NICHOLS RESIGNED FIRST DAY.

he Big Furnace at the Hall Mines Smelter Refused to Work.

Nelson, Sept. 4.—Up around the big Hall nes smelter things have appeared a little xed since the resignation of Paul John- n. Everybody wanted to know who the w superintendent was to be. The first the week the European directors who d come over to see about it appointed S. Nichols, of Swansea, England, as perintendent, and glowing accounts of skill were heard. He assumed charge morning of the first. In the evening resigned. The big furnace had frozen, ring, it was said, to a lack of lime rock. r. Nichols said he was too ill to superin- d the flux personally. Yesterday Robert adley, of this city, formerly of the Pilot y smelter, took charge and now the for- ce is in full blast. A permanent super- endent is to come from London, Eng- d, it is said.

SLOCAN STAR MINE.

e of the Greatest Properties of British Columbia.

Sandon, Sept. 1.—The Slocan Star, owned the Byron N. White Mining and Milling mpany, of San Francisco, is well named. It is indeed a star among the great nes of Canada. The original discovery crop occurs on Sandon creek at an ele- tion of 2,000 feet above Sandon, the ex- sure measuring 16 feet of clear ore be- een country slate and porphyry. A little ow the present site of No. 5 tunnel a alder of pure galena was found weigh- 125 tons, which was sold for $2,000, n for $5,000, and it is said that the al purchaser bought it for $7,000. This ecimen assayed about 85 ounces in silver l 75 per cent. lead. In the various ex- ations that it has been necessary to ke in the construction of roads, tram- ys and buildings on the slope below the crop, there has been a constant occur- ce of boulders of similar quality, vary- g in weight from a few hundred pounds a ton. The location of Sandon creek is h that the already constructed flume l serve, when the timber has been re- ved, to hydraulic all this ground with bable large results, as the same thing s successfully done at the Wonderful, tch is about a mile west of Sandon, ugh the object of hydraulicking at the nderful was to try to find the vein. he capital stock of the company is 0,000, and it has paid in dividends dur- the last four years $250,000. Its shares selling to-day at five times their par ue, and although it is but little more n two months since a dividend was de- red, another of $50,000 is expected early month. The officers of the company President, J. Hoyt Smith, Milwaukee; president, Byron N. White, Spokane; asurer, Angus Smith, Milwaukee; man- r, Bruce White, Sandon; superintendent, ar White, Sandon.

IPPED TO SWANSEA AGAIN.

ason Smelter Sent 50 Tons of Blister Copper to England.

Nelson, Sept. 4.—The Hall Mines elter yesterday cleared through the stom house at this port a shipment of tons of blister copper, consigned to refinery works at Swansea, Wales. The matte shipments for last week re as follows: Trail smelter, matte, ½ tons; Hall Mines, Nelson, matte, 5½ tons; total value, $100,283.09. t is said that the Lucky Jim in Kaslo trict, has $100,000 worth of concen- ting ore blocked out. nother rich strike is reported from out Lake City, on a hill to the right of oken Hill. It is reported that assays m the lead run over 600 ounces in er.

A THUMPING HEART

Only One Sensation in Heart Disease—Maybe It's Yours—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Never Fails to Give Relief Inside of 30 Minutes.

I am glad I used Dr. Agnew's Cure the Heart. The remedy is a wonder- rker. My case was chronic, having d much uneasiness about the heart, h palpitation more or less severe since was a boy. I had abnormal action, mping, fluttering and choking sensa- ns. I tried many remedies, but with- any benefit. After using five bottles the distressing symptoms left me." v. L. W. Showers, Elderton, Pa.

THE BEDLINGTON RAILWAY.

uld Connect Kootenay Lake With a Branch of the Great Northern.

Kaslo, Sept. 4.—George A. Keefer, f engineer of the Nelson & Bedling- railway, and T. A. Nation, son of principal promoter of the scheme, e here Wednesday night. Mr. Keef- was asked concerning the report that lding operations are to begin at once. did not care to talk, preferring to Mr. Nation, Sr., who will be here in hort time, do the talking. The Nel- & Bedlington will be built by a don company, which is ready to go ad the moment the Great Northern rts on the other end, if it has not al- dy made a beginning, as reported, m Bonner's Ferry. The surveys ve all been completed and the line s ready for the graders some time

lready little patches of snow have ppeared on the mountains opposite slo. From five to ten inches of snow at some of the higher mines early week.

Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney visited slo on Thursday. The governor was e on purely private business, and uld not talk on the subject of poli- s or provincial affairs. On his retire- nt next November, Governor Dewd- expects to spend much of his time Kootenay, as he has some valuable ning interests here.

. A. Scowden, mining engineer of ndon, England, has taken up his adquarters at Kaslo. He represents ndon people, for whom he will thor- ghly investigate our resources.

Word reached here last night that two rkmen on the South Fork wagon d had made a valuable find of galena a large and well defined ledge. It s exposed by the grade of the road. ey are said to have a considerable antity of ore, and it has every ap- arance of being good grade. The rkmen located the ground. Several her finds are reported from that sec- n.

The ore shipped from Kaslo last onth amounted to 3,894 tons.

Tacoma, Sept. 8.—The News says to- ght that the latest political rumor is at Hon. John Costigan will enter pro- ncial politics in the province of New runswick.

THEY ARE IN FOR A FAMINE.

There Is Plenty of Money at Dawson City, but Provisions Cannot Be Bought.

Steamer Weare Is Aground—Her Passengers and Treasure Taken to St. Michaels.

Fifty Men Said To Have Died of Scurvy—Many Idle Men at Dawson.

Eureka, Cal., Sept. 8.—The news by the steamer National City from St. Michaels corroborates all that has been said of the prospects of short rations in the gold diggings of the upper river during the winter. The steamer, which connected with the river steamer J. J. Healy at the mouth of the river, brought three passengers.

One of these is J. A. Ralston, of 214 McAllister street, San Francisco. He says there is gold, and lots of it, in the Clondyke, but it is generally still in the ground. It is believed that the claims now located would turn out 50 tons of gold this winter if the scarcity of food did not prevent full operation. He gives a rough guess that the Clondyke is good for $250,000,000 before petering out.

Six thousand men in the mines about Dawson City is the estimate of Ralston, who came down on the National City with F. E. Leonard, of Nanaimo, B. C., and R. B. Lamb, of Portland, Ore. The supply of the necessities of life to feed these men, he says, is totally insufficient. In fact, he estimates that the stores will be exhausted before winter is half over, when the famine will be on in earnest, especially as the number of men in the country will be greatly augmented by the later arrivals over the passes.

There is whiskey, beer, and all kinds of liquor in profusion, he says, but their places could have been better filled on the steamers with flour.

It is not that the men in the country have not the money to buy supplies, but that the stocks of the stores are inadequate.

Ralston says that one of the best claims on the Eldorado is the property of James Hall, of Missouri. It will turn out at least $1,000,000. Claim No. 12, on Eldorado, is also very rich. It is no uncommon thing to take out two ounces to the pan from any part of the claim.

What wealth is coming on by the steamer Excelsior cannot be estimated. Those of the passengers of the Healy who came to St. Michaels were very reticent as to their store of dust.

With the exception of Ralston and his companions, all the passengers of the Healy took passage on the Excelsior. That vessel left St. Michaels the night of August 26 with 80 passengers. She was put into Oonalaska for coal, and Captain Anderson, of the National City, is of the opinion that the Excelsior should arrive at San Francisco to-day. When the National City left St. Michaels the steamer Cleveland was taking in ballast, and expected to sail for Puget Sound ports on August 30. Many of the passengers who had tickets for the Cleveland took passage on the Excelsior.

On the way down the river from Dawson City, which place the steamer Healy left August 14, the steamer Weare was found hard and fast on a bar. She was passed on the 16th, being then about 1,200 miles from the mouth of the river. The boat had been on the bar for 20 days, and the Healy laid alongside, took off her passengers and some of the freight, and then proceeded on her way, leaving the unfortunate boat hard and fast aground, with small chances of getting off before the river closes.

F. E. Leonard says that the Weare had on board 150 passengers and about $1,500,000 in treasure. This was transferred to the Healy and taken to St. Michaels. A considerable amount of this will arrive in San Francisco on the Excelsior.

When asked why he returned Leonard said:

"I found I had to get out or starve. There are about 4,000 men in Dawson, and not more than a third of them have work. If you have not a stock of grub you can't get work at any price. I had provisions for three months, and no one wanted me. I had not enough to work my own claim until spring, so I sold my stock at a good figure, and will wait until spring. Jim Dunsmuir, the Eldorado king, has had $30,000 worth of provisions ordered for some months, but he has not been able to obtain more than a fifth of it, even with the cash put up in advance."

Those coming out, however, did not bring all of their clean-ups with them. Leonard recites numerous instances of men who had cleaned up from $50,000 to $100,000, but had not taken away barely a third of that. The men say that they made nothing themselves, except as wages at $15 a day for a month or so.

F. Lamb, of Portland, is authority for the statement that over 50 men have already died of scurvy this summer.

In regard to the discoveries on Stewart river Ralston says that there were many rumors of rich strikes, but up to the time he left Dawson nothing definite had been received. The National City made the trip in eleven days from St. Michaels, where she left sixty-five eager gold seekers. It is very doubtful whether any of the passengers who went up on the National City will get through this year.

The small boat which some of the passengers had taken up on the deck of the steamer has proved a disappointment. Her machinery has gone wrong and she draws too much water. There is enough provisions in the party, however, to winter it out, and proceed up the river when spring comes.

The Cleveland was expected to sail on the day after the National City's departure. The Excelsior left St. Michaels 12 hours before the National City.

Captain Anderson reports that on August 28 he passed the steamer Humboldt, but did not speak her, and that she, in all probability, arrived at St. Michaels the following day.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

McGill Graduates Mad—Knapp's Roller Boat—Fast Atlantic Service.

Montreal, Sept. 8.—There is great indignant feeling among the graduates of McGill over the appointment of a Scotchman, F. B. Walton, a graduate of Cambridge, to the position of dean of the faculty of law. A meeting was held to consider the matter. The call circular spoke of the question of legal education and the desirability of immediately establishing a new law school in Montreal. About forty were present and a motion that the appointment of Walton was a slight upon law graduates of McGill was hotly discussed and definitely withdrawn, as it would prejudice the case without any evidence as to Walton's fitness.

Montreal, Sept. 8.—The Star states that Peterson, Tate & Co. have given up their contract for the fast Atlantic service, and that it has been taken over by Gray, Dawes & Co., of London, and intimates that the Marquis of Lorne may be one of the directors.

Winnipeg, Sept. 8.—Peter Gauthier, a farmer of Ste. Agathe, claims he has been cured of a cancer by a Manitoba Mennonite woman, who possessed a secret remedy. He consulted the woman as a last resort, having been given up by city medical men.

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—Father St. John, secretary to the Lord Douglas Colonization Society, has returned to Ottawa after locating a number of boys on the society's lands in the Dauphin district, Manitoba. He says the intention of the society is to bring out girls also from the Old Country. Father St. John left for Montreal to arrange for a receiving home for the children upon their arrival.

Montreal, Sept. 8.—The largest sale of sole leather ever made in Canada was made by Shaw, Cassils & Co. to-day to James McCready. The transaction involved a transfer of 98,900 hides for a consideration of about $75,000.

Winnipeg, Sept. 8.—Archbishop Langevin, of St. Boniface, was taken suddenly ill several days ago and is now confined to St. Boniface Hospital. He is somewhat better to-day. No serious consequences are expected.

DEADLY YELLOW FEVER.

Physicians Fighting the Dreaded Disease at Ocean Springs.

New Orleans, Sept. 9.—A bulletin from Ocean Springs, Miss., says: "One death this morning. All the physicians in town, including the marine hospital experts, are now holding an autopsy."

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—Dr. Quiteras, the yellow fever expert, telegraphs from Ocean Springs to Surgeon-General Wyman as follows: "Have seen to-day twenty-five cases of dangue. Will withhold an opinion about three other cases. Thirty-eight sick in town. Three new cases."

New Orleans, Sept. 9.—Seymour died at 1 o'clock this morning at Ocean Springs, of the prevailing fever. Dr. Salomon's report as to the existence of two cases of yellow fever at Scranton is considered reliable. Dr. Salomon says the fever is Yellow Jack, but of a mild type.

New Orleans, Sept. 8.—The Louisiana state board of health is to-day in full control of the situation. Perfect arrangements have been made for prompt report of yellow fever or suspicious cases. Up to 10 o'clock to-day there has not been a single report to the board and the authorities frankly declare no more symptoms of a virulent type will be reported.

No advices have been received of the appearance of further cases at Biloxi in the immediate vicinity of Point Cadet. Biloxi and Ocean Springs are in need of supplies and are appealing to the railroad company to promptly arrange for the sending to them of needed provisions.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Surgeon-General Wyman says the yellow fever situation looks decidedly hopeful to-day. No new cases have been officially reported to him, although there are newspaper reports of three new cases at Biloxi. He has wired Dr. W. J. Lemon at Biloxi concerning this report.

FORT STEELE BOARD OF TRADE.

A Valuable Business Institution Successfully Organized.

At a meeting held last night the organization of the Fort Steele Board of Trade was completed and the necessary papers for registration have been duly executed and forwarded to the secretary of state at Ottawa. The district over which the operation of the association will have range is the Fort Steele Mining Division, stretching from a line drawn east and west through Canal Flat to the confines of East Kootenay and south to the international boundary line.

At last night's meeting J. A. Harvey was elected chairman and Wm. Baillie secretary. On motion of T. Ede, seconded by Dr. Watt, the association was named the Fort Steele Board of Trade, with the boundaries coterminous with the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay.

A letter from H. Bostock states that a postoffice is to be opened at Wardner, and another letter from the postoffice authorities at Washington, D.C., says that instructions have been issued directing the clerks performing service on the Great Northern railway to put off at Jennings, Montana, all mails for Wardner, the mails to be forwarded from Jennings, Montana, by the International Transportation Company's line of steamers.

During the week C. F. Venosta, townsite agent, has been kept busy with many enquiries after Fort Steele real estate. Among the residential parcels that he disposed of were half-acre lots to J. Wolf, R. Lawrence, J. Ratier, A. Chisholm and Jos. Taenhauser. All these purchasers propose erecting dwellings on their lots this fall, and two or three of the buildings will be quite handsome structures.—Fort Steele Prospector.

A FATAL FROLIC.

Six Reckless Young Men Drowned in Lake St. Clair.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 9.—Six young men were drowned in a yacht near Windmill Point, Lake St. Clair, yesterday afternoon. A party of ten chartered the yacht Bluebird and were up the lake on a sail. When near the mouth of Fox creek, and nearly opposite Windmill Point, three of the party climbed out on the bowsprit and commenced to rock the craft. Others, being heavily ballasted, lurched over and capsized, going to the bottom.

THE FINANCES WELL HANDLED

Remarkably Good Showing Made by Dominion Under Management of the Liberals.

Financial Statement for Fiscal Year Ending on the Thirtieth of June Last.

Ottawa, Sept. 9.—The financial statement of the Dominion for the fiscal year ending June 30th last has been prepared by the finance department and will appear in the next issue of the Canada Gazette. When the present government came into power in 1896 there was a month and a half of the fiscal year gone, so that for the balance, ten and a half months, the Liberal administration had charge. In the finances for the fiscal year of 1896-97, Mr. Foster estimated expenditures at $41,500,000. This was made up of $28,300,000, which was brought down to parliament, and $3,180,000 which was not brought down, but which were printed and prepared to be submitted to the house. The total expenditure for the year has been about what Foster anticipated, or exactly $38,335,000, while the revenue was $37,809,347, leaving a deficit of $525,000. This is what Mr. Fielding said it would be when delivering his budget speech last session. Mr. Foster, however, discredited this statement, and said it would be about $2,000,000.

It will also be remembered that Mr. Fielding said in his speech that the present government would have to get rid of the obligations of their predecessors before they would be able to cut down expenditures to what they ought to be.

The receipts on account of the consolidated fund were as follows:

	1896.	1897.
Customs	$19,833,279	$19,478,236
Excise	7,926,005	9,176,765
Post office	2,964,012	3,226,462
Public W. & Rys.	3,504,264	3,570,771
Miscellaneous	2,301,025	2,363,291
Totals	$36,615,590	$37,809,347
Expenditure	$36,949,142	$38,335,086
Deficit	$ 330,550	$ 525,737

Expenditure on ordinary account and the addition of debt for the past four years has been:

	Expenditure.	Increase of debt.
1897	$38,335,000	$2,794,000
1896	36,949,000	5,422,000
1895	38,132,000	6,801,000
1894	37,585,000	4,501,000

The expenditure on capital account for the year ending June 30th, 1897, was $3,705,611, the chief items being: Public works, railways and canals, $2,202,369 in 1896, and $2,479,986 in 1897.

	1896.	1897.
Railway subsidies	$834,745	$384,955
Militia	1,000,000	745,093
Dominion lands	82,000	91,000

The net debt on June 30th, 1897, was $261,291, an increase of $2,794. Liability for Dominion notes increased from $20,372 in 1896 to $22,318 in 1897. The assets of the Dominion increased from $67,220,000 to $71,097,000.

There have now been deficits in the Dominion finances for four years as follows: 1894, $1,210,000; 1895, $4,153,000; 1896, $330,000; 1897, $525,000.

It will be generally conceded that under the circumstances good management has been shown in handling the finances.

W. J. Barrett, an accountant at the postoffice department, died this afternoon after a few days' illness. He was 53 years of age, was appointed in 1874 and drew a salary of $1,800.

FAMOUS SECTION 22.

Congressmen Profess Ignorance of the Much-Talked-Of Amendment.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 9.—The Herald prints letters from twenty members of the fifty-fifth congress, representing almost as many states, in reply to a circular sent out to secure facts in regard to the passage of the famous section 22 of the Dingley tariff bill. With one exception the writers professed ignorance of the amendment to section 22.

GILLIES LAND DOES NOT EXIST.

London, Sept. 8.—There is no such region as Gillies Land within the Arctic circle. What was supposed to be an unexplored mass of country is but a vast number of islands, many of them merely mountainous ice peaks.

This is the most important information from the frozen north brought by the Jackson Harmsworth expedition. The expedition arrived recently on the steamer Windward, after having spent three winters near Cape Flora, Franz Josef Land.

The hardy explorers also doubt that King Oscar Land and Petermann Land exist. They say there is little land north of Franz Josef Land.

These alterations in the map render the prospect of reaching the North Pole more than doubtful, as the returned explorers are more than satisfied there is no land north of 82 degrees.

He (meeting his last year's girl at the seaside)—You haven't changed much since we parted here last year.

She (blushingly)—Only my name.—New York Journal.

"Our janitor was sick all summer."

"What was the matter?"

"It prostrated him to see us getting all the hot air we wanted without appealing to him."—Chicago Record.

The Boy Got a Raise.—"See here, my boy, you mustn't hum at your work."

"Why, sir, you wouldn't check the hum of revived industry, would you?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

NEW POSITION FOR FITZSTUBBS

Warden of the Nelson Jail, With a Salary of $1,200.

Nelson, B.C., Aug. 15.—At last the residents near block 49, which had been selected as the site for the new provincial jail, can draw a sigh of relief. Their protests have been heeded, and the Hon. G. B. Martin to the contrary notwithstanding, the new jail will not be located in the heart of the residence district. The foundations are being put in on Ward street, next to the old jail. The jail will be an extensive one, to cost $14,000, and will be completed as soon as possible. Captain Napoleon Fitzstubbs has been appointed warden of the new jail, and his salary will be $100 per month, dating from August 19.

KNOCKED AT A PRISON DOOR

George Kallo Confesses Crime and Voluntarily Surrenders Himself to Nanaimo Police.

Says He Killed an Italian Named Rocco in a Saloon in Newcastle City, Colorado.

Nanaimo, Sept. 9.—Yesterday while Mr. J. H. Simpson, police magistrate, was sitting in his chair with half closed eyes, and dreaming over the future productions of the Consolidated Alberni, his day dream was broken by a soft foreign voice bidding him the time of day. On looking up he saw a young man, apparently about 30 years of age, who inquired if he was a magistrate. On replying in the affirmative, the visitor stated that his name was George Kallo, and that he wished to give himself up for the shooting of another Italian named Rocco, in a saloon in Newcastle City, Colorado, some fifteen months ago.

He stated that he and the deceased had a quarrel, during which he shot the other Italian in self-defence. Immediately after the shooting he (Kallo) made his escape to Salt Lake, and from there to Butte, Montana. He was tracked by United States marshals to both these places. He finally escaped to Alaska, and from there he made his way to Wellington.

He now wished to give himself up, as he knew he would be arrested sooner or later.

Mr. Simpson called the chief of police, who conveyed George Gallo to jail to await the action of the American authorities, who have been communicated with.

In reply to a question Kallo said to your correspondent: "The shooting took place in this way. I was in Fisco's saloon in Newcastle City, Colorado. I got drunk and fell asleep. When I awoke there were three men in the saloon, and I missed my purse out of my pocket. I accused deceased of taking it and he drew a long knife and rushed at me, saying he would "do me up." I knew or felt that my life was in danger, and drew my revolver and shot him. I left the saloon at once to go home, but hearing that Rocco died a short time after I shot him, I left immediately for Salt Lake City, and have been on the move ever since, as United States marshals were after me."

Chief Crossan had warned him previous to his statement that he did not wish to hear from him, but that if he did speak, whatever he said would be taken as evidence against him.

The prisoner then said: "Oh, I wish to tell everything, but I want to be tried for this and either get off clear or be punished. What I did I did in self-defence."

Chief Crossan is momentarily expecting a telegram from the authorities of Newcastle City.

Kallo was taken before Magistrate Simpson to-day at 10 o'clock and remanded for a week.

—Mr. J. D. Prentice, ex-M.P.P. for Lillooet, was married at Christ Church Cathedral yesterday to Miss Mabel Clare, daughter of Thomas Dixon Galpin. Rev. Canon Beanlands officiated.

—The Fifth Regiment picnic to Sidney on Saturday next gives promise of much amusement to those attending. They have erected a large tent on the grounds and here all they that are hungered may come and be fed and they also that are athirst may come, for the lady friends of the regiment have been generous and donated much refreshment. The crafty members of No. 1 Company, knowing how the ladies prided themselves in their culinary arts, offered a prize for the best cake, and as soon as this was made public many ladies began to bake. Result: When the picnic is held there will be much cake. The following races are open to the public: Bicycle race (from the railway station to Sidney), 100 yards, three-legged race, sack race and the various side shows, such as Aunt Sally, Morris tube shooting, kicking football through a hoop, etc. There will also be a football match, Balaclava melee, Victoria Cross race and tug-of-war, which events will undoubtedly be productive of much fun for all concerned. The prizes for the different events are now on view in the window of Hibben's book store. The trains start from Hillside avenue at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The picnic is under the patronage of Lieut.-Governor Dewdney and Mayor Redfern.

—A correspondent of the San Francisco call, writing from Skagway, says: "The pack trains expected to get through in two days to the lakes, and provisioned only for that length of time. Rice's train carried a lot of provisions at 50 cents a pound for a squad of ten Canadian policemen, under Fred Bevan, of Victoria, B. C., which had gone on two days ahead. The police were waiting for the train at the meadows, without tents or a bite to eat. When I came along in the evening they had had no food that day. This situation was due to the non-arrival of the pack train, and is most likely to be prolonged by the uncertainty of its ever getting through. The police had managed to solicit a little food the previous day from a packer."

OUTWITTED BY GREAT BRITAIN

United States Scheme to Control the Great Inter-Oceanic Gateway Has Been Foiled.

John Bull Secures a Concession for the Purpose of Completing the Panama Canal.

New York, Sept. 9.—A special to the World from Colon, Colombia, says it is announced that a concession for the purpose of completing the Panama canal has been granted to Great Britain.

New York, Sept. 9.—A dispatch to the World from Washington says: "The World's special cable advices from Colon to the effect that the franchise heretofore held by a French company for the construction of a ship canal across the Isthmus of Panama has been granted to the government of Great Britain, has caused a sensation here. Officials and those closely interested in the Nicaraguan canal project frankly admit that if that transference has really been done, it will effectually prevent the United States from controlling the proposed great inter-oceanic waterway.

At the same time it is not generally believed here that the concession held by the French company has been transferred to the government of Great Britain. It is considered possible that an English company has purchased the rights of the French company and may continue the work now in progress, but that the British government has assumed control of the project is not credited.

The concession was originally granted by the United States of Colombia for the construction of the Isthmus canal to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans to De Lesseps and his syndicate of French capitalists and subsequently passed into the hands of a French company. Notwithstanding the difficulties connected with the work much headway has recently been made. About 1,000 men have been steadily employed, but doubt of final success proved a perpetual source of discouragement to the French company.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily.

—The funeral of Mary, aged four years, daughter of Irwin Brown, took place privately to-day at 2:30 p.m. from the family residence, No. 59 Kane street.

—M. M. Gutmann, of this city, is an inventor. Marion & Marion, of Montreal, have just secured a patent for him in Canada, Great Britain and the United States on a new and seemingly very serviceable bicycle hadle bar. The patent is numbered 56,954.

—A letter receiver by P. A. Phillips from his brother, Charles Phillips, states that he and his party are making good progress on the Skagway trail. They lost three horses, one breaking his leg and the other two being poisoned by marsh weeds. The Hamburger party have sold their outfits and are coming back, Joe Levy being the exception. He has joined the Behnsen party, who are getting along splendidly.

—The residence of Mr. H. F. W. Behnsen, Spring Ridge, was broken into last evening and a large quantity of jewellery, some money and other articles were stolen. The entrance was effected during the absence of the family, the burglars first getting into the cellar through a window and then forcing their way through a door to the upper stories. It is not known yet just how much money or the number of articles which were stolen.

—Two subjects of Uncle Sam who have been visiting this city while here decided to throw in their lot together, and accordingly they sought out Rev. P. C. L. Harris, of the Congregational church, who yesterday afternoon tied the nuptial knot. The happy couple—Johnson G. Thomas, of Nevada City, California, and Miss G. White, of Deadwood, South Dakota—will remain in the city for a few days more, then they will journey to the home of the bride in South Dakota.

—The members of the British Association who arrived from the east last week left for Nanaimo and Wellington, spending the day in and around the collieries. They will return this evening and leave in the morning for the Mainland. Last evening the third section of the party, who travelled west with Dr. Dawson, director of the Dominion geological department, and Professor Coleman, banqueted those two gentlemen at the Driard. Other members of the association attended the meeting of the Natural History Society of British Columbia.

—On Saturday next the militiamen of the city and their friends will journey by special train to Sidney, where there will be sports to please everybody, plenty of music to suit all tastes and a chance to emulate Terpsichore. The committee in charge of arrangements are making every preparation for the amusement of those attending, and the picnic, judging from their efforts, cannot fail to be an attractive one. Children will be carried free of charge. The different messes have arranged to serve a light lunch at the picnic. The trains will leave Victoria at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and returning they will leave Sidney at 5:30 and 8:15 p.m.

—The case of F. A. Ellis, charged with failing to support his wife, was this morning remanded for another week. The magistrate gave Ellis permission to remove his tools and clothes from the house where the two have been living. In a few minutes Ellis was back asking to be allowed bed clothing, a mattress, chairs, dishes and in fact all the necessaries to furnish a room for himself. Mrs. Ellis explained that she had to keep lodgers, which she could hardly do without mattresses and bed clothing, and she had an evening class, which could not get along very well without chairs. The magistrate decided that Ellis should have his clothes and tools and that was all.

From Wednesday's Daily.

—The new instruments from Besson & Sons, London, for the 5th Regiment Band arrived last evening.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. H. J. Simpson took place this morning from Hanna's undertaking parlors and later from the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Rev. Father Althoff officiated both at the church and at the graveside.

—With reference to the advertisement that recently appeared respecting the sale of the confiscated schooner Viva, it is understood that the invitation for tenders for the purchase of the vessel is withdrawn for the present.

—The members of the British Association and the party of Victorians who accompanied them returned last evening from Nanaimo and Wellington, where they visited the collieries. A few of the members stopped off at Duncans, spending the day in the Indian villages. This morning most of the party departed, Sir John and Lady Evans and Sir Charles and Lady Robertson and others going to Seattle; Prof. Foster and a party leaving for Kootenay, and Prof. Saunders and a party for Vernon to visit Lord Aberdeen's ranch. Prof. Saunders will afterwards pay a visit to the experimental farm at Agassiz. Dr. Dawson will remain here for several days.

—A party of prominent telegraph officials arrived from Vancouver last evening, and are spending the day in the city. The party is composed of Mr. George G. Ward, of New York, general manager and first vice-president of the Commercial Cable Company; Mrs., Miss and A. C. Ward, Mr. S. S. Dickenson, superintendent of the Commercial Cable Co. at Canso, N. S.; Mr. L. W. Storrer, superintendent of the Pacific Postal Company in San Francisco; Mr. R. V. Dey, private secretary to John W. Mackay, of the Pacific Postal and Mackay-Bennett system, and James Wilson, superintendent of the C. P. R. telegraphs on this coast. The party leave for California on Thursday. Mr. Ward when asked if his visit had any connection with the Pacific cable scheme, replied, "None whatever." That though very much interested in all cable projects, his presence on the coast had nothing to do with the business of the proposed cable. He, however, is of the impression that the accomplishment of the scheme is but a matter of time. His visit is one of pleasure only. He expresses himself as highly delighted with British Columbia, and he is surprised at the evidence of prosperity he has seen everywhere.

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—In the Times of Monday there was a statement that Mr. Dunsmuir had given all miners out of work a free ticket on the train from Nanaimo to Victoria. Such is not the case, as the tickets were provided by the Miners' Union of Nanaimo.

—Henry E. Brennan, who of late has been pianist at the Prince of Wales saloon, died on Tuesday at the Jubilee Hospital. He was a native of Ireland and 28 years of age. The remains were removed to Hanna's parlors, from where the funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

—With one or two exceptions the members of the British Association have left for home, travelling westward over the different lines by easy stages. Dr. Dawson and the party which he accompanies left this morning for the Kootenay country. Sir George Robertson, who accompanies this party, will return to Victoria within a couple of weeks.

—A meeting of the Cowichan Liberal Reform Association was held at Duncan's on Saturday night, with a good representative attendance. The business transacted was the election of a president in place of Mr. W. Ford, resigned, on account of his leaving for the Clondyke. Mr. R. Henderson was unanimously chosen to occupy the post. Revising the constitution and by-laws took up the remainder of the time, but before adjourning a motion was passed to call a special meeting in time to elect delegates to the convention at New Westminster.

—In reference to the absurd story which appeared in the San Francisco Examiner on the 3rd instant, dated at Tacoma, and telling of an outbreak of cholera in Sandon, Dr. Davie, chairman of the British Columbia board of health, yesterday evening sent the following telegram to that paper, which explains itself:

"Victoria, Sept. 7, 1897.

"The Examiner, San Francisco:

"The report which appears in the issue of the Examiner of September 3, stating that cholera is epidemic at Sandon, B.C., is absolutely untrue. The entire paragraph as it appears in the Examiner is a fabrication from beginning to end.

(Sd.) "JOHN CHAPMAN DAVIE, M.D."

—James Clark, better known as "Cariboo Jim," writing to the Times from Clayoquot, says: "I predict a great future for Clayoquot Sound as a mining district. In the first place, the prospects so far discovered are close to deep water; secondly, the ores all improve the more they are developed. Last week a strike of copper ore was made on Sydney Inlet, resembling the Van Anda ore very much. The navigation of these waters is somewhat dangerous at present for steamboats, and also row boats, on account of the channel not being buoyed. There is only one buoy in Clayoquot, and steamboat captains have to feel their way in and out of Clayoquot Sound. There was an appropriation of $500 for a road from Clayoquot to Euchlet. The work has begun on the Euchlet end, but on account of the money being in the hands of the members of the 'Square Head Society' the work will not commence until the winter, when the canning of salmon is finished for the season."

—L. W. Hall, proprietor of the Central drug store, Vancouver, with his bride, came over from the Terminal City last evening.