Local News

(From Friday's Daily.)

Snow Retards Surveyors.—From information received from the North, the Alaska boundary survey party have, it appears, been somewhat retarded in their movements by the great depth of snow and flooded rivers. Inland from Haines the party encountered snow three and four feet deep.

Discuss Fall Show.—A few days ago a meeting of the directors of the Islands' Agricultural Society was held in the exhibition hall at Ganges Harbor. The question of holding a show this year was discussed. It was finally agreed to leave the matter over till the general meeting on July 8th.

A Warm Wave.—Alaska was recently visited by a warm wave. The hottest day experienced in Skagway for many a year was recorded. The thermometer out on Moore's wharf, which is recognized as the official thermometer of the town, made the temperature 96 degrees, and still the outside world speaks of Alaska as a cold country.

Visited Campbell River.—A party composed of members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers spent a few days at Campbell river in fishing. They were conveyed there by a tug, which was chartered by them shortly after their arrival in Victoria. The Princess May called for them on the way to Alaska. The Campbell river district, north of Comox, has a wide fame as a fishing resort.

Activity at Ladysmith.—Victorians who have visited Ladysmith recently agree in saying that commercial conditions at that thriving Island point are excellent and the outlook highly satisfactory. For the fiscal year ending June 30 the total number of coastwise vessels clearing at Ladysmith was 662, with a tonnage of 66,432. The sea-going vessels numbered 305, of 208,178 tonnage and with a cargo tonnage of 227,797.

River Very High.—According to reports from the lower Yukon the river is now higher than it has been for two years, but it is now slowly receding. The big steamer W. H. Isom of the North American Transportation & Trading Company's fleet, which made one trip the full length of the river in 1903, will be operated again this year. Last year the craft did not find a sufficient quantity of water to make a single trip.

Atlin Rebuilding.—Advices from the North are to the effect that Atlin is still minus its electric lighting plant, but the sawmill of the Northern Power & Lumber Company, which was destroyed by fire at that place last month, is again in operation. It was found after the fire that the boiler was unharmed, and much of the machinery was in workable condition. The material of another mill was added to that of the burned institution, and work was resumed. It is not yet known whether the lighting plant of this company will be replaced or not, but it is thought it will be.

Conditions in Yukon.—According to F. McLennan, of the firm of McLennan & McFeeley, former mayor of the Yukon capital, who has just returned to Vancouver from a northern trip, "business conditions in the North are better than ever, for the reason that during the Tanana rush many thousands of dollars' worth of old Dawson stocks were worked off, and new goods are now being taken into the district. Then, again, the merchants have Tanana, and the field is therefore a better one for those who have remained."

Celebrate at Cumberland.—The Orangemen of Vancouver Island and Vancouver will this year celebrate the 12th of July at Cumberland, and there will be an excursion run to Union wharf to accommodate the Nanaimo and Ladysmith brethren, says the Nanaimo Herald. The local committee decided this year not to charter a boat, but the C. P. R. has granted a round trip rate of a single fare. Ladysmith Orangemen will have a special train to bring them to Nanaimo to take boat. The City of Nanaimo will leave the Coal City at 5 o'clock Tuesday evening, and will return leaving Union wharf at 11 o'clock Wednesday night.

Dawson's Reception—Ex-Mayor McLennan of Dawson, who has just returned from a trip to the Golden North, has this to say respecting the nature of the welcome which will be accorded the mining engineers' party when they reach the Land of the Midnight Sun: "Dawson is preparing to give a rousing reception to the members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, and in order to carry out the welcome in a way befitting the occasion, the citizens of Dawson have subscribed $7,500. It is the intention of the Dawsonites to show the mining engineers all over the creeks near at hand; drives will be taken to all neighboring points of interest, and, judging by the preparations being made, the engineers will carry away with them tender memories of Dawson's hospitality, as well as a good general knowledge of the resources of the country."

Impressions of Victoria.—In an article dealing with impressions gathered during a recent visit to Victoria, C. A. Fay, of Iowa, says: "Victoria, B. C., is a thriving city and seaport of 25,000 population, is the western outlet to the Orient, and enjoys the distinction of having the most equable summer climate of any city on the coast, with just rain enough to bring vegetation out to its fullest extent. The atmosphere was most bracing and invigorating. The residents are hardy looking, the city having a very low death rate. In the winter they rarely have snow and no zero weather, although they are much farther north than we are. The city is situated at the lower extremity of Vancouver Island, 280 miles long. An 11-mile tally-ho ride along the banks of the Straits and about the city and parks was the finest scenic ride of its character we have ever taken, and one which few tourists fail to avail themselves of. These drives made Victoria famous."

Work on Hotel.—The contractors for the C. P. R. hotel expect to make a commencement on the actual building operations early next week. A plant for stone-cutting, sawing and lifting and for other purposes is now being installed. Much of the granite to be used in the structure has already arrived, and the other material required will arrive as fast as it can be used.

Waiting for Salmon.—Although the sockeye fishing season opened on July 1st according to fishery regulations, operations have not yet been commenced at any of the Fraser river canneries for the reason that no salmon have arrived in the river. The canneries are all ready to start operations as soon as the fish appear in sight, but it is usually not till the end of the month that the salmon arrive in the Fraser in any large numbers.

District Displays.—Most of the Fraser valley and lower Mainland municipalities are arranging for district displays at the Dominion exhibition at New Westminster. Burnaby has engaged Mr. Whiting to arrauge a representative exhibit and Langley is anxious again secure the services of Mr. Thos. Bramwell in preparing its display. Mr. Bramwell acted in this capacity last year and secured the second award for the Langley display at the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society's show at New Westminster.

Mr. McNicoll Coming.—Mr. David McNicoll, of the Canadian Pacific railway, is in the West on an inspection trip and will come to Victoria. While here Mr. McNicoll will inspect the newly acquired railway on the Island and will take up the matter of building of new railway lines into the fertile agricultural portion of the Island. He is of the opinion that the resources of the island are larger than has been supposed, and that the future will witness extensive developments. It is probable that Mr. Whyte will accompany him for at least a portion of the journey. On the return trip he will cover a number of the branch lines and will spend several weeks in the West.

Forest Fires.—A Skagway correspondent writes: "The forest fires that has got in his deadly work in the territory between Skagway and Whitehorse, and the atmosphere is filled with smoke from burning timber that some day will have been very valuable. All along the route of the White Pass & Yukon railway there are roaring and seething bush fires, which in some places threaten to burn families out of their homes. The cause of the fires are laid to the carelessness of camping parties who leave behind them the remains of a camp fire, which, owing to the dryness of the timber, is easily fanned into a roaring blaze. If rain does not soon come and quench these fires, it is feared that the smoke will interfere with the international boundary survey parties now in the hills."

A Rare Book.—The Vancouver Province is authority for the statement that Mr. C. F. Bosomworth of Vancouver has a copy of Paradise Lost issued in 1688. There were at that time nine hundred issued, and those still in existence command a high price. Mr. Bosomworth was formerly a valuer of estates in England, and in this way became an expert upon old volumes. He is picking the present book up at $25. It is worth $1,500, and the agent of one rich man was so eager to get it that he cabled the offer to his principal in England. The last copy sold, a damaged one, brought within a few dollars of $2,000 at auction. In Mr. Bosomworth's edition are the names of all those who approved and supported Milton in his great undertaking, while the steel engravings are of very fine character.

Acres of Oysters.—Acres upon acres of oysters, so many acres that an accurate estimate has not been yet made, are lying about two hundred and fifty miles north of the city of Vancouver on the Mainland coasts awaiting culture and development, which is to be undertaken just as soon as arrangements now proceeding can be completed, says the Province. These oysters are at Humdon Harbor. Just what the beds may be worth to British Columbia is a matter largely determined by the results attained under their development. In their wild state the oysters are superior to those grown at Olympia. The beds at Olympia are valued at $1,000 an acre today. It is therefore easy to estimate what the local beds of a thousand acres in area are worth today, and it is impossible to speculate on their probable worth a few years from date when they have been under cultivation a sufficient length of time to bring about an appreciation in the value of their product.

Profits of H. B. Co.—The accounts of the Hudson's Bay Co. for the year ending May 31, 1905, show a profit on the trade of £102,969 8s. 4d., compared with £98,932 18s. 11d. for the previous year. After setting aside £20,000 to the credit of the building account, the balance of the land account for the year amounts to £187,364 4s. 8d., and this, with the profit from the trade, £102,969 8s. 4d., and the sum brought forward from last year, £93,730 17s. 4d., make up a total of £384,064 10s. 4d. After deducting £50,000 paid as the interim dividend of 10s. per share in January last, there remains a sum of £334,064 10s. 4d. The board recommend a further dividend of £2 8s. per share, free of income tax, which will absorb £240,000. This makes a total dividend for the year of £2 18s., or £290,000, with a carry forward of £94,064 10s. 4d. Land sales for the year ending March 31 last were: Farm lands, 180,414 acres for $1,109,960, average 114,298 acres, for $705,690, average $6.17; town lots, $122,712. For the year ending March 31st, 1904, the figures were: Farm lands, 180,414 acres for $1,109,960, average $6.15; and town lots, $255,700. The total sales in the land department amount to £170,219 11s. 9d., as compared with £280,614 19s. 5d., and the receipts to £235,740 10s. 1d., compared with £247,583 7s. 1d. for the year preceding.

Esquimalt Fortifications.—Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia, speaking at a banquet in Aylmer, Ont., the other day, referring to imperial defences, said that the best service Canada could render the empire would be to equip the defences of this country as thoroughly as possible and relieve Great Britain of the military burdens of this country. The assumption of the defences at Halifax and Esquimalt were earnests of what Canada is prepared to do. For his part he thought Canada could not undertake an expenditure over which the Dominion government would have no direction, but at the same time he recalled the fact that both the races of Canada were loyal in working towards the defence of the empire. The French-Canadians had served with their English-speaking brothers in South Africa, and history recalled the manner in which the French had rallied to repel invasion. The minister announced that it would be desirable to have in Canada a chain of military depots, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. "The Dominion now had strongholds at Halifax and Esquimalt, and gradually posts could be established between, which would complete the line. He intimated that it was his policy to create these posts.

Pack Horses Lost.—Word comes from Chilliwack of a serious loss sustained by Norman Lowell, who is packer for the Canadian party on the international boundary survey. Details are lacking, but it seems that in rounding a bluff on the trail over a mountain the pack-horses stampeded, and seven of them with their packs were lost over the precipice.

Heavy Machinery.—One piece of machinery weighing 27,000 pounds, almost 14 tons, was loaded on the barge Sybil at White Horse a week ago to be taken to Dawson by the steamer Canadian. The big machinery is for the mammoth dredge to be installed by the Canadian-Klondike Mining Co. It was manufactured to order at Marion, Ohio, and is the heaviest single piece of machinery ever handled by the White Pass company. The dredge of which the big piece is a part will be operated at the mouth of Bear creek, eight miles out the Hunker road from Dawson, to which place it will be moved by horses. All the bridges on the road will require special bracing to withstand its weight.

Succumbed to Injuries.—Mrs. A. G. Horne, one of Nanaimo's earliest pioneers, who was badly burned by her clothing catching fire three weeks ago, succumbed to her injuries yesterday morning. She was born at Bromwich 65 years ago, and when a young girl came to British Columbia in the Princess Royal with her brother, ex-Mayor Bate. Her aunt, the late Mrs. Snow, and her cousin, the late Rev. C. Bryant, landed in Victoria in 1857 and went to Nanaimo on the old steamer Beaver. In 1859 she married the late A. G. Horne, who was one of the first Hudson's Bay officials at Nanaimo. In 1864 she accompanied her husband to Fort Simpson, where he was stationed for some time, and later to Comox, where he established a company's post. Mr. and Mrs. Horne returned to Nanaimo in 1878, and Mrs. Horne resided there ever since, highly respected by all who knew her. The late Mrs. Horne left five sons—A. H. Horne, postmaster of Nanaimo; H. L. Horne, Thomas Horne of Cumberland, George and Lyon Horne. Two daughters also survive her, Mrs. Fred Brown, of Victoria, and Mrs. W. O. Miller, of Vancouver.

Impressed With Island.—Professor Conway McMillan, from the University of Minnesota, at Minneapolis, is staying at the Dominion hotel, and together with a party of thirty members is proceeding to the station they maintain for the purpose of botanical, geological and zoological research at Port Renfrew, on the West Coast of this Island. Professor McMillan and his party all express delight with Victoria and its surroundings, and say that they regard this city as the prettiest place on the continent. The professor himself is struck also with the great possibilities of the Island not yet explored, and sees before it a great future. Even with regard to the West Coast he remarks that with the mineral indications everywhere apparent—as for example the coal and iron in the country around Gordon river—it is impossible it can much longer remain an inhospitable forest, a terra incognita, where a wealth of minerals awaits the enterprising prospector. He feels assured also that the means will shortly be found for utilizing the immense timber supply, and that, in short, what is practically still Darkest Vancouver Island will before many years be opened up to the light of civilization and industry.

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White Pass Earnings.—The receipts of the White Pass & Yukon railway for the week ended June 7th were $67,375.

Fought the Boers.—Col. Daly, C.B., who arrived on Wednesday from Australia, is on his way to England from South Africa. He is one of the few who received his honor for his services during the Boer war. He is a medical man.

Hugh Bush Fire.—Word was brought down on the steamer Cassiar that a huge bush fire was blazing on Valdez Island, near Granite Point. The flames approached dangerously close to King's logging camp and the men turned out and fought them for a couple of days, succeeding in driving them back.

Attends Golden Wedding.—Captain Frank A. Hemming, commander of the R.M.S. Miowera, has left for Knowlton, Que., his native place, to attend the celebration of the golden wedding of his father and mother. He will be back again a few days before his steamer's departure.

Islands Prosperous.—"Everything and everybody are prospering on Texada, Lasquita and other islands, and the prospects are excellent," is the cheering report brought back by Provincial Constable Trawford, who has just returned to Nanaimo, after posting the proclamations ordering an election in Alberni constituency.

Gold Dredging Co.—The Fraser River Gold Dredging Company (1906), Ltd., was registered at Somerset House, London, on June 9th, with a capital of £40,000 in £1 shares, to acquire the undertaking of the Fraser River Gold Dredging Company, Ltd., (in liquidation). The offices of the company are at 39 Lombard street, London, E. C.

Shipping Race Horses.—The New Westminster Columbian of Thursday had the following paragraph: "The V. W. Y. car ferry Sydney is expected in this evening. A part of her cargo will be a carload of race horses which Mr. W. J. Taylor of Victoria is shipping to Calgary, and which will be transferred at the bridge to the C.P.R. track."

Tea Crop a Failure.—The grocers section of the Toronto board of trade has received direct advices from Japan that the tea crop is the worst in twenty years. The crop will only be about half that of last year. The immediate effect in Canada will be beneficial to the tea importers, as they have a large surplus from last season. Retail tea dealers will probably be the chief losers, as the wholesale price will be advanced three or four cents a pound.

Logger Drowned.—According to information received by the steamer Cassiar, a logger named Bert Hendrickson was drowned on Sunday last in a lake on Valdez Island near Granite Point. The deceased was employed at the Peterson Timber Company's camp, and went out fishing. As he did not return, search was made and his pipe and cap were found on the shore. The water was dragged, but up to the time of the Cassiar's departure the body has not been recovered.

Planting Oysters.—The Canadian government steamer Kestral is now at the West Coast planting some of the oysters recently shipped to the coast by the Do-

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minion government as an experiment to see if the Eastern bivalves can be successfully introduced into these waters. On board the Kestral are Messrs. Kemp and Taylor, government agents, who are attending to the work of transplanting the oysters.

Kuper Island Canal.—Wm. Thomas, who has been working on the Dominion government dredge at Kuper Island since March, reports that the dredge is being laid up for the season as the appropriation has been expended. Mr. Thomas states that all but about 300 feet of the big island canal has been finished. Even as it is now boats can go through the half mile canal at half tide, this saving eight or ten miles around the island in going to Ladysmith harbor.

Funeral Today.—The funeral of the widow of the late A. G. Horne, whose death occurred at Nanaimo on Thursday, as chronicled in the Colonist, will take place this afternoon at the Coal City. Quite a number of Victorians—relatives and friends—will go up on this morning's train to attend the services in memory of deceased, who was very highly respected. The family is among the best known on the Island. So general was the regret in Nanaimo that some of the business houses were closed out of respect to the deceased.

More Editors Coming.—About the middle of next month Victoria will be visited by another very important body—the editors of the agricultural journals of the United States. As indicating the importance of the body, it is to be mentioned that they represent a constituency of eleven million readers. They will spend a day in Victoria and a day in a special trip up the line of the E. & N. railway. When definite dates are fixed for their visit to the city, meetings of the board of trade and the Tourist Association will be held so that programmes for the entertainment of the visitors may be outlined.

Another Automobile.—A notable addition to the large number of automobiles already in the city has been made by the arrival of a handsome 20-horse power touring car for W. L. Challoner, of the firm of Challoner & Mitchell. It was built by the famous Olds Company, of Detroit, Mich., Messrs. Hutchison Bros. being the enterprising local agents. A few weeks ago two cars manufactured by this company made a remarkable run across the continent to the Portland exposition.

Acquired Milling Interests.—The Port Townsend Call in a recent issue said: "A series of transfers which may have a far reaching effect on conditions in Port Townsend, were effected this morning on the books of the county auditor of this county. The property transferred is none other than the old Port Discovery mill, with its vast tracts of standing timber, amounting to over twenty thousand acres. The instruments filed at the auditor's office show that the property was first transferred from John A. Humbird, of St. Paul, and E. J. Palmer, manager of the Clemainus Mill Co., to the Simpson Logging Co. This company in turn deeded the property to Charles F. Munday, a prominent Seattle attorney. Mr. Munday gave a mortgage amounting to $300,000 on the property to John A. and James Campbell, of Seattle, and C. H. Holmes Investment Company of San Francisco, in whose name the property now stands. Munday having assigned his interests."

Prospectors Busy.—It is said that more prospecting is being done in the mountains of Vancouver Island this season than for several years past. The Ladysmith Leader announces that Walter Jones and Tom Service will leave in a day or two for their quartz properties up past the Majuba section. The outlook seems extremely good for the opening up of quartz mines of value in that section. Large ledges from which good returns are found by assay have been found. The question is of the permanence of the ledges with depth, and the average values in gold and copper. It will take work to determine these points. A trail, but a very poor one, leads out to these properties. Should continued prospecting indicate that the properties in that section are good there should be some government money expended in opening up the section by roads and trails, for at present it is almost impossible for the prospector to do anything in the way of development work to advantage.

More Wireless Stations.—It is understood that the Pacific Wireless Company is now negotiating with the United States government for the erection and equipment of a series of stations along the Alaskan coast to connect with Puget Sound. A powerful equipment is also planned for Cape Flattery, with the view of securing direct communication from that point to San Francisco. At present this company, which is the only wireless system operating in the Northwest, has five stations in constant communication, located at Port Townsend, Fort Casey, Friday Harbor, Victoria and Seattle.

A Great Traveler.—F. Hopp, of Buda Pesth, is visiting the coast cities. He is perhaps one of the most traveled men who has ever been in British Columbia, and there is hardly a line of railway in the world over which he has not been. It is his hobby to make the first trip when a new line is opened for traffic, and he was on the first train which passed over the trans-Siberian route. He is 72 years of age, but hale and hearty, and expects to keep journeying a few years yet. He came in on the Miowera and finds the atmosphere so pleasant that he has concluded to remain a week or two at the coast.

Expert on Oil.—D. A. Sutherland, F.I.C., member of the Council of the Institute of Chemists and Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, was one of the passengers who arrived on the Miowera from Australia on his way to London. He has left for the East. Mr. Sutherland is reporting for an English syndicate which proposes to invest a couple of million dollars in the utilisation of oil shale in the manufacture of petroleum products. He was one of the engineers associated with the early development of the oil districts of Ontario.

Fruit Crop Prospects.—"Fruit will be from a week to ten days earlier in the Okanagan this year," Mr. R. M. Palmer, freight rates commissioner, remarked yesterday. He returned from a trip to the Okanagan valley, where he was arranging for exhibits at the fairs at Regina, Brandon and Winnipeg, and at the Dominion exhibition at New Westminster. "The reason of the earlier start is because of the warm and dry weather," he continued. "The quality is excellnt in all lines, and the yield will be a good average one. Cherries now are going out in large quantities, and those grown on the Pridham ranch at Kelowna are very fine."

Big Law Suit.—Suit for an injunction and damages has been instituted by the B. C. Packers' Association against Messrs. M. B. Wilkinson and W. McPherson. he plaintiffs state that some time ago the defendants sold out the business carried on by them as the Dinsmore Island Canning Company to Messrs. Henry Doyle and Aemilius Jarvis for $37,500, the latter subsequently selling their interests to plaintiffs. The agreement of sale contained a clause that defendants would not engage in the canning business for a period of ten years within twenty miles of tidal waters in the province of British Columbia. The plaintiffs claim that defendants are shareholders in the Northern Cannery Company, which, it is conteuded, is a breach of the covenant.

Estimate of Sound Pack.—Unless all the signs fail the run will supply the canneries of the Sound with all the fish they can possibly handle, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Ever since the first experiment of canning salmon on Puget Sound was made by John Elwood and James Murne at Semiahmoo spit in the early eighties, the big four-year run has never failed, and the conditions at the opening of the present season are the same that prevailed four and eight years ago. If all of the canneries of the Sound pack to the full capacity it is estimated that the total will exceed 1,100,000 cases.

Head of B. C. Elks.—Vancouver has a flourishing Order of Elks, the exalted ruler being Dr. A. R. Baker, formerly of Victoria. The Vancouver Province makes the following allusion to the doctor's position: "Vancouver Lodge, under the masterly direction of Exalted Ruler Dr. A. R. Baker, is in a most flourishing condition, and is making rapid strides towards the 200-mark in the number of its members. Dr. Baker is especially well fitted to perform the duties of the office that the members have honored him with. For several years he had been a member of the American order, and in this connection had become thoroughly imbued with the Elk spirit, which seems to radiate from him and become contagious. In his nature there is a happy combination of those qualities—dignity and goodfellowship — which eminently fits him for the position that he holds."

Dominion Fair Buildings.—Work is being pushed ahead rapidly on the new buildings at the exhibition grounds at New Westminster, and it looks as if the wishes of the Eastern exhibitors who wrote to the manager stating that they wished to get their exhibits in place by the end of July, were in a fair way to be fulfilled. Of the two buildings in course of construction, the one that will be, when completed, devoted to the industrial exhibits, is the furthest advanced. This building is two stories in height. In the lower storey will be displayed the wares of nearly all the large manufacturing firms in Canada, while the upper will be given up to the Dominion Council of Women. In this part of the building will be located the divisions including the different fine arts, besides ladies' work, and possibly the flowers. These divisions will, with the exception of the flowers, be looked after by the Women's Council of Canada.

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Purchased Sawmill.—R. Carter, of Comox, has purchased from Messrs. Grant & Mounce the sawmill, complete, on Texada Island and intends operating same.

The Nanaimo Strike.—The Nanaimo Herald announces that there is no change in the strike situation. Everything is closed down tight and the men are all making the best of their enforced holidays.

Hurrying to Alberni.—Messrs. Ralph Smith, M.P., and William Sloan, M.P., were expected to arrive at Nanaimo last night to aid the Liberal candidate in his fight in the bye-election contest at Alberni.

Surveying Land.—Mr. Frank Shepherd, P.L.S., with a party of surveyors, is at Cumberland, Comox district, to survey the 10,000-acre block reserved by the Wellington Colliery Co. The land is in the vicinity of the mines.

Nanaimo Girl's Success.—Friends of Miss Margaret Algar, of Nanaimo, will be glad to hear of her success as a student at the Santa Cruz high school. She commenced her course of studies the beginning of the year, and in the final term examinations in June, she distinguished herself by making an average of 95 per cent., the highest in a class of over a hundred students.

Fine Wheat Samples.—On exhibition at the rooms of the Tourist Association are samples of green oats and wheat in ear of extraordinary excellent growth. The oats stand over seven feet high, and the wheat between five and six feet. The grain was taken from a field of fifteen acres, and is a fair rather than an exceptional indication of what the whole crop is like. W. E. Hill, of Gordon Head, is the exhibitor.

First Customs Office.—The White Horse Star of June 30 says: "The old established police customs at the Summit, which was established at the time of the first wild rush to the Klondike in 1897, and before there was a customs officer in Yukon Territory, was abolished today, the work at the Summit and on the train to be done hereafter by a deputy collector of customs now stationed at the Summit instead of at Log Cabin, as formerly."

Rich Coal Deposits.—United States Geological Surveyor Alfred Brooks, who for eight years has directed the government examination and surveys of Alaska's petroleum and coal fields, water courses and mineral deposits, and under whose direction all maps showing the results of the surveys have been prepared, says: "There is one thing which my observations in Alaska has satisfied me of, Kayak coal is the best on the Pacific coast. It is bituminous, but of a very high grade, and if it could be put on the market it would not be necessary for naval vessels to patronize British Columbia for their steam fuel. Unfortunately, the deposits are not accessible at present."

The Tourist Rush.—That the influx of tourists to Victoria is assuming extraordinary dimensions is demonstrated by the heavy passenger lists on all steamers arriving from Mainland and Sound points. The steamer Whatcom on arriving from Seattle yesterday had no less than 172 people on board. Capt. Troup, superintendent of the C.P.R. coast service, is authority for the statement that the Princess Victoria is bringing to Victoria each day an average of 400 people—this by one steamer alone. There is every indication that the volume of tourist traffic to Victoria this season will break all previous records in the history of the city.

The Warm Wave.—Yesterday was the hottest day of the season thus far—the thermometer during the afternoon registering nearly 80 degrees in the shade. E. Baynes-Reed, superintendent of the meteorological station, does not hold out any promise for a cooler period today, stating to the Colonist yesterday that it will, if anything, likely be hotter today, the thermometer reaching, possibly, the 85 mark. The hot wave is prevalent all along the coast, a despatch from San Francisco yesterday stating: "The temperature yesterday reached 98 degrees, the hottest, with three exceptions, ever registered here. In the interior of the state some places reached 110."

Notable Pioneer.—Especial interest attaches to the demise of the late Hans Peter Peterson, whose funeral was held on Sunday afternoon last at Mill Bay Methodist church. Deceased was regarded as the oldest living pioneer of B. C. and the first white man to come to the Island. He came to the coast in the year 1848, and was a native of Copenhagen, Denmark. For years he mined for gold in Cariboo and California, and with other miners found a little of the golden treasure, which he invested in a farm at Cobble Hill many years ago. For the past five years he has not been able to perform the active duties of life, but kind friends attended to his physical necessities. For months Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chapman took care of him. After all medical skill, kind hearts and loving hands could do to prolong life, he passed away on June 30th, having reached the ripe age of 84 years.

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Faith in the Island.—Referring to the announced policy of the C.P.R. to proceed with the opening up of Vancouver Island, the Cowichan Leader says: "The Cowichan and adjoining valleys have some of the best agricultural land in the whole grant; it is therefore to be hoped that they will not overlook their interests in this direction when sending out their exploration and survey parties. This valley, through to the Nitnat river, contains a very large amount of the finest timber in the world. 'Tis true two large milling companies own large tracts of this timber, but there are many thousands of acres more of good merchantable timber to be had. In the higher altitudes or on the mountain ranges along this valley there are known to be many valuable deposits of mineral that would be exploited were there any possible means of getting in the very necessary supplies."

Promising Prospect.—A few weeks ago, near Ucluelet, on the west coast of the Island, T. W. Graham, of Ballard, discovered what gives promise of developing into a very rich mine. The vein is a quartz one, and is free milling. It is situated on Lucky creek, which flows into Pipestem arm. It is about two miles from deep water, and a very few miles from Harrison's camp, or the Sechert iron mines. The vein has been exposed for about 900 feet. It is from 6 to 16 feet wide, and contains several rich paystreaks. Development work on the claim is to be started at once. A Seattle capitalist is said to be contemplating purchasing the property.

Salmon Running Strong—News came by the steamer Venture from Northern British Columbia ports that the sockeyes are running in the Naas and Skeena, and that the canneries are working to their capacity to handle the catch. Mr. John S. Rankin, accountant for the Port Nelson Canning & Salting Company, Limited, was a passenger by the steamer, and stated that for the time of fishing, the biggest catch ever known in the North has been taken by the fishermen. His own company, of which Mr. W. R. Lord is general manager, put up a big pack of salted spring salmon, which were just mild cured and are intended for the German market. They have already been contracted for, and will be shipped immediately. By the Venture 2,500 cases of canned fish, all sockeyes, came down as well.

BABY ECZEMA.

"My daughter was afflicted with eczema from when three weeks old. Her entire face and head were raw, and she was in awful distress. When doctors failed we took the use of Dr. Chase's Ointment, which has entirely cured her, and she has never had the least symptom of the trouble since."—Mr. Patrick Sullivan, Welland, Ave., St. Catharines, Ont.

NEWS OF GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, July 3.—A very sad drowning accident occurred here last Saturday morning when a young lad named Jesse Jocque met his death in the big slough near the cemetery. It appears that the deceased, in company with his brother David and a younger boy named Stanley Simons, went in for a swim. The elder Jocque boy, who was the victim of the accident, got into the water first and swam out to a row boat some twenty feet from the shore. After getting into the boat he tried to row to shore, but was unable to do so, when he abandoned his plan and sprang into the water and tried to make the shore, but he apparently became exhausted and sank. The deceased was seventeen years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jocque of this place. Mr. Jocque, father of the dead boy, is at present at Goldfields.

A general impression has prevailed in the public minds that although the Kettle valley can grow successfully a raise all kinds of fruit in abundance, still it has often been asserted that it was almost next to impossible to ripen tomatoes here, owing to the condition of the atmosphere in the early fall. Your correspondent has just returned from a visit to several of the best gardens in the valley. Especially worthy of mention was that of A. D. Morrison, who has every conceivable kind of fruit and vegetables, which he has grown with success in the West Ward. In speaking of the tomato crop Mr. Morrison said: "I have raised tomatoes here for years and never had any difficulty in ripeuing them." As Mr. Morrison is a man of business integrity his word in this matter should satisfy the most sceptical.

J. L. Manley, who some five months ago purchased ten acres on the Covert fruit ranch, has just been offered a handsome price for his land considerably in advance of the original purchase price. Mr. Manley declares the irrigation system lately installed on the ranch to be a great success.

H. W. C. Collins, of Starbuck, Manitoba, who recently purchased the southeast lot in Covert's ranch sub-division, is expected to arrive here shortly. In all probability he will be accompanied by his family. Mr. Gough, during the absence of Mr. Collins in the East, has been getting the orchard in fine shape.

Blake Wilson, of Nelson, arrived here yesterday and will remain a few days inspecting the interests of his company here.

W. T. Hunter, the well known Greenwood merchant, came in last evening and will stay several days.

Captain Disbrowe, a well known mining man in this section, reports encountering a large bald-faced cinnimon bear at Lynch creek a few days ago. The captain made good his escape.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is a boon to any home. It disinfects and cleans at the same time. 3D

PADEREWSKI'S NERVES.

Ottawa Citizen.

Paderewski has been paid $7,000 damages for having had his nerves strained in a railroad accident. The company is glad it got off so easy. A statistician has computed that at the rate of Paderewski's earnings in Australia he would amass $30,000,000 by the time he reached his three score and ten years—a sum sufficient to bankrupt most any road in America if it had to pay the pianist that sum for damages for total disability.

Impressions of Mining Industry

Supt. Goodale of Boston and Montana Talks of Great Development in B. C.

Some Sidelights on Work Done in This Province and the United States.

"I am deeply impressed with possibilities of the mining industry in British Columbia. There is every reason to believe that the output of the big mines of the Boundary district will ere many years rival that of Butte in regard to tonnage."

This was the encouraging prediction made by Mr. C. E. Goodale, a mining engineer and metallurgist with a continental reputation, in an interview at Vancouver. Mr. Goodale, who is a member of the party of visiting mining engineers, directs the affairs of the Boston and Montana Mining Company. He has been identified with the development of Montana's copper mining industry from its inception over twenty years ago. The company's mines in Butte maintain a daily output of 3,000 tons, which are reduced by its own smelter located on the Missouri river at Great Falls, Montana.

"Butte is my first visit to British Columbia," continued Mr. Goodale, "and I can assure you that not only myself but every member of our party will consider ourselves fortunate if we survive the boundless hospitality tendered us everywhere. Nelson, Trail, Rossland, Grand Forks and Phoenix were the points we visited in the upper country. I am sure most of us, although aware in a measure of the mineral resources of British Columbia, were scarcely prepared to witness the enormous development which has taken place in the Trail Creek and Boundary districts; and I may add that a beginning has only been made.

"The opening up of Butte itself, the greatest copper camp in the world, with a yearly production of three hundred million pounds of copper, looks slow in the light of later events when contrasted with the results accomplished in the Boundary district during the past six years. I understand that the mines in the vicinity of Phoenix and Greenwood are now maintaining an output at the rate of over a million tons a year. This is a remarkable showing considering that the first smelter in the district began operations less than five years ago.

"We made a careful inspection of the Granby company's smelter plant at Grand Forks, and found it modern and up-to-date in every respect. The general superintendent, Mr. A. B. W. Hodges, has certainly effected wonders as a pioneer in smelting in that district. The plant is treating 1,000 tons of ore daily, a figure which will shortly be increased to 2,500 tons daily with the installation of two additional furnaces. In this plant the climax of labor-saving devices in the shape of a furnace-feeder has been reached. I refer to a feeding device whereby the ore and coke are handled in the electric cars, which automatically dump their charges into the various furnaces. By this method a vast saving is accomplished.

"The visit to the mines of the Granby company at Phoenix proved equally interesting. Our members had an opportunity of inspecting the vast stopes and long tunnels, as well as the surface workings, where steam shovels engaged in loading the ore on cars are in operation.

"Mining and smelting conditions are ideal there. It is only necessary to mention one favorable factor—the excess of iron and lime contained in the Granby ores. Time did not permit of an inspection of the other big mines in the Boundary. However, I feel confident the Granby company there, with its present efficient management and with the application of modern mining and smelting methods is treating its ores at a profit. The ore bodies at Phoenix certainly present a marvelous appearance.

"Nature has not been so considerate at Butte," resumed Mr. Goodale. "The values in our mine, of course, are higher, running from $9.35 to $12.85 per ton. We have to bring our lime for flux fifty miles at a cost of $1 per ton, and what with the roasting process, have more complicated problems to deal with than exist in the Boundary. The yearly tonnage of Butte now exceeds twelve million tons."

INDIGESTION AND HEADACHE.

Mr. Duncan McPherson, Content, Alta., writes: "I was for many years troubled with indigestion and headache, and derived no relief from the many remedies I used. A friend advised the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Tonic, the result is that I am once more in the full enjoyment of the blessings of good health."

PROPOSED RUSSIAN REFORM.

Outline Published of Bouligan's Projected Representative Assembly.

St. Petersburg, July 7.—The Novosti this morning prints what it claims is the actual text of the final draft of Minister of the Interior Bouligan's project for the formation of a representative assembly which bears out the forecasts of the measures given in the Associated Press despatches. The question of the election of members of the lower house of the legislative assembly is settled not on the basis of property but on that of the universal suffrage of men and women, the latter voting by proxy. The classes absolutely debarred are Jews, the nomadic races, persons not of Russian nationality, governors and other imperial and local administrators and all persons connected with the police. It is provided that the disability of the Jew shall continue until their status shall have been defined by the popular assembly. Persons convicted of crime, etc., are also deprived of suffrage. The Emperor possesses the right of absolute veto as well as the power to prorogue the assembly. The interpellation of ministers will take place behind closed doors if reasons of state are pleaded.

Muravieff will arrive here Sunday after receiving personal instructions from the Emperor and consulting with the various ministers, he will leave for Washington, probably about July 30. Russia has not yet received indications of Japan's attitude towards an armistice. The Slovo today severely criticises the selection of M. Muravieff as one of the Russian peace plenipotentiaries, declaring that he has neither ability nor the temperament to conduct great negotiations. It is generally understood here that M. Muravieff's selection was extremely distasteful to Foreign Minister Lamsdorf, and it was the Emperor's personal act.

Mr. Forest Lewis Creek, B.C.

WAS ALL BROKEN DOWN IN HEALTH AND ATTRIBUTES HIS COMPLETE CURE TO DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS AND NERVE FOOD.

Mr. Geo. J. Forest, Lewis creek, Kamloops, B. C., writes: "I have been using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and Kidney-Liver Pills, and am glad to say that I am in better health than I have been for years. They have made a new man of me. My health was all broken down, I had lame back for months at a time and used to make water from five to ten times in an hour. I could not eat anything without having it hurt me for hours in my stomach, and would have dizzy, sinking spells and fits of the blues. I am at work again and believe I am cured of all these troubles by the use of