Welcome New Pastor

to Rev. and Mrs. at the Reformed copal Church.

With an Address by s—Fine Musical rogramme.

inclement weather, there tendance of members and Reformed Episcopal church the occasion of the recep- w rector, Rev. Thos. W Mrs. Gladstone. The school very prettily decorated for d a very good programme R. W. Day occupied the the position in his usual

f welcome by the Rt. Rev. was delivered in a very , being listened to with on by all those present, great impression. Among were present from the city Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. Rev. A. Ewing. A letter of lity to attend was read A. Carson.

ting was called on to ad- ring. in his few remarks nity to refer to the occas- him close to the Reformed h—the death of Rev. Mr. gh before this time he had towards them, he realized s duty to assist them in r possible. In referring to Mr. Gladstone to accept the or of the church, he took to congratulate the congre- g a rector who, if he had d a good old name. The wardens, which was read s, was as follows:

V. Gladstone:

Dear Sir—As members the Church of Our Lord, bled here tonight for the tending to you a hearty have been led to favorably l given to "come over and the great distance behind our revent labors and this as no deterrent.

congratulate you most sin- ppointment as rector of our and we believe that we pned to worship in the ad- edifice have very much to in the choice of one so newly d and adviser in spiritual

to the congregation sent leaving London created a impression on the minds of and we are confident that evails among our people essed in your letter, name- erests were identical, that rs in a common cause, and efforts and prayers were reat cause which we have succeed.

re would assure you that d upon our loyal support at all times. The con- regation at large will ever ther your interest, and in re are sure, be benefited by and advice which you are led to impart.

ully do we welcome Mrs. he other members of your st that their life and work ill prove not only pleasant to themselves, but also a who come within their in-

you and yours will enjoy prosperity, and that as pas- the bond of union now may continue, and grow in years go by.

RICHARD JONES,
ERNEST A. JACOB,
Church Wardens.

the address, Mr. Gladstone ry awkward to say some- did not know what to say. d the congregation on hav- e attendance, and thanked the welcome to Mrs. family. The reception was , especially when one took m the rather disagreeable s not only the male mem- rch, but many of the ladies e to meet and give them of fellowship.

adstone referred in very Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, e church. It was a plea- the remarks of the rev- n, and considered himself the would be able to have prayers of the pastor to as- work. He thought that age of Bishop Cridge, the e of the most masterful er listened to.

istone also took the oppor- s the wish that the church one bee and allow one to but that they should all me as a large hive, all benefit to themselves and mbers.

thanking the wardens and the church for their kind ector closed his address by earthfelt prayer will be for strength of our beloved

programme was as follows: pted Towers," the choir; nces and Mrs. Helmcken; n; solo, G. W. Booth; solo, chorus, "Ye Mariners of hoir; solo, Mrs. Helmcken.

EPORTED DISABLED.

Lloyd Bremen Reported at Halifax.

Sept. 19.—The North Ger- eamer Bremen, reported N. S., as being disabled, s port for Bremen Thurs-

s Said That and External s Would Turn to ning Sores.

Kaehler, Zerich, , says that Blood Bitters from Many Years Suffering.

'Now imagine how joyous ny surprise when a friend me that Burdock Blood re me, so that the lumps ellings, which the doctors turn to running sores, I took her advice, and have no doubt but that Bitters has saved me from . It is with the greatest with a thankful heart estimonial, knowing that Bitters has done so much are at perfect liberty to enefit of others similarly

SALE OF LANDS FOR UNPAID DELINQUENT TAXES IN THE GALIANO ISLAND ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION DISTRICT, PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

I hereby give notice that on Thursday the 12th day of October next, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, at the Post Office, Galiano Island, I shall sell by public auction the lands hereinafter set out, of the persons in said list hereinafter set out, for the delinquent taxes unpaid by said persons on the 31st day of December, 1904, and for interest, costs and expenses, including the cost of advertising said sale, if the total amount is not sooner paid.

LIST ABOVE MENTIONED.

Name of Person Assessed.	Short Description of Property.	Delinquent Taxes			
		Taxes.	Interest to date of sale.	Statutory cost and expenses.	Total.
Matson, John S. H.....	Lot 23, Galiano Island	$24.80	$1.47	$2.00	$28.27
Jones, Thomas D.....	Lot 15, Galiano Island	20.00	.95	2.00	22.95

JOSEPH PAGE, Collector.
Galiano Island Assessment and Collection District, B. C.
Dated at Galiano Island, Sept. 7th, 1905.

NOTICE.

Tenders for Timber Limits.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Wednesday, 11th October, 1905, from any person who may desire to obtain a lease, under the provisions of section 42 of the "Land Act," for the purpose of cutting timber therefrom, of a timber limit situated in the vicinity of Knights Inlet, known as Lots 347a and 248a, Group 1, New Westminster District, containing in the aggregate 2,220 acres.

The competitor offering the highest cash bonus will be entitled to a lease of the limits for a term of twenty-one years.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque, made payable to the undersigned, to cover the amount of the first year's rental ($500.00), and the amount of bonus tendered, and also a certified cheque for $2,000.00, being the cost of cruising and surveying the limits. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competitors.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department.
Victoria, B. C., 12th September, 1905.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

Coast District.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reservation, notice of which was published in the B. C. Gazette, and dated 9th August, 1901, covering a belt of land extending back a distance of ten miles on each side of the Skeena River between Kitselas Canyon and Hazelton, is cancelled.

Notice is also given that that portion of the reservation, notice of which was published in the B. C. Gazette and dated 27th December, 1893, covering a belt of land extending between the mouth of Kitimat River and Kitsilas Canyon, is rescinded in so far as it covers land lying between Kitsilas Canyon and a point in the Kitimat Valley, distant ten miles in a northerly direction from the mouth of Kitimat River, and that Crown lands thereon will be open to sale, pre-emption and other disposition under the provisions of the Land Act, on and after the eighth (8th) day of December next: Provided that the right of way of any railroad shall not be included in any lands so acquired.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department.
Victoria, B. C., 31st August, 1905. s8

LAND NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sixty (60) days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and works for the purchase of the following described land, situe in Range 2, Coast District, and described as follows, viz.:

Commencing at the Northwest Post of Lot 16; thence 14 chains 59 links West, thence 60 chains 5 links South, thence 20 chains East, thence along the shoreline 60 chains more or less, in a Northerly direction, to point of commencement; known on official survey as Lot 283 and continuing one hundred and two (102) acres more or less.

NORMAN HARDIE.
Victoria, B. C., September 15, 1905. s16

NOTICE

That 60 days after date I intend to make application to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situate at Columbia Point, Maple Bay, Portland Canal:

Commencing at my No. 1 Post, marked J. M. C.'s Northeast corner, thence running 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains north along shoreline to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

Dated August 21, 1905, Portland Canal, B. C.

(Signed) J. M. COLLISON.
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NOTICE

Sixty days after date, we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated on the west side of Pitt Island (locally known as Lotty Island): Commencing at a post marked S. W., on the shore, thence east 40 chains to post marked S. E., thence north 80 chains to post marked N. E., thence west 40 chains to post marked N. W., thence in southerly direction following shore line to place of beginning; said piece of land to contain 320 acres, more or less.

(Signed)
C. M. DOLMAGE,
WM. HANNA,
R. G. CUNNINGHAM.
Dated, August 22, 1905. au29

NOTICE.

Sixty days after date, "The Skeena Development Syndicate, Ltd., intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at the N. W. corner of Lot 188, Range 5, Coast District, Skeena River, B. C., thence North 20 chains, thence East 40 chains, thence South 20 chains, thence West 40 chains to place of commencement.

June 27, 1905.

JOHN STINSON,
jy29 Agent.

NOTICE

Tenders are called for the purchase of the following property, viz.: All those pieces or lots of land being subdivisions lots 13 and 14, 15, and 16 of lots 602, 603, 618, 619, Block M., Victoria City. Tenders must be in writing and filed with the Registrar of the Supreme Court at Victoria, B. C., not later than Friday, the 22nd day of September, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon.

The above call is pursuant to the order of the Honorable the Chief Justice, made herein on Friday, the 11th day of April, 1902, to satisfy a judgment against one Henry Nathan, judgment debtor, in favor of the Northern Counties Investment Trust Limited, the judgment creditors, for the sum of $5,392.86 and $42.55 costs, which judgment was registered on the 11th day of April, 1900, and is still in force and unsatisfied.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 6th day of September, 1905.

POOLEY, LUXTON & POOLEY,
Solicitors for the Judgment Creditors.
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(Form F.)
Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Jersey Lilly Mineral Claim, situate in the Alberni Mining Division of Clayoquot District.

Where located: Near outlet of Anderson Lake, and on right hand side

TAKE NOTICE that Wm. Harrison, Free Miner's Certificate B89649; Sarah M. McDonnell, Free Miner's Certificate B89648, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this Twelfth day of July, A. D. 1905.

WM. HARRISON,
SARAH M. McDONNELL,
By her Attorney in fact, R. J. McDonnell.
jy21

B. C. STEAM DYE WORKS.

141 Yates Street, Victoria.

Ladies' and Gents' garments and household furnishings cleaned, dyed or pressed equal to new.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Directors of the B. C. Milling & Mining Co. held on the 18th inst., an assessment of one-half cent per share was levied upon the capital stock of the company, payable on or before the 20th September, after which date all shares upon which such assessment remains unpaid will be delinquent and will be dealt with according to bylaws of the company.

CHAS. E. REDFERN,
Pres. B. C. M. & M. Co.
Victoria, B C., August 21, 1905. au22

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

Canada: Province of British Columbia. No. 289.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the "Maritime Insurance Company, Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at Liverpool, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £1,000,000, divided into 100,000 shares of £10 each.

The head office of the Company in this province is situate at Victoria, and R. P. Rithet and Company, Limited Liability, whose address is Victoria, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of September, one thousand nine hundred and five.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which the Company has been established and licensed are:

(a.) To make or effect insurances on ships or vessels, goods, merchandise, specie, bullion and other property; freights or hire of ships or vessels, respondentia and bottomry interests, commissions, profits and other objects of insurance, whether belonging to members of the Company or not; and to make all and every insurance appertaining to or connected with marine risks and risks of transit and navigation, whether by land or water; to make loans and advances, at interest or under discount, whether to the members of the Company or others; and generally to carry on the business of underwriters and insurers, and of insurance brokers, and to purchase and take over such businesses from companies or private individuals:

(b.) To make or effect insurances on all objects of insurance, against, appertaining to or connected with, all risks of transit, whether partly by land and partly by water, or wholly by land or wholly by water, including inland rivers or waters, and including all risks of transit by post, whether alone or in connection with any other mode of transit, and also, all risks incidental to goods or other property whilst stored or deposited on land or on water for the purpose of safe custody, exhibition, sale or any other purpose, whether in connection with any transit or voyage or independently of any transit or voyage; to insure or in any way provide for the liability of the Company wholly or partially upon any insurance guarantee or contract granted or entered into by the Company, and generally to carry on and transact every kind of transit insurance and indemnity business. s17

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

Canada: Province of British Columbia. No. 290.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that "The Reliance Marine Insurance Company, Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at the City of Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £500,000, divided into 50,000 shares of £10 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and James Hill Lawson, Vice-President of R. P. Rithet and Company, Limited Liability, whose address is Victoria, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of September, one thousand nine hundred and five.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which the Company has been established and licensed are:

To make or effect insurances on ships or vessels, goods, merchandise, specie, bullion, and other property, freights, or hire of ships or vessels, respondentia and bottomry interests, commissions, profits and other objects of insurance, whether belonging to the members of the Company or not and to make all and every insurance appertaining to or connected with marine risks of transit and navigation, whether by land or water; to make loans and advances at interest or under discount, whether to members of the Company or others, and generally to carry on the business of underwriters and insurers, and of insurance brokers, and to amalgamate with any other company having the like objects. s17

LICENSE TO AN ETRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies Act, 1897."

CANADA: Province of British Columbia. No. 293.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that "The London Guarantee and Accident Company, Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £250,000, divided into 50,000 shares of £5 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at No. 2 Fort Street, Victoria, and Robert Scott Day, real estate and insurance agent, whose address is the same, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this twelfth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and five.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which the Company has been established and licensed are:

1. The carrying on the businesses of a Guarantee Company, and of an Accident Insurance Company, in all their various branches, including therein the granting of policies guaranteeing the fidelity of individuals filling or about to fill situations of trust or confidence, and such other description of guarantee business as the Company may from time to time think fit to conduct or carry on; and also including the granting of policies of insurance assuring the payment of sums receivable on the death of, or injury to any person insured by the Company, where such death or injury arises from accident or misadventure, or the payment of compensation, or allowances to persons disabled by sickness or assuring against loss occasioned by damage to or loss of property, and so that any policy of the Company may be by way of indemnity to persons liable on account of personal injuries to others, or on account of damage to or loss of the property of others, as well as by way of direct assurance of the person injured, or of the owner of property damaged or lost: Provided that the Company shall not issue a policy of insurance against loss of or damage to property by fire or perils of the sea.

2. The entering into and carrying out such contracts, and the doing of all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects. s17

MR. PALMER HOME FROM THE INTRIOR

Visited the Fruit Districts in Preparation for London Exhibit.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

R. M. Palmer, freight rates commissioner, returned yesterday from a visit to the fruit districts, including Penticton, Summerland, Peachland, Kelowna, Vernon and Kamloops. He reports that the fruit crop is moving off rapidly, the demand for plums, prunes and pears being greatly in excess of the supply. Some splendid specimens of British Columbia apples have been secured for the fruit exhibit at the Royal Horticultural Society's show in London. These shipments will go forward in October. Very great interest is being taken in the Dominion exhibition at New Westminster everywhere throughout the interior, and district exhibits of fruits and agricultural products generally will be large and extremely good. The grain crop of the Okanagan this season is extremely good, both in quality and quantity, and is being rapidly delivered to the mills.

Mr. Palmer said: "I was shown samples of the famous Kansas red wheat, which was said to weight 69 pounds per bushel. The potato crop is of splendid quality, but will probably average rather less than that of last year. It varies from very good in irrigated land to a light crop on the dry soils where no water was available. Business was very active in all kinds of farm produce. The hop crop at the Coldstream ranch is one of the best ever produced there, and the quality of the hops is of the very best.

"The railway service on the Shuswap & Okanagan line will be greatly improved during the heavy shipping season, an extra engine and crew having been placed in the service; and on the Okanagan lake the steamers Aberdeen and York are kept constantly busy, the outgoing shipments being especially heavy.

"There have been heavy rains throughout the interior similar to those on the coast, and the ranges have benefited in consequence, the young grass showing everywhere on the hills. The cattlemen are jubilant at the prospects of their cattle going into winter quarters in good condition, being greatly improved. No damage to fruit or other crops has resulted from the rain.

"There has been a great scarcity of irrigation water throughout the interior, but very extensive works are in progress for the conservation of irrigation water by the damming of lakes and rivers to hold back the rush of water in the early summer months. Penticton, Summerland, Kelowna, Vernon and Kamloops are to be served by this improved system. The land companies at the different points interested are making the dams. The great importance of this is that they secure irrigation water on the subdivided lands."

Mr. Palmer leaves for New Westminster this morning to attend the meeting of the railway commission to be held there.

VACATIONS AND TYPHOID.

New York Threatened With Epidemic Among Returning Rusticators.

New York, Sept. 18.—Vacations spent in small farm houses, poorly ventilated, with bad drainage and contaminated water supplies, are declared by several leading physicians about the city to threaten an epidemic of typhoid fever during the autumn. The doctors declare that stringent measures will be necessary to prevent a great amount of sickness from these causes among persons who spent their vacations in the country, supposedly enjoying a change of air and food.

"In the matter of typhoid," said one of the city's best known practitioners last night, "it is agreed that sanitary administration has not kept pace with scientific progress. One reason for this is that the laws are defective. The health authorities have not any power to enforce regulations, and the people as a rule are not educated up to the point of obeying salutary statutes.

"Any physician will tell you contaminated water is the chief cause of the disease, and that in country districts the sunken well and the old-fashioned cesspool, generally in close proximity with the living quarters, produce that cause.

"All farm places that take boarders should be required to have a license approved by the health authorities showing that the place is sanitary and as free from fever as it is possible for any place to be."

U. S. WARSHIPS AT TARGET PRACTICE

Big Guns and Small in Operation During Past Week Across the Straits.

During the past week windows have trembled daily and the rumble of big guns has been heard, for the United States fleet in Northern Pacific waters has been engaged in target practice, working mostly to train the crews for war service. Operations were commenced by the destroyers Perry and Paul Jones, which first went into action singly, with their fourteen and six-pounder guns, after which they worked in double harness for a day at torpedo practice. In this operation a string of three boats, fifty feet apart, were hung on a marker of a mile astern of the destroyers, and with the other destroyer going at a good rate of speed in the opposite direction, and at a range of half a mile or more, a torpedo was launched, the test of accuracy being to put the torpedo between two of the small boats without striking them.

The night practice of the destroyers was most interesting and spectacular. With the boat under way her searchlight sought out the target, making it shine up like day, and then came the flash of a gun and the detonation roaring through the night

On Wednesday the Chicago went into practice, putting in all that day on the smaller guns of her secondary battery. On Thursday morning she got some of her larger guns into action, and with them continued work throughout the day. The spectacle presented by the big ship as she circled slowly up and down the bay, firing in rapid succession several shots on each turn at the big square targets set up on the spit, was one of excitement and interest, says the Port Angeles Tribune-Times. The huge projectiles could be seen to throw up clouds of sand and gravel, always apparently within a few feet of the mark, and again, several seconds later a giant fountain of sea water as they struck the strait on the bound two or three miles out to sea. The Chicago fired both her five and eight-inch guns during the practice Thursday, and closed her work for the day at about 6 o'clock. Large numbers of people witnessed the display of magnificent gunnery from the elevations along the water front, and it truly is a show well worth watching. The Marblehead will go into practice upon the completion of the Chicago's work.

PUSHING SURVEY WORK.

Great Northern Pack Trains Leave Hope Twice a Week for Coquhalla.

The Great Northern has at present survey parties on the Coquhalla, east of Ladner creek, aggregating in all about 35 men, working on the section which will come out at Hope, says the New Westminster Columbian. They will remain in that neighborhood till the snow drives them out, when they will come nearer the coast and operate during the winter in a softer country. They have two pack trains leaving Hope twice each week with supplies, and have a completely equipped camp on the Coquhalla.

About two weeks ago Chief Engineer Hogland of the Great Northern system, looked over that section which has been already surveyed, and after a thorough investigation expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with the conditions. He believes that his company will have no difficulty whatever in making a two per cent. grade in the worst parts.

A MONARCHY FOR NORWAY.

London, Sept. 19.—The Daily Mirror publishes a statement from Fritjof Nansen to the effect that the fortresses of the Konsvinger and Fredericksten will retain their modern works, the other new fortresses being demolished. The explorer adds that "Norway's future government will be decided by a referendum, and will probably be a monarchy."

Professor Harald Hjarne, a member of the Swedish riksdag, admitted to the Daily Mirror that Sweden had consented to the retention of the new parts of the old fortresses. He added that Sweden probably would construct new fortifications outside the zone of neutrality, opposite Konsvinger and Fredericksten.

Karlstadt, Sept. 19.—The Swedish and Norwegian commissioners opened today in official conference, and there was no joint meeting. It is not expected that a preliminary agreement will be reached until Thursday.

Christiania, Sept. 19.—The Aften Posten declares that, though during the negotiations at Karlstadt no troops, either Swedish or Norwegian, will be ordered to the frontier, and though the frontier guards on both sides withdraw to a distance sufficient to prevent collisions, there is yet no question of sending the troops home.

CANNOT ACCEPT TERMS.

Japanese Minister Resigns Owing to Peace Conditions.

Tokio, Sept. 18.—Minister Yoshikawa has resigned because he cannot accept the peace terms. The thoroughfares and government buildings still remain under military guard, but there is no sign of disorder anywhere.

CROPS IN NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Samples of Grain From Fraser Lake Secured by Government Mineralogist.

Wm. F. Robertson, the provincial mineralogist, writing from Fraser Lake, B. C., under date of August 12th, to R. F. Tolmie, department of mines, says:

"I am sending out with this, by express, a box containing samples of oats, Russian barley, bearded barley and timothy hay, all ripe and on the stalk, grown on the Hudson Bay Company's ground at this post by the manager, Mr. E. Peters.

"The oats are from a five-acre patch, all as good as sample, sown on sod broken last fall and spring. The barley is from an experimental patch of about half an acre, but a perfect crop.

"This sample has been boxed for me by Mr. Peters, who will send it out to Quesnel by a pack train. He expects to start in about ten days.

"I would propose sending this sample to the New Westminster Fair, or part of it, at least, to show what this part of the country can do.

"At Stuart's lake post they have currants, raspberries and peas, and at both posts potatoes, cabbages, onions, etc.

"The land around Nechacco is good, but that around Stuart's lake is better. No grazing country in either place to amount to anything, but excellent for mixed farming. Elevation above sea level, about 2,500 feet.

"It might be well to hand the samples over to Mr. Palmer and tell him I have samples of soil and photos of grain fields.

"This is an exceptionally dry season and the growth here is stunted this year. We have had beautiful weather and no flies."

INCREASING VALUE OF WESTERN FARM LAND.

The Denver Republican points out in an editorial that the farmer has been making money at a rate that makes the small business man and mechanic envy him, and more and more the mind of the people is turning back to the land. Increases in value of from 25 to 50 per cent. in the last two years in the regions of the Mississippi valley, through Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana in particular, on worn-out lands that have produced practically nothing for years have suddenly come into command and find buyers in men who intend to again put them under production. In the irrigated sections of Colorado lands two years ago were selling at $40, $50 and $60 an acre are now going at $100 and $125, and even ashigh as $250 has been paid for Greeley lands within the month. In these sections sales are restricted in number by the fact that even the higher prices fail to tempt many farmers into selling; they say that they would not know what else to invest their money in that would pay them such good returns as do the farms, even at double the prices of two years ago. It is not extraordinary to clear $50 an acre a year on beet lands, and this would be 10 per cent. a year on lands at $500 an acre, a price to which it is predicted the best lands in these sections will go in a few years.

The Montreal Herald has an interview with one of the Federal ministers given at Winnipeg in which there is a reply to criticisms directed against the proposed G. T. P. route. We should qualify that remark by saying that it is intended as a reply, but is really not a reply, and we are not at all surprised that the minister name no new facts, but gives the entire evasion of the main issue that has been raised, that the Grand Trunk Pacific was intended and promised to be a colonizing road, to open up new territory, and not expressly to come into competition with existing lines of railway. We are told that "the country wants the road," which is quite true, but it wants it as it was promised. The minister thinks it is unfortunate that attempts to stir up ill-feeling against the Grand Trunk Pacific should be made." With the Grand Trunk Pacific the press that has been making the criticism has no quarrel. The Grand Trunk Pacific is a corporation brought into existence to make money. No one will blame it for doing everything legitimately in its power to achieve that object. The fault is with the government that is responsible for the arrangements under which the railway is proposed to be built.

Mr. Sanders, sergeant-at-arms, has returned to the Interior without being called upon to appear at Nanaimo to give evidence in the Islander case. It will be remembered that he was the person referred to as "the wee mannie" in connection with the Alberni elections. A great deal was said about him in the press, at a very unpleasant time, and a wide circulation was given to the statement that he had hidden himself to avoid being summoned. Mr. Sanders, however, as soon as he learned that he was wanted, returned to Victoria voluntarily, presented himself and was duly served. He went over to Vancouver in compliance with the subpoena, at, we understand, his own expense. The trial did not proceed there and was transferred to Nanaimo. Notwithstanding all that was said of Mr. Sanders' connection with the case, the prosecution discovered that they did not want him after all, and after waiting for some days he returned to the Interior. He has been altogether the subject of very shabby treatment. Those who maligned him, for no other reason than that he was a friend of the chief commissioner, have not had the manliness to offer an apology or to acknowledge that an injustice had been done him.

HINDU AFHORISMS.

God ripes the mangoes,
The farmer shakes the tree.
God cures the patient,
The doctor takes the fee.

Now hear the word the Brahman said:
"The lion's mane, the miser's hoard,
The serpent's fang, the brave man's sword
Ye may obtain—when they are dead."

He laughed derision when his foes
Against him, each cast a stone;
His friend in anger flung a rose—
And all the city heard him groan.

"He is my brother dear?"
The sister says. But, "Nay?"
Death answers, standing near:
"He is my prey."

Be this engraved:
"The man who misses his chance,
The monkey who misses his branch,
Cannot be saved."

Our Earth and Sky are weighty querns;
Our deeds and striving heap the grains;
The Unseen Miller turns and turns:
Between the millstones—what remains?

On the horse in Fortune's bloom:
Should Fortune fall thee, be its groom.

I had no teeth: He sent me milk. Instead,
Now I have teeth, will He not send me bread?

Who sells grain is a merchant. Heed ye, then:
Who hoards grain is a murderer of men.

A pampered Prince will taste the choice, alone.
A starving dog will bolt a saltless stone.
—A. Guiterman in N. Y. Times.

THIRTEEN FIRE VICTIMS.

Avon, Conn., Sept. 18.—The roll of deaths from the explosion and fire at the plant of the Climax Fuse Company on Friday now numbers thirteen, and there are several injured ones whose condition is looked upon as extremely critical.

A BRITISH COLUMBIA PIONEER.

Says the Winnipeg Free Press: One of the oldest settlers of British Columbia was in town yesterday in the person of Mr. Thomas Ellis. Mr. Ellis went into the Okanagan country in 1865 and ultimately secured there a title to a little tract of land containing 30,000 acres. For about forty years he operated a cattle ranch in the district, and last year sold out the domain to the Southern Okanagan Land Company, a corporation formed by W. T. and L. W. Shatford of Fairview, B. C. Already about $100,000 worth of land has been sold, the entire property now being valued at several million. Mr. Ellis was accompanied by his wife and is returning from a visit to Eastern Canada.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Sept. 19.—It has been assumed for some time past that anxiety over the money outlook was the sole restraining influence against speculative advances in stocks, the general brightness of the industrial situation serving to cause a chafing against today's restraint on the part of the professional operators of all classes. The immediate developments in the money market today were distinctly toward relaxation tension, but this did not prevent weakness in stocks, the tendency of prices being towards the lower level from the outset. The news of the engagement of $1,750,000 of gold for shipment to New York, also contained in a Paris despatch last night, was confirmed today. It became known also that $400,000 additional gold had been secured yesterday afternoon. The withdrawals up to this time are all from the London market. As a consequence a further advance in the Bank of England rate is expected this week in order to divert New York's demand from London to Paris. The weekly crop bulletin of the weather bureau also reported some damage to the corn crop. Besides, the benefit of additional gold engagements, the local money market was relieved from the absorption by the sub-treasury, the operations of which have converted the loss of last week by the banks into a small gain. The National City bank also announced the engagement of $600,000 gold in London today, making a total of $1,000,000 engaged by this bank.

Closing Prices

New York, Sept. 19.—Loco 53⅝; pfd 116; Amn Sugar 138½; Amn Smelting 126⅝; Amn Car Fdy 36; Atch 90½; pfd 105; B & O 112⅝; B R T 68⅝; Can Pac 172⅝; Ches & Ohio 58⅝; C & N W 215; C M & St P 170; C F & I 43½; Con Prod 10½; D & H 217; D & R G 36; D S S & Atl 15⅞; G N pfd 320; Gen Elec 182½; Kas & Tex 33⅝; pfd 69⅝; L & N 154⅝; Man 165¼; Mo Pac 107; M St P & S Ste M 142; pfd 170; Met 127; N Y C & H 150⅛; Nor & West 85½; Penna Ry 144½; Pressed Steel 45⅝; Phila & Rdg 120; pfd 91⅛; 2nd pfd 95⅛; R I Certs 33⅝; Sou Ry 34⅝; pfd 101⅛; Sou Pac 67⅝; Tex & L 86½; Tex Pac 36⅝; Twin City 118; U S Steel 36⅝; pfd 104; pfd 104; Rubber 56⅝; pfd 112½; Union Pac 131⅞; Wabash 22 1-4; pfd 43 1-4; Wis Cent 33⅝; Wis Cent 31⅝; C P R in London 177⅝; Mackay pfd 75.

Money Markets

New York, Sept. 19.—Money on call firm. Highest 3½ per cent., lowest 3 per cent.; ruling rate 3½; last loan 3½; closing bid 3¼; offered 3½. Time loans steady; 60 days 3⅝ to 4 per cent.; 90 days 4; six months 4¼ to ½. Prime mercantile paper 4½ to 5 per cent. Sterling exchange firmer at $4.85.10 to $4.85.15 for demand, and at $4.82.20 to $4.82.25 for 60 day bills. Posted rates $4.83½ and $4.86 to $4.86½. Commercial bills $4.81¾ to ⅞. Bar silver 61⅞. Mexican dollars 47¼. Government bonds steady. Railroad bonds heavy.

CHOLERA IN GERMANY.

Breslau, Prussia, Sept. 19—One death from cholera has occurred here.

Dirschu, Prussia, Sept. 19.—Two new cases of cholera and one death have been reported.

Marienwerder, Prussia, Sept. 19.—One death from cholera has occurred in this district.

Bromberg, Prussia, Sept. 19.—Five new cases of cholera in three local cities have been reported in this district.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 19.—It is officially reported from Warsaw that there has been one death from cholera at Blockawek, on the Vistula river.

TRADE PREFERENCE WITH AUSTRALIA

Mainland Canners to Memorialize Commissioners During Present Week.

The question of the Dominion government taking steps to secure preferential trade relations with Australia will be one of the matters brought to the attention of the Federal Tariff Commission at its sitting in Vancouver next week, says the Province. The Fraser River Canners' Association will bring the matter before the commission for the reason that the salmon canners of British Columbia would, as a class, be one of the principal beneficiaries under such a preferential tariff.

While the coast canners would be greatly benefited by the preference, the trade of the whole Dominion with Australia would be greatly stimulated. As Vancouver is the Canadian port for Australian trade, this city would profit immeasurably by a trade preference such as is to be suggested to the commission.

The canners will also move in several other matters before the commission. They will argue again the imposition of a protective tariff on tin plate, and will seek to have wire rope and wire netting placed on the free list.

Tin Plate Importations.

Statistics concerning the tin plate importations of Canada show that for the year ending June 30, 1904, there were imported into Canada from Great Britain 41,218,600 pounds of tin plate, and from the United States 8,241,400 pounds or a total of 49,640,000 pounds, of which a large proportion was consumed in British Columbia, though in that year the salmon pack on this coast was comparatively a small one.

This year the imports of tin plate for British Columbia alone were 150,000 boxes of 112 pounds each, or 16,800,000 pounds, of which 60 per cent. came from Great Britain and 40 per cent. from the United States.

Since the Federal government has allowed trap fishing on this coast, a demand for wire rope and wire netting for the construction of traps has sprung up, and the canners will ask that these articles be placed on the free list. They will point to the fact that they are in competition with American salmon-canners on the open markets of the world, and that the Americans can secure their wire rope and wire netting at much less cost than it is possible to obtain the same in Canada.

It is likely that the tariff commissioners will reach Vancouver from Nelson about Wednesday next, and a session may be held in this city on the following day.

PACIFIC SEABOARD LINE.

Southern Pacific to Extend From Portland 3,000 Miles South.

Chihuahua, Mexico, Sept. 19.—News has been received in this city from Guaymas to the effect that good progress is being made on the surveys of the Southern Pacific line between that place and Guadalajara, and that contracts are being let and actual construction work will be started in a short time. Preliminary surveys have already been run. The line from Guaymas will be about 1,500 kilometres in length and will be one of the most important in Mexico.

When the road is completed it will give the Southern Pacific one of the longest seaboard lines in the world, extending, as it will, from Portland, Ore., to Guadalajara, a distance of about 3,100 miles, which is practically a seaboard line for the entire distance.

ADVOCATES FREE PRESS MESSAGES

Sir Sandford Fleming Urges That Pacific Cable Be Used as Imperial Tie.

The Montreal Gazette, in a recent issue, has the following: Sir Sandford Fleming was among prominent persons who arrived in Montreal yesterday from England. He registered at the Windsor, but will leave in a day or two for his home in Ottawa.

Sir Sandford has been in the Old Country for some time representing New Zealand at the Pacific Cable conference which met in London. The proceedings and conclusions of the conference, though subjects of daily press report, until very recently, were considered in their relations to the British Empire by Sir Sandford during his remarks last night.

"The Pacific Cable in addition to being a commercial enterprise, which returns more revenue than some other of our public works, is something to unite different parts of the Empire. It is an asset as well as an Imperial tie, and I am firmly of the opinion that before the contract of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company with the papers of Australia for the supply of news has expired, some steps will be taken toward convincing the Australian public that the Pacific Cable should be used for press despatches between the countries it reaches."

"You are of the opinion that the cable should be used for press work, as far as practicable?"

"Yes, there is no reason why a cable which is only in use, perhaps, four hours out of the twenty-four for general traffic, should not be used the other twenty hours for press despatches. They should be transmitted free, for the expenses now incurred in operating and maintaining the cable would also cover the cost of transmitting press news. This would bring Canada and Australia, for instance, closer together, because one colony would be interested in the daily affairs of the other. What do we get in Canada now from Australia? Practically nothing of the happenings there, and they get as little about the events of the Dominion. A more intimate acquaintanceship would spring up between the two great colonies if every day their papers published interchange political, commercial, and social reports. Australia is a long way from us, but it would be brought near. Would this not be a long step toward uniting parts of the Empire?"

Speaking of the cable as a commercial enterprise, Sir Sandford said that in his opinion it had made a good showing since it was laid down two years ago. During the past year it had yielded a revenue of $52,000. The working expenses, including repairs, sinking fund, and other expenses had amounted to £51,000, leaving a balance toward meeting interest and other charges such as the sinking fund. This was sufficient to recommend it to the strong support of the countries which had laid it, even though some had argued the cable was a millstone.

DECIDE NOT TO STRIKE.

Freight Handlers in Chicago Agree to Accept Old Terms.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Freight handlers employed in Chicago by the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, Grand Trunk, Erie and Sante Fe railways today voted to accept a renewal of present working conditions and not to strike for a 10 per cent. increase.

OTHER COMPANIES DEFRAUD.

Judge Parker on Recent Insurance Investigation Exposures.

Esopus, Sept. 18.—Interviewed today, Judge Parker stated that if an investigation were held it would be found that insurance companies were not the only corporations which put into the treasury "money belonging to widows and orphans to help secure a partisan triumph."

WHAT BOY

Not having a watch has not envied his chum who has one, the possession of

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