force with physicians, detectives and the coroner. The detectives have arrested Mille Urklowitz, the boarding boss. They believe that he can give evidence that may lead to the detection of the men who committed the outrage.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The writ for London has been issued. The nominations have been fixed for Nov. 13, and the election to take place Nov. 20.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Chas. Baker, aged 21 years, attempted suicide on Wednesday night by shooting himself in the head. The right eye was destroyed and he will probably lose his left.

KINGSTON, Oct. 26.—The body of Mrs. G. W. VanLuven was stolen from Wilton cemetery on Wednesday night, and the medical college was searched by the authorities without any result.

MONTREAL, Oct. 28.—Hon. Mr. Mercier was obliged to take a dose of morphia on Saturday night to make him sleep. His condition is very critical, and the doctors say the end may come at any moment.

QUEBEC, Oct. 28.—Inspector O'Leary, of the Dominion police, arrived on the steamer Vancouver, having in charge Captain Percy Neale, ex-sub-collector of St. Mary's, N.W. T., accused of having absconded with $6,000.

CAPITAL NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Oct. 28.—Ex-Governor Royal, of the Northwest, will resume journalism on November 1, taking editorial charge of Le Canada here.

Six boy burglars were to-day given from one to five years in prison for a number of local burglaries lately.

Sir John Thompson leaves for New York on Monday and sails on Wednesday.

ATTEMPTED LYNCHING.

STRATFORD, Oct. 28.—(Special)—To a reporter, who accompanied him from Listowel to Stratford on the train, Almeda Chattell, the murderer of Jessie Keith, in Alma bush, near Listowel, made a full and complete confession of the crime. While Chattell was being taken back to Stratford yesterday after the magistrate's court a determined effort was made by a mob to capture and lynch him. Stones were thrown and the constables were compelled to draw their revolvers.