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# PIONEER DIVINE NOW IN THE CITY

## WAS FOUNDER OF A WELL KNOWN CHURCH

### Gives Times Interesting Account of Establishment of First Presbyterian Edifice in Victoria.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

One of Victoria's pioneer clergymen, Rev. J. Hall, arrived from New Zealand by the steamer Aorangi the other day and is spending a few days here renewing acquaintances. Although Rev. Mr. Hall is well advanced in years he is still active and speaks in enthusiastic terms of the progress of church work throughout the British colonies bordering on the Pacific ocean. He was the founder of the First Presbyterian church here in 1862, and presided over the first congregation for a period of three years. Though he is now over forty years since Rev. Mr. Hall left the shores of British Columbia he has not forgotten any of the stirring incidents which marked the period of his residence in this province, and tells many amusing anecdotes of life among the pioneers.

Rev. Mr. Hall was sent to British Columbia by the Presbyterian Assembly in the early sixties, the necessity of missionaries in the western portion of the Dominion having been reported by a number of Victorians. Immediately upon his appointment he took passage, arriving here a number of months later. He found Victoria, then a small Hudson's Bay post, with a few hundred permanent white residents and quite a large settlement of Indians, in the throes of the Cariboo gold excitement. Miners were arriving from California in hundreds and pitching their tents here until ready to proceed to Cariboo, which was then a long, tedious and even dangerous trip, requiring quite an extensive outfit. Rev. Mr. Hall describes these miners as young, hardy men, many the sons of Old Country and American farmers. The majority, he says, were stalwart but inexperienced, and thought that fortunes were awaiting them upon their arrival at Cariboo.

For a year of more Rev. Mr. Hall devoted his time to preaching the Gospel among these rough and ready pioneers, he accompanied parties to the neighborhood of the famous claims on Thompson river on several occasions and became quite accustomed to open air life on the trail. This, however, was nothing unusual for the clergymen of that time; in fact it was considered proper and even necessary for the minister to make these journeys occasionally to spread the Gospel in the wilds of the British Columbia interior. During his ramblings Rev. Mr. Hall spent some weeks at Lillooet, Lale and other towns situated on the Fraser river which have been in existence for about half a century. On one occasion he met Bishop Hill, the first English Church clergyman to reach the western section of the Dominion. His tent was pitched just outside the town of Yale. The Presbyterian minister had quite a long conversation with his brother divine and recollects that Bishop Hill complained very bitterly of the ravages of the mosquito nuisance, a plague that still afflicts the farmers of the Fraser.

After this nomadic existence for about a year Rev. Mr. Hall settled down in Victoria at the earnest solicitation of friends and established the First Presbyterian church in 1862. He spaks in eulogistic terms of the energy and zeal of the young Presbyterians of that day among whom was Alex. Wilson, still one of Victoria's most prominent citizens and, by the way, a faithful member of the First Presbyterian church. When the then somewhat ambitious project of erecting a church building was announced these young men banded together and did everything possible to assist. Wright & Saunder, the architects, supplied the plans and superintended the construction work gratis. Other merchants made donations, and in a comparatively short time the undertaking was complete. The congregation, Rev. Mr. Hall says, was fairly large from the first, but owing to the going and coming of the miners it fluctuated. The majority of permanent members were men, but there were a few ladies who exerted themselves in the interests of the church.

As at the present time church socials were quite common, especially during the winter months, and Rev. Mr. Hall tells a somewhat amusing anecdote in connection with one of these entertainments. It was during the progress of the American Civil war in which the residents of Victoria were much interested, some favoring the north and others the south. Several days before the social a southern gentleman approached the pastor and asked permission to place the flag representing the southern states over the church edifice, promising in return to donate a large cake for the forthcoming affair. Rev. Mr. Hall jokingly consented and shortly afterwards was requestetd to permit the ensign of the north to be raised over the church, the applicant in this case agreeing to furnish an abundance of refreshment as an acknowledgment. This also was granted. The news soon spread throughout the town and, as indications were that the auditorium would be unable to accommodate the crowd attending, the young men organized themselves and in one night constructetd a rough gallery. "This," remarked Rev. Mr. Hall, "was the spirit displayed among the young folk at that time, and I think the same enthusiasm is rearely found at present." The social, he said, was a great success. There was no open controversy between the two factions, the only trouble experienced being the strong feeling against the negroes present.

Leaving Victoria Rev. Mr. Hall went to New Zealand and for about three years acted as chaplain to the military settlers in portions of that country which had been captured from the Maoris after a desperate struggle. He then returned to Ireland for twenty years, at the termination of which he set out once more for the Southern Pacific colony. For the last fifteen years Rev. Mr. Hall has been pastor of a Presbyterian church in Westport, New Zealand, a prosperous city with extensive mining resources.

Just before coming north he visitetd Rotorna, the famous watering resort on North Island, about 170 miles from Auckland. He expressed himself in the strongest terms in speaking of the charms of this place. "If ever you take a long holiday trip visit that place," he stated this morning. It is a section containing numerous hot springs, and a small lake of boiling water from the geyser forces mud and water fully 1,000 feet high at irregular intervals. The waters, he said, contained some peculiar cnemical power which effect marvellous cures.

Discussing the changes in the appearance of Victoria, Rev. Mr. Hall said that he couldn't recognize the city. "I can see the geographical points and a few old buildings, but that is all," he remarked. "From a little village it has grown into a good sized paradise with many beautiful residences. Coming direct from New Zealand I notice particularly that the foliage of Vancouver Island is more verdant than that of the south. It is fresher and more pleasing." Rev. Mr. Hall also spoke of the beauty of Beacon Hill park, expressing his intention of spending several days here taking in all points of attraction before proceeding home to Ireland.

## WATCHING THE TYEE.

### Results of Sinking Operations There Will Mean Much to Island.

On the properties of the Tyee Copper Company at Mount Sicker, very important operations in developing the ore body are going on. A strong force is engaged in sinking, and it is reported that the company are prepared to go to a depth of one thousand feet or more, if necessary, to follow the big ore body which their experts are confident is there. From the central shaft drifting and gallery work will be carried on in all directions at different levels.

It may take two years to complete the big undertaking, but the work will be prosecuted with undiminished vigor until the company ascertains definitely just what it possesses in the heart of Mount Sicker. There is no scarcity of first-class ore at the present time, and there is abundance blocked out and in sight to keep the company's force busy for a long time.

Should the sinking operations result in the striking of an increased ore body it will mean much to the east coast of Vancouver Island. Until that result is known claim-owners are holding on, waiting. Good news from the Tyee mine at Mount Sicker will certainly start a big mining boom all over the range from Shawnigan to Comox and Alberni. The Tyee lead runs due in the direction of Mount Brenton. The whole territory in the neighborhood of the two mountains, Sicker and Brenton, is staked off, and many of the claims are held by persons who can bring large capital to their development should the Tyee properties prove to be as rich as expected by those who should know a good deal about them, and who are sanguine. The property is immensely rich in the lower sections.

Meanwhile everybody up in that direction is twaiting, ready to go ahead when the official report gives the good news of fresh discoveries of big ore bodies.

## GOOD WORK BY FIREMEN.

### Extinguished Fire at Taylor Mill Company in Short Order Friday Night.

By good work the fire department Friday night nipped in its early stages what promised to become a destructive fire. It was in the lumber drying kiln and boiler room of the Taylor Mill Company, Government street, and the fact that the establishment was running as usual on Saturday is evidence of the efficacious methods adopted by the firemen.

The blaze was discovered by the night watchman about eleven o'clock. He at once turned in an alarm from box 52, which is near the mill. The department responded in short order, and soon had four streams playing upon the flames, a deluge that was supplemented by a line in the mill equipment. The quarter being a likely one for a dangerous fire, one of the engines was operated at the corner of Princess avenue and Douglas street. The other three streams were attached to hydrants near by. At first the wind blew the flames towards the main part of the mill, and the chemical department were stationed there to prevent the spread. They were successful in confining the fire to the drying kiln, the wind fortunately veering in another direction and greatly facilitating their efforts. Only the upper part of the one building was damaged, and the loss will probably be covered by five hundred dollars. Just how the fire started it is impossible to say, but probably it arose from the boilers. On Saturday Chief Watson received a cheque for fifty dollars for Relief Association Fund from the Taylor Mill Company, in recognition of the capital work of the brigade Friday night.


# MRS. HUNTER'S STORY

SAYS SHE AND HER HUSBAND AGREE PERFECTLY. BOTH QUITE WELL AGAIN.

Mrs. I. Hunter.

Mrs. I. Hunter, of 111 Raglan road, Kingston, Ont., has written for publication a statement of her case as follows:

"I have suffered with kidney and liver trouble and chronic constipation for some time. I was subject to dizziness, bilious headache, nervousness, drowsiness, pains in the back and side, and a tired, weary feeling nearly all the time.

I tried almost every remedy, was treated by doctors and druggists with little or no benefit.

"Finally, a friend advised me to try Dr. Leonhardt's Anti-Pill, and the results have been truly wonderful.

"My husband has used Anti-Pill for rheumatism and was benefited greatly. We agree that Anti-Pill is a most wonderful medicine and heartily recommend it."

This is a very strong recommendation. Anti-Pill is undoubtedly the greatest of family remedies. All druggists, or the Wilson-Fyle Co., Limited, Niagara Falls, Ont.


# MAY BRIDGE THE SEYMOUR NARROWS

## C. P. R. IS SAID TO CONTEMPLATE SCHEME

### A New Route to Connect with Victoria Reported to be Receiving Attention.

In connection with the purchase of the E. & N. by the C. P. R. there is a rumor that the latter, in addition to the local trade which it is intended to develop, has in view the utilization of the line and its extension to the northern part of the Island as part of a through route from the Northwest wheat fields.

The report comes from the East that for some time the C. P. R. has had in contemplation the building of a better freight carrying road in order to keep pace with the other companies which have found it wise to adopt routes with the very lowest grades. The C. P. R.'s present line through the mountains has some grades which have always been vexatious to the company, and upon which vast sums of money have been expended in improving conditions.

With increasing trade it is said that the company is desirous of getting an alternative route across British Columbia to be specially devoted to the carrying of freight. The company's engineers, according to the information received, have been instructed to find if possible a way of avoiding the present objectionable grades.

The original route by way of the Yellow Head Pass has been considered, and is said to be favorably received by certain officials. By adopting it a through line could be constructed to the Coast along the best of grades. It would tap the rich wheat producing country from Calgary to Edmonton.

Within the last few years the C. P. R. has given attention to the growing of winter wheat in that portion of the Territories. Last year 2,500 bushels for seed purposes were brought in from the United States and delivered to the farmers at the actual cost to the company. The market for the winter wheat flour is the Orient in large measure, and the Western States are the great competitors in this trade. There is no doubt whatever that the C. P. R. intends to make that trade one of the very best. With its development the facilities for shipping to the Pacific seaboard will have to be improved to meet the competition which the United States lines offer. That is one of the reasons why the new route across British Columbia is sought.

Should it be definitely decided to select the alternative route north of the present one, the line will, it is understood, come out at Bute Inlet. From there to Vancouver Island a connecting line is capable of construction, the bridging of Seymour Narrows being no greater undertaking than the bridging of the St. Lawrence at Quebec in the opinion of engineers. With railway connection from that point to Victoria the C. P. R. would have a through road from the wheat fields to Victoria, where, with proper terminal facilities, the quick discharge of cargo for the Orient could be carried out.

Throughout its length the new line would open up a splendid country, giving better access to the rich Cariboo and the ranching and farming districts nearer the Coast. Vancouver Island's resources would also be developed, so that a local trade would supplement the through traffic which must of necessity be an ever increasing one. The line would not interfere with the present road, which would still have a lucrative local trade and afford an alternative route for through trains, thus relieving any congestion. It is known that in railway circles the keenest rivalry exists among the big corporations with respect to the acquisition of advantages in the way of Pacific Coast termini. The C. P. R. is not willing to be put at any disadvantage by the Grand Trunk Pacific or the Canada Northern. On the contrary, it is determined to have terminal advantages equal to or better than any of its rivals.

Other companies look with suspicion upon the C. P. R.'s reported intention of bridging the Narrows and reaching Vancouver Island with the advantages which will attend such a move.

## MONTREAL NOTES.

### Fire in the Y. M. C. A. Building—Forty Men Had Narrow Escapes.

Montreal, June 8.—Fire broke out in the Y. M. C. A. building, Dominion square, about 6 o'clock this morning, and before being extinguished damaged the building to an extent of eight or ten thousand dollars. Forty young men who occupied rooms on the upper floors had to escape in their night attire.

**Offer Withdrawn.**

The Royal Trust Co., acting for the syndicate connected with the Dominion Textile Co., to-day withdrew the offer made the shareholders of the Montreal Cotton Co. for the purchase of their stock.

**Going to England.**

A party of 280 people, members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, their wives and daughters, sail to-morrow morning on the Allan Steamship Co.'s steamer Victoria for Liverpool. In Great Britain they will be the guests of the London Chamber of Commerce and commercial bodies of other British cities.

## FIRE IN TUNNEL.

### Outbreak Delays Traffic on the Denver & Rio Grande Railway.

Denver, Colo., June 8.—Word has been received at the general offices of the Rio Grande railway that a fire had broken out among the timbers in the tunnel at Ruby, 24 miles west of Grand Junction, and has temporarily stopped traffic between Denver and Salt Lake City. The tunnel is only 580 feet in length and arrangements for transferring passengers from one side to the other are being made. The origin of the fire is unknown and it is fast burning itself out. It will be several days before traffic through the tunnel will be resumed.

# REGIMENTAL CAMP AT MACAULAY POINT

## RECORD PARADE OF THE FIFTH YESTERDAY

### Sergeant Harrap's Team Won Tent Pitching Competition—Work Will be Enlivened With Entertainment

(From Monday's Daily.)

The annual regimental camp is in progress. Yesterday morning the Fifth Regiment, two houndred and eighty-four strong, paraded to Macaulay Point. The scene as the corps passed through the principal streets of the city marching in perfect time to martial selections rendered by the regimental band, assisted at intervals by the buglers, was very impressive, and certainly a credit, not only to the commanding officer and staff, but to every man in the six companies. Lt.-Col. Hall, Major Hooper and Adjutant McConnan were on horses. The rank and file wore the ordinary serge with helmets, besides carrying forage caps, great coats, haversacks and rifles. On arriving at the point tents were pitched in short order, blankets distributed and lunch served, after which members were free for the afternoon.

It was shortly after 10 o'clock that the fall-in sounded and members of the respective companies took their places. The roll call showed No. 1 company leading in respect to numbers being only one man short of the full strength. No. 4 company was a close second and, a somewhat significant fact, there was an exceptionally large number on parade for No. 5 company under Capt. Ridgway Wilson, who has recently been dealing in an effective manner with those not attending parades regularly.

When the extent of the turnout was announced Lt.-Col. Hall called the regiment to order and made a few remarks. He complimented No. 1 company upon the excellence of its parade and briefly mentioned the creditable attendance of No. 4 members. The parade state, he said, showed a total of 284, the largest parade of the Fifth Regiment since its inception. Of course this was very gratifying to all the officers, and should be just as much so to the men. He then spoke of the camp arrangements, reminding everyone that while at Macaulay Point members would be under the same rules that govern the regulars at Work Point garrison. And, what was more, they would be enforced as stringently. To obtain leave for any night during the week an application would have to be submitted to the company officer who would recommend to the C. O. that it be granted or otherwise according to his judgment. If refused it would be because of an insufficient excuse, and in such a case the man concerned would have to attend the evening parade. He then outlined the routine, explaining that details from No. 3 and 4 would go into the fort and practice on the six-inch guns on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while Nos. 5 and 6 would take charge on Tuesday and Thursday. This would be alternated during the following week. Members of Nos. 1 and 2 companies would engage in field gun practice and infantry drill.

At the order "march," the militia filed out of the drill hall and swung down Menzies street, across the James Bay causeway and along Government street, down Johnson and over the E. & N. bridge to the Esquimalt road, thence to the camping ground.

A considerable number had gathered there to witness the tent pitching competition. When the different companies lined up the sight was most pleasing. In the background were the officers', sergeants' and other mess tents already erected, with flags flying. These, combined with the red and blue soldiers' uniforms and the gold braid forming a part of the officers dress, made a very pretty effect.

It took some time to prepare for the tent pitching contest, but once the teams, five men in each, were selected it wasn't long before the spot was dotted with white military tents. Corpt. Harrop and four members of No. 5 were the first to complete the undertaking and were awarded the $5 prize without delay.

Some time was then consumed in distributing blankets and rubber sheets, the allowance being increased from two to three blankets per man. The issuance of these was somewhat tedious. Then the bugle sounded, and everybody made a rush for the marquee, in which it was reported lunch would be served. But the men were stopped before reaching there, and told that as there wasn't sufficient accommodation for all, each company would enter in its turn—the privilege of being first to partake of refreshment being decided by drawing lots. No. 5 proved lucky, and rushed "to the lunch house door," signifying their delight over the disappointment, plainly discernible upon their countenances of members of other companies, by hilarious cheers. But they weren't so enthusiastic when leaving the tent ten or fifteen minutes later. Briefly the lunch was a failure, and so was the supper. This is describing it moderately. The caterer was decidedly off color, and, it is understood, the officer's told him so. At any rate Lieut.-Col Hall this morning called upon Lawrence Goodacre, who is bondsman, to the extent of $500 for Caterer Jamieson's ability to fulfil his contract, and the probability is that a change will be effected to-day.

While the militia will be kept pretty hard at work through the fortnight's camp there will be sports and frequent periods of recreation. For instance, on Wednesday evening there is to be a band concert, while a tug-of-war contest will take place at irregular intervals during the week between teams from the different companies in order that the final may take place in connection with Saturday sports. A committee consisting of Regimental Sergt.-Major McDougal, Sergts. Spurrier and Butler and Corp. Major has been appointed to arrange and supervise the sports. It has been decided that all entries shall close on Thursday evening, June 15th, and the names of all who intend competing in any of the events must be submitted to Corp. Major, secretary of the committee mentioned, before that date. Appended is the programme arranged:

1. Gun competition.
2. Bumping contest.
3. 100 yards race.
4. Tent race.
5. Officers' race (lady nominators).

Band selections during short interval.

6. Quarter mile race.
7. Reverse race.
8. Shot putting.
9. V. C. race.
10. Balaclava race.
11. Tug-of-war.

Judges—Col. J. G. Holmes, Lt.-Col. F. B. Gregory, Lt.-Col. A. W. Jones, Capt. A. W. Currie.

Timekeepers—Sergt. Spurrier, Sergt. Butler.

Starter—Corp. Major.

There will be a musical programme by the band during the afternoon, and a large crowd of spectators is expected.

Altogether the marching into camp, always a tedious undertaking, was conducted this year very satisfactorily. One feature deserving of mention is the good feeling evidenced between most of the officers and members of the companies. In order to make the militia prosperous this should be cultivated. It is questionable, however, if the policy which seems to have been adopted by some of the officers will prove effective. No objection is found with them for prosecuting those failing to attend to their duties, but the efficiency of lecturing the companies as a whole before having transgressed any of the generally understood regulations is doubtful. Members of the militia are not usually a lot of unruly boys. They are men of ordinary intelligence at least, and understand the necessity of the rules being enforced without the "stimulus" of threats of arrest, and other dire calamities in the event of disobedience. Let both officers and men exhibit the proper interest in the regiment, and its future and the result will be gratifying to all concerned.

## ADDRESS FOR CZAR.

### All-Russia Zemstvo Congress Calls For Convocation of National Assembly.

St. Petersburg, June 9.—The voice of the delegates of the municipalities, demanding in no uncertain tone the immediate convocation of a national assembly to pass upon the question of peace or war, to heal internal strife, and to unite the people for the rejuvenation of Russia, will be heard in the address adopted by the all-Russian Zemstvo congress at Moscow, which a deputation, headed by Count Hayden and M. Shipoff, is bringing to present to the Emperor. The document bids fair to become historic. The customary phrases of respect at the opening and closing are omitted, and it is otherwise unceremonious, employing the direct personal pronoun.

The address arraigns the bureaucracy and reminds the Emperor that his pledge to convoke a national assembly is slow of fulfilment. It says the country is on the verge of civil war and even ventures to criticize a royal measure, contrasting the increase of the police power by the ukase issued Sunday with a weakening of the administrative process which the country has been led to expect.

The addres urges the summoning of a national assembly that the war may become national or cease, and concludes with a solemn reminder of the sovereign's duty to God and the fatherland, and a prayer for action before it is too late.

## WILL BE DISARMED.

### The Czar Orders Three Cruisers to Remain at Manila.

Manila, June 8.—Rear-Admiral Enquist received at 1 o'clock this morning the following cable dispatch from St. Petersburg:

"Remain at Manila at the disposition of the American government. Effect repairs as much as possible. (Signed) Nicholas."

Governor-General White has requested Rear-Admiral Train to arrange for the disposition of the Russian warships and their officers and crews.

In the matter of disarmament of the Russian warships here, Rear-Admiral Train probably will take the breechlocks from the guns and disconnect their engines. The Russian officers will be paroled within the limits of the islands, while the crews of the vessels will be paroled within the city limits.

**A Brief Report.**

St. Petersburg, June 8.—The government has received a telegraphic report from Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, dated at Tokio, June 6th, in which the admiral tells of the battle in the Sea of Japan briefly.

## NEW MODERATOR.

### Rev. Dr. Armstrong Unanimously Elected at Meeting of the General Assembly.

Kingston, Ont., June 8.—The thirty-first general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada began its sessions in Grant Memorial Hall, Queen's University, last night with divine service, conducted by Rev. Dr. Milligan, Toronto, moderator, on the theme of "The Word of God." The election of the new moderator resulted in the choice being Rev. Wm. Armstrong, D. D., of Ottawa. Dr. Armstrong was the only nominee.

At this morning's session fifteen applications for admission to the church were sent to committee for advisement; two of the applications, Madills, of Westminster Presbytery, did not reach the assembly in the regular way, and the committee was ordered to calmly consider what might be a precedent.

## LASH FOR WIFE BEATER.

### Portland Man Tied to Door and Whipped by Jailer.

Bellingham, Wash., June 8.—Dispatches from Portland tell of the first enforcement yesterday of the whipping post law for wife-beating adopted by the state of Oregon last winter. Careless McGinty, sentenced to twenty lashes, was stripped to the waist, manacled, and with hands tied to door, was whipped by Jailer Grafton, of Portland, a powerful man, under the supervision of Assistant County Physician McCormack. The convicted man had brutally beaten his frail wife.

# PROVINCIAL NEWS.

## VANCOUVER.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Forrest were presented by the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the other evening with a silver tea service, appropriately engraved. There was a representative attendance of different departments of the church, and Rev. R. J. Wilson occupied the chair. The presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest in recognition of ten years' faithful service in the choir and the church. Mr. Forrest left for the Old Country on Thursday to shoot on the Canadian team at Bisley, and Mrs. Forrest accompanied him.

## NEW WESTMINSTER.

While no official announcement has yet been made, it appears altogether probable that the fishermen will accept the price fixed for salmon on the Fraser river this year. Several members of the Fishermen's Union were asked regarding the matter and all expressed the opinion, unofficially, that the rate will be agreed to without delay. The fishermen will have a meeting here, when the question will be dealt with.

## NELSON.

From reports from the Slocan it is learned that the C. P. R. is at present engaged in overhauling and greatly improving their track from Slocan Junction to Slocan City and from Rosebery to Nakusp, says the News. The people of Slocan hope that this work means that the company intends to greatly shorten the time of running between Nelson and Revelstoke.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Mountain Lumber Manufacturing Association, F. W. Jones, of Golden, president, occupied the chair. W. F. Gurd, of Cranbrook, secretary, and W. C. Wells, M. L. A., Palliser; A. Leitch, Cranbrook; A. F. Dudgeon, Revelstoke; W. B. Armstrong, Arrowhead; J. Genelle and J. A. Dewar, of this city, were among those present. Two delegates from the Coast Association, P. D. Roe, Port Moody, and James A. McNair, Vancouver, were also present. A great deal of routine business was transacted and the secretary's report on the finances and the insurance branch were considered at length and found to be satisfactory. The time of the meeting was largely taken up in discussing trade conditions and it was the unanimous opinion that there was no present necessity of cutting prices.

## YMIR.

Conrad Wolfe, manager of the Foghorn mine, has been sinking on his surface showings. At a depth of 35 feet, four feet of solid sulphide ore was encountered assaying $40 to the ton.

J. D. Anderson, provincial land surveyor of Trail, is surveying Beaver creek to find out if it is practical to get water from that creek on to 1,000 acres of land owned by the Sayward estate in the vicinity of Sayward, this land being under option to Smith Curtis of Rossland, who has transferred the same to some Rossland men, headed by Hunter Bros.

The Ymir Association Football Club has been organized with Miles McInnes, president; Maurice Van de Bogart, captain; E. S. Cody, secretary-treasurer. The club is now open to play the clubs of the Kootenay.

## GRAND FORKS.

A miner from Franklin camp says that an exceedingly rich strike has just been made on the Alpha claim in that camp. It appears that the actual ore body now visible is 92 feet wide. The property is owned by H. McLaren of Carson, and is located in the immediate vicinity of the McKinley mine.

W. H. Brooks has leased for five years the fruit ranch owned by Max Kurtz, situated some short distance up the north fork.

## ROSSLAND.

The announcement is made that the Spitzee is to be made into an assessable company at its forthcoming meeting, which is to be held shortly. The shares are to be made assessable to the extent of $100,000, and on the first call $30,000 is to be raised. The management of the Spitzee feels that the results so far achieved have been satisfactory, when it is considered that the work has been carried out at great disadvantage, owing to the smallness and lack of completeness of the plant and the need of funds to push on the work as it should be. What the mine needs is to have the main shaft extended from the 200-foot level down to the 1,000-foot level, a larger compressor plant and hoisting machinery of larger capacity. The management feel that as the mine has proved itself to be good down to the 200-foot level, more capital is now needed to carry on the development on a scale commensurate with its merits. With $100,000, or whatever portion of it may be needed, it is confidently expected that the Spitzee can be placed in a short time on a profitable basis.

A cable has been received from the head office of the Velvet-Portland in London announcing that work on these mines will be resumed as soon as possible. The local management does not know how soon this will be, but anticipated that it will not be long now before the mines and mill of the company will be in full operation.

It is announced that the contract of the St. Eugene Mining Company with the smelter at Antwerp, Belgium, will expire on June 30th, and that after that date the ore concentrates of the St. Eugene will be shipped to the smelters at Trail and Nelson. The tonnage from the St. Eugene, together with that from the other mines of the district, should be sufficient to keep the smelters busy.

The shipments for the week ending Saturday night were: Le Roi, 2,125 tons; Centre Star, 1,800 tons; War Eagle, 1,050 tons; Jumbo, 100 tons; Spitzee, 90 tons; total for the week, 5,225 tons, and for the year, 151,734 tons.

The St. Eugene will declare a dividend of $70,000, or two cents a share on July 1st.

Colonel G. M. King, of the Hotel Allan, and Frederick Schofield, ex-registrar of the Supreme court, had a narrow escape from death last Monday afternoon. They were walking in the long cut just beyond the Black Bear ground, where Mr. Paulson was killed about a year since. The passenger train had gone by toward the Red Mountain depot, and the two pedestrians thought the road would be clear for the time being. Suddenly Mr. Schofield heard a slight noise behind him and looking over his shoulder he saw an engine not over 50 feet away and coming like the wind. "My God, we must run for our lives," he cried to Mr. King. They were 20 feet in the cut and had to run that far to get out of the way of the oncoming engine. Mr. Schofield jumped forward and missed his footing and would have fallen directly in front of the locomotive and been ground to death had not Mr. King caught him by the shoulder and prevented him from falling. On they ran and the engine kept getting closer and closer. When they got to where they could get off the track the cow-catcher was not a foot away from them. Mr. Schofield made a final jump out of the way and with such force that he fell and rolled over and over, and was on the point of falling several feet when Mr. King caught him and saved him.

W. W. Guernsey, engineer in charge of the work of surveying the route of the pole line for the West Kootenay Power & Light Company from Rossland to Phoenix, will immediately resume operations. Four camps will at once be established along the route, and when the work gets in full swing there will be employment for about 200 men. The work will be continued during the next six or seven months.

## KAMLOOPS.

The death occurred on the steamer Ethel Ross, at Annis, on Monday last, of Frank Fulton, engineer of the boat. The deceased was over 60 years of age and had served on the steamer off and on for the past three years. Last fall his health was not good and he went to Idaho to engage in farming but returned here this spring, taking his old job on the boat. An inquest was held and on Wednesday the body was brought to Kamloops for interment, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. Dr. Osterhout. By a strange coincidence almost exactly a year ago a man named Campbell died on the same boat, at the same place and apparently of the same trouble, hemorrhage of the lungs.

## BREAK IN CANAL.

### Banks Washed Out, Lands Flooded and Many Boats Stranded.

Fort Edward, N. Y., June 8.—The whole Champlain canal will be tied for at least two weeks, and a large outlay of money will be required to repair damages as a result of breaks in the canal here and at Moseskill during the night. At this place the east and west banks of the river were washed out, the viaduct which conveys water from East Creek under the canal was seriously damaged, and a hole 150 feet long and extending 20 feet below the level of the canal was torn in the embankment. All the water in the canal on the five-mile level ran out flooding lands in the vicinity, destroying tow paths and stranding many canal boats. The damage caused by the leak at Mosekill was of a similar nature, but not so extensive as here.

## JOCKEY EXONERATED.

### Hildebrand Will, It is Understood, Be Allowed to Resume Riding.

New York, May 8.—Jockey Eugene Hildebrand, who established last season a new record for winning mounts, will be allowed, it is understood, to resume riding when the meeting at Sheepshead Bay opens, week from to-day. Hildebrand was suspended recently for the remainder of the unavesend meeting by the Stewards presiding, because of his handling of H. P. Whitney's Duenna in a race won by a heavily backed filly named Last Cherry. The investigation was followed by a reference of the case to the Jockey Club, and it is now understood that the lad has been practically exonerated of any wrong-doing. He claimed at the time that one of his stirrups broke, preventing him from riding out the Whitley filly.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

### Presbyterians Consider the College and Trustees' Reports.

Kingston, Ont., June 9.—The Presbyterian General Assembly spent much of its time yesterday afternoon in considering college reports. The speakers all urged the strengthening of the halls of learning. It was decided that Canada could not have too many of these logical institutions. Principal Patrick called for vigorous help for the Montreal Presbyterian College, declaring that Protestantism has to stand strong in that city. Remove Montreal College, he said, and Presbyterianism would lose ground not only in that city, but throughout the Dominion.

Home mision work was the theme of the evening gathering.

At this morning's session the report of the trustees was presented. The receipts for schemes of the church were greater than for many preceding years, and amount to nearly half a million dollars. The report recommended further efforts on the part of the churches toward systematic giving, which would largely increase the givings. It also recommended that Rev. Dr. Warden, who has been seriously ill, be granted leave of absence, and that his son, Alexander Warden, be appointed deputy agent and treasurer. The report was adopted.


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