COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Closing of the School Term of St. Ann's Convent—Prize and Medal Winners.

Capital Programme of Instrumental Music. Songs and Recitations—The Honor Roll.

JOYOUS and happy were the pupils of St. Ann's Academy, yesterday, as, all in white dresses and with gay ribbons, they assembled in the lecture hall for their commencement exercises to mark the closing of the school term. The walls of the room, too, bore evidence of the event, being prettily decorated with paintings and drawings, fancy work and needle work, all the product of industrious hands that were now to have a little rest from school work.

There was a very large number of visitors present, so many, indeed, that some who came a little late were unable to find seats inside, and had to content themselves with listening to the music and singing through the open windows. The pupils in the various parts assigned to them on the programme did honor to themselves and to their teachers, showing well the results of faithful study, and equally faithful tuition. The programme was as follows:

Grand Entrance of Pupils.
March, three pianos ..... "Wollenhaupt"
Misses V Kenyon, M. Beckingham. M. Grahame, A. Gerrie, L. Marboeuf, B. Nuttall.
Guitar Duet ..... "Haydn"
Misses C. Cameron and E. Sehl.
Essay—"Mercy Conquers Justice" .....
..... Miss L. Sullivan
Harp Duet—"Cambria" ..... John Thomas
Misses L. Styles and F. Hayward.
Dialogue ..... "Le Conseil des Fleurs"
Over ure, three pianos ..... "Spolu"
Misses V. Kenyon, M. Patton, L. Nicholson, J. Ross, A. Brown and E. Sehl.
Chorus—"The Pleasures of Home" ..... Herz
Singing class, accompanist Miss T. Romanoff.
Drama—"The Noblest of all Sciences." Seniors
Medley ..... Strauss
Pianos—Misses V. Kenyon, M. Patton, F. Mills.
Ha p—Miss F. Hayward.
Guitars—Misses C. Cameron, E. Sehl, A. Gerrie, L. Nicholson, M. Beckingham, L. Marboeuf.
Mandolins—Misses L. Styles and T. Romanoff
Essay—"Life Builders" .... Miss Alberta Gerrie
Trio. "Concert Allegro" three pianos. Schuman
Misses L. Styles, F. Hayward, T. Romanoff
Recitation—"Columbus" ..... Juniors
Harp Solo—"Eolian Sounds" ..... John Thomas
Miss L. Styles.
Operetta ..... Minims
Accompanist, Miss E. Sehl.
Trio—"Miserere" from Trovatore .... J. Thomas
Piano—Miss T. Romanoff.
Harps—Misses L. styles and F. Hayward.
Valedictory ..... Misses Styles and Hayward
Music ..... Stringed Instruments

Following are the list of Academic honors and the prize list:

ACADEMIC HONORS.

Gold medal for general application, first premiums harp and piano, French, fancy work, order and neatness—Awarded to Miss Lizzie Styles.

Gold medal for politeness and affability, 1st premium piano, 7th grade, 2nd harp, 2nd painting—Awarded to Miss Florence Hayward.

Gold medal for excellence of 7th grade, 1st rhetoric, book-keeping, history, botany, algebra, elocution—Awarded to Miss Alice Mellon.

Gold medal for Christian doctrine—Awarded to Miss Marie Beckingham.

Gold medal for good conduct, the gift of a friend—Awarded to Miss Alberta Gerrie.

Class distinction, 7th grade, for general proficiency—Misses Anna Sullivan and Maggie NcNiffe.

Class distinction for Christian doctrine and assiduity—Miss Anna Keast.

Fifth grade, class distinction for application—Miss Mollie Patton.

Fifth grade, second division, class distinction for application in English and French—Miss Rita McTavish.

Class distinction for ladylike deportment—Awarded to Miss Florence Mills.

Distinction for order and neatness—Awarded to Miss Nellie Hirst.

Class distinction for excellence of third grade—Awarded to Miss Gertie Meyer.

Class distinction for good conduct—Awarded to Miss Tolene Davie.

First premium for harp, presented by Reverend Mother General—Miss Lizzie Styles.

Seventh Grade.

First—Miss Alice Mellon, first premium mathematics; complimentary to Mrs. Edward McQuade.

Second—Miss Annie Sullivan, premium presented by Messrs T. N. Hibben & Co., 1st geography, order and neatness, grammar, Grecian history, physology; 2nd, composition and rhetoric, and 1st written exercise.

Third—Miss Maggie McNiffe, 1st algeba and mental arithmetic, bookkeeping, rhetoric, English and Roman history, and 2nd politeness.

Fourth—Miss Lizzie Sullivan, (gold pen presented by Rev. Mother General), 1st composition, physiology, Grecian history and penmanship, and 2nd geography.

Fifth—Miss Anna Keast, 1st botany, painting, politeness, assiduity, 2nd geography, Roman history, composition and rhetoric.

Sixth—Miss Stella Meyer, 1st drawing 3rd grade, 1st fancy work, penmanship geography, 2nd mental arithmetic, Grecian history and bookkeeping.

Sixth Grade.

First—Miss Alberta Gerrie, 1st application, written exercise, spelling, composition, politeness and domestic economy.

Second—Miss Fannie Keefe, 1st order, neatness, reading, elocution and mental arithmetic, 2nd grammar and Grecian history.

Third—Miss Louisa Marboeuf, 1st instrumental music, 4th grade, 1st spelling, 2nd composition and reading, 3rd grammar.

Fourth—Miss Emma Sehl, 1st drawing 4th grade, 1st spelling and grammer, 2nd bookkeeping, mental and written arithmetic and painting.

Fifth—Miss Estelle Aikman, 2nd drawing 4th grade, 1st reading, Bible history, 2nd Grecian history and grammar.

Fifth Grade, First Division.

First—Miss Mollie Patton, 1st instrumental music 5th grade, 1st penmanship, fancy work, Grecian history and geography, 2nd grammar and French of 2nd division.

Second—Miss Marie Beckingham, 1st elocution, grammar, Bible history, 2nd penmanship, Grecian history, guitar 2nd grade, 3rd geography and drawing 2nd grade.

Third—Miss Vina Kenyon, 1st plain sewing, mental arithmetic, spelling, 2nd grammar, ancient history, 3rd geography, 2nd instrumental music 6th grade.

Fourth—Miss Florence Mills, 1st arithmetic, 2nd instrumental music, 4th grade, 2nd grammar, Bible history and mental arithmetic.

Fifth—Miss Annie Brown, 1st application and music 6th grade, 2nd Grecian history, 3rd geography.

Fifth Grade, Second Division.

First—Miss Rita McTavish, 1st arithmetic, grammar, penmanship, spelling, and French 2nd class, 2nd geography, 3rd drawing 2nd grade.

Second—Miss Mary Keefe, 1st spelling and assiduity, 2nd grammar, Bible history, arithmetic and domestic economy.

Third—Miss Dollie Sehl, 1st reading, 2nd elocution, Bible history and spelling, 3rd fancy work.

Fourth—Miss Annie Grimm, 1st application, 2nd spelling and arithmetic, 2nd domestic economy and grammar.

Sixth—Miss Marie Camsusa, 1st spelling, 2nd reading and penmanship.

Seventh—Miss Katie Phillips, 2nd penmanship, 3rd grammar.

Eighth—Miss Lily White, 2nd composition, penmanship, reading and arithmetic, 3rd fancy work.

Fourth Grade.

First—Miss Christiana Rudland, 1st reading, writing, spelling, grammar, arithmetic and geography.

Second—Miss May Allen, 1st reading, writing, spelling, grammar, arithmetic, sacred history and geography.

Third—Miss Minnie Fox, 1st composition, reading, writing, geography, grammar, arithmetic, 3rd obliging manners.

Fourth—Miss Bertha Fick, 1st reading, arithmetic and spelling, 2nd instrumental music, 3rd grade.

Fifth—Miss Ellen O'Rorke, 1st history, grammar and spelling.

Sixth—Miss Minetta Magnus, 1st reading, spelling and history, 2nd vocal music.

Seventh—Miss Ethel Mills, 1st history and arithmetic, 2nd reading and plain work.

Eighth—Miss Agnes Mellon, 1st assiduity, reading, writing and arithmetic.

Ninth—Miss Maudie Langridge, 1st reading, writing and arithmetic, 2nd French, 2nd class, 3rd fancy work.

Tenth—Miss Josephine Marboeuf, 1st history, reading and instrumental music, 3rd grade, 2nd spelling.

Eleventh—Miss Katie Powell, 1st reading and arithmetic, 2nd elocution and history.

Twelfth—Miss Mary Ann Dougherty, 1st history and geography, 2nd reading.

Thirteenth—Miss Elizabeth Rhode, 1st writing and arithmetic, 2nd grammar and fancy work.

Fourteenth—Miss Ethel Lombard, 1st reading and arithmetic, 2nd, elocution and writing.

Fifteenth—Miss Nellie Hirst, 1st writing, 2nd reading and arithmetic.

Sixteenth—Miss Carrie Bourget, 1st reading and arithmetic, 2nd writing.

Seventeenth—Miss Mary Thompson, 2nd. religious instruction and writing.

Third Grade.

First—Miss Gertie Myer, 1st excellence, arithmetic, writing, geography, and grammar, 2nd, sacred history and plain sewing.

Second—Miss Weenie Martin, 1st geography, grammar, arithmetic and spelling, 2nd sacred history and plain sewing.

Third—Miss Pauline Rhode, 1st arithmetic, order and neatness, 2nd, politeness, 3rd fancy work.

Fourth—Miss Daisy Allen, 1st arithmetic and writing, 2nd reading.

Fifth—Miss Lucy Gray, 1st good conduct, sacred history, 2nd geography.

Sixth—Miss Lizzie Mellon, 1st reading, 2nd spelling and geography.

Seventh—Miss Mary Fox, 1st plain work, 2nd arithmetic and grammar.

Eighth—Miss Angelina Bertucci, 1st arithmetic, 2nd order, neatness and assiduity.

Ninth—Miss Amelia Bechtel, 1st arithmetic, 2nd sacred history and writing.

Tenth—Miss Frances Healey, 1st spelling, 2nd arithmetic and reading.

Eleventh—Miss Gertie McDonald, 1st arithmetic, 2nd spelling and sacred history

Twelfth—Miss Lizzie Olsen, 1st arithmetic, 2nd good conduct, 3rd spelling.

Thirteenth—Miss C. Brown, 1st assiduity, 3rd arithmetic and good manners.

Fourteenth—Miss Lizzie Abel, 1st reading, 3rd arithmetic and good conduct.

Fifteenth—Miss Mary Shotbolt, 1st grammar, 3rd arithmetic.

Sixteenth—Miss Irene Newling, 1st reading, third grammar.

Seventeenth—Miss Hattie Fox, 2nd reading, 4th sacred history.

Eighteenth—Miss Sarah Wessell, 2nd arithmetic, 4th sacred history.

Nineteenth—Miss Emma Olsen, 2nd reading, 4th writing.

Twentieth—Miss May Dodd, 2nd arithmetic, 4th sacred history.

Twenty-first—Miss Pearly Robbin, 2nd plain sewing and reading, 4th arithmetic.

Twenty-second—Miss Maggie Finnigan, 3rd writing, 4th arithmetic.

Twenty-third—Miss Ada Clay 3rd order neatness and spelling.

Twenty-fourth—Miss Lottie McDonald 4th arithmetic.

Twenty-fifth—Miss Annie McDermott honorable mention.

Absent members — Misses Bernadette, Rochon and Dora Sieward.

Second Grade.

First—Mary Ann O'Rorke 1st spelling, geography, sacred history and arithmetic.

Second—Agnes Dougherty 1st reading, spelling and geography, 2nd sacred history.

Third—Tolene Davie 1st reading and arithmetic, 2nd spelling and instrumental music, 1st grade.

Fourth—Beatrice Williams 1st music, 1st grade, and spelling, 2nd sacred history and geography.

Fifth—Mabel Bechtel 1st arithmetic, 2nd reading, 3rd spelling.

Sixth—Millie Grimm 1st good conduct, 2nd reading, 3rd spelling.

Seventh—Katie Keefe 1st reading, 2nd spelling.

Eighth—Imelda Trembly 1st arithmetic, 3rd spelling.

Ninth—Mamie Brown 2nd reading, 4th spelling.

Tenth—Jane Lindsey 2nd religious instruction, 4th arithmetic.

Eleventh—Minnie Allen, 2nd arithmetic, 4th reading.

Twelfth—Augusta Webber, 3rd arithmetic.

Agnes Keppock, honorable mention.

Absent member, Winnie Gibson.

First Grade.

First—Jennie Roberts, 1st reading, spelling, and arithmetic.

Second—Blanche Bechtel, 1st arithmetic and spelling, 2nd reading.

Third—May Sullivan, 1st arithmetic, 2nd reading and spelling.

Fourth—Nellie Gray, 2nd reading and spelling.

Fifth—Maggie Fox, 2nd arithmetic, 3rd spelling.

Sixth—Anna McQuade, 2nd music, 1st grade, 3rd reading.

Seventh—Winnie Gabriel, arithmetic and spelling.

Eighth—Anna Brown, 4th spelling.

Nineth—Gertrude Mills, 4th arithmetic.

Tenth—Mabel Curry, 4th reading.

Eleventh—Gabrielle Verbiest, 5th arithmetic.

Twelfth—Sophia Cox, 6th reading.

Absent members—Annie Robins, Alice Robins, Margueret Myer, Agnes McCabe, Edith Wait.

Preparatory Class.

In order of merit:—Josephine Dougherty, Mary Lindsey, Annie Schnider, Elaine McMicking. Maudie Sullivan, Lena Phillips, Alice Schnider, Alma Minckler, Edith Beswick, Alice Verbiest, Alma Jackson, Ethel Eyre, Sadie Brown, Alice Brown.

Absent member—Blandine Johnson.

SLOUGH CREEK MINES.

Bright Prospects of the Company Securing a Large Return of Gold.

The Work of Development Steadily Progressing - Slough Creek the Centre of Cariboo Gold.

(From our own Correspondent.)

SLOUGH CREEK, B.C., June 23.—Having heard that Mr. N. F. Sargent, secretary of the Slough Creek Mining company, and one of the best known business men of Tacoma, was on his way up the road with the intention of personally inspecting the workings of his company, your correspondent thought it a fitting opportunity of again paying a visit to Slough creek.

This morning, in company with Mr. Sargent, Mr. Ramos, general superintendent, and the foreman of the works, Mr. Harry Woolcock, I again went over the extensive property owned by this company. It was a beautiful morning, and the view down the valley through which Slough creek runs, was magnificent. Everything had taken on a greener and fresher appearance than during my visit of a month ago, indicating that summer had surely put in its appearance.

During the heavy freshet of the early part of the month, the company's grounds were threatened and it was feared that the water would cut too far into the bank of the creek. In order to obviate this danger a bulkhead 700 feet in length was built. This bulkhead is constructed of double rows of heavy timbers, filled in with brush and gravel; it is three feet in height and capable of withstanding the heaviest freshet. By this means the stream has been diverted from its old course into a new channel cut through the scrub and brush, and is entirely prevented from any interference with the company's works.

After viewing the bulkhead we proceeded to where the drain empties into Slough creek. For the first five hundred feet this drain is an open cut, after which it is tunnelled for 1,200 feet, and when finished will tap the main shaft at a depth of thirty-five feet, and be 2,150 feet long, giving a sufficient fall to carry off all the surface water and seepage.

The object of this long tunnel will be obvious to anyone acquainted with mining. It is for the purpose of draining from the main shaft all seepage and surface water, which it will easily do. In nearly all deep diggings the surface water is the hardest thing the miner has to contend with, with the one exception of the Nemesis, slum. By draining the water off in this way it is permanently disposed of, and the cost of putting in expensive pumping machinery is done away with until a much greater depth is reached, and even when it is found necessary to put in a pump, the cost of raising the water is very materially lessened.

After disguising ourselves as miners we entered the tunnel and traversed it for a distance of 1,200 feet to the present workings. The tunnel is strongly and tightly built, and all through shows the workmanship of men who are thoroughly acquainted with their business. It is like a very long box, and is four feet by five and a half feet in the clear. The posts and caps are thickly set, being of six inch timbers placed on mud sills. The mud sills are timbers running crosswise in the bottom of the tunnel, and, with the posts and caps, form a frame. This frame is what is known as a set of timbers, in an ordinary prospecting tunnel. It was noticed that, in several instances, for short distances the timbers were much more thickly set. On inquiry, Mr. Woolcock informed us that the ground in these places was much more difficult to work, by reason of slum. Another feature that attracted our attention was that the last 300 feet of the tunnel was floored with lagging. This, we were informed, was an entirely new feature in tunnelling, and overcomes every difficulty with slum

The working shaft is now down thirty-two feet, and will be continued through to the clay 11x8 feet, and 5x8 feet to the bed rock, when the drain tunnel is completed.

The jetting machine used by the company in determining the location and depth of the old channel, showed that out of a total depth of 245 feet, there were forty-five feet of pay gravel on bed rock, and above this 160 feet of clay. This is the first instance that one of these machines has been used in placer mining, either in this country or any other, and although an experiment, it has proved an unqualified success, and diggings can now be practically tested at a comparatively small cost.

There can be no doubt that the Slough Creek Mining Co. have one of the best prospective propositions that can be found in America, as in every one of the four shafts sunk by the machine good pay gravel was found, which is attested by the men working with the machine at the time. When one takes into consideration the number of claims in this region that have been fabulously rich, the small amount of ground constituting a mining claim (100 feet square), the fact that all the workings were of the most primitive nature, and the number of tributaries of Slough creek, all of which have paid immensely, there can hardly be room for doubt that the Slough Creek Mining Co., with its immense area of land, consisting of three miles in length, by nearly half a mile wide, or, in other words, containing as many as 3,485 ordinary claims, the good indications given by the boring machine, that the machinery used is of the latest improved make, and the actual economy with which the work can be done at present, has every prospect of taking out as much of the precious metal as Cariboo has heretofore produced.

I have been informed that some of the best known geologists and mining engineers of Canada, among whom may be mentioned Dr. Dawson and Mr. Amos Bowman, M E, have given it as their opinion that Slough Creek was at one time the main channel or outlet of the Cariboo mountains, and that the waters of all the creeks in this region had been drained by it, and that the channel would be deeper here than elsewhere. This fact has been demonstrated by the boring machine, which found bed rock 100 feet deeper than any of the other streams that have been heretofore developed.

Mr. Sargent, who has had a number of years' experience in mining in the United States, said that after having gone over the works and inspected the surrounding country his confidence in Slough Creek had greatly increased. He expressed himself as highly pleased with everything that had been done, and has the utmost confidence in the ultimate result of the company's developments.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Shingle Business Reviving in Vancouver—Dyking at Pitt Meadows and Delta.

Cattle Stealing at Nanaimo — Many Prospectors Making for Adams Lake.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, June 29.—A large wharf is to be constructed opposite the B. C. Iron Works foundry.

Since January the Fire, Water and Light committee have had almost more than they could attend to, their meetings averaging more than one a week. They have now decided to meet but once a fortnight.

One or two kangaroos will be imported from Australia for the Vancouver Zoo. The bear at the park was put into his new pit to-day.

The Washington State Press Association are arranging for an excursion to Victoria and Vancouver.

The shingle business is reviving here. Large consignments are going East, and the C.P.R. are doing all in their power to encourage manufacturers.

A large portion of North Vancouver is to be put upon the market shortly by the North Vancouver syndicate.

For the past nine months a considerable number of residences have gone up in Vancouver, of a rather better class. This has emptied the cheaper houses, a good many of them being "To Let."

The Gurney Cab Co. are extending their business. They have bought out the Harvey stables, and will make them the headquarters of the cab and hack business.

Commandant H. H Booth is to be here on Dominion Day. The following Monday he will lecture in Homer street Methodist church, Rev. Coverdale Watson presiding. Leading citizens have been invited to attend.

Mr. Picken, who was formerly with the Herald, the first paper issued in Vancouver, is visiting in the city.

G. W. Jamieson, teacher of Mt. Pleasant school, left for Chicago yesterday.

The directors and secretary of the British Columbia Methodist College were taken over North Vancouver yesterday to be shown available sites for the new college.

Property next to the Bank of B.C. was sold yesterday for $425 a front foot. A fine building will go up on the land.

The ladies of the church of Our Lady of the Rosary entertained the congregation at a strawberry festival last night.

F. M. Cowperthwaite, principal of the Central school, was married last evening to Miss Kate McDougall, late second assistant of the same institution. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. D. McLaren. The teachers of the school presented Mr. and Mrs. Cowperthwaite with a silver service.

Steamer Coquitlam went North yesterday. The Walla Walla arrived from San Francisco.

The C. D. Rand, which left here on the 18th March, returned with 1,060 skins yesterday. Most of them are bull seals and very large. An offer of $14 from the Alaska Fur Co. was received at Sand Point, but Capt. Westerland declined it. She will lie up for the season.

Jacob Grower, a butcher, was arrested last night for stealing ten head of cattle from a C.P.R. corrall, the property of S. Hay, Portage la Prairie. Grower was going to buy them at 3½c live weight. Hay got a better offer of 4c and declined to sell to Grower, so Grower thought to get them for nothing.

VANCOUVER, June 30.—The license commissioners met yesterday; no extra licenses were granted. Inspector McLeod's salary was increased.

Mr. Thomas Thompson has the contract for four large station houses on the C.P.R. Mr. Thompson is in Vancouver arranging for lumber material from Hastings and Royal City mills.

The Rajah of Rampur will arrive here from Alaska July 4. The party is fifteen in all. The Rajah takes his own cook with him when he travels. The party being Mohammedans will not eat food prepared by Christian cooks.

The following are the officers of the Liederkranz for the ensuing term: President, Karl Hach; Vice-President, C. L. Behnsen; Secretary, M. P. Morris; Treasurer, G. A. Roeddoe.

The militia will breakfast at the Oriental hotel on their arrival to-morrow, and afterwards parade from the Market hall to Stanley park. They will attend St. Andrew's church on Sunday morning in a body.

The steamer Mermaid returned from the North yesterday.

The steamer Cutch is still under a hoodoo spell. Yesterday, while making a landing at the C.P.R. wharf, she bumped against the Islander and smashed her guard. This morning, while coming through the Narrows, the wheelsman mistook the captain's order and ran her aground, breaking her propellor.

Ss. Empress of China is due here on Tuesday with 125 saloon passengers and 225 Chinese, and 1,900 tons of freight.

The monthly reports showed the following average attendance at the city schools: Central 292, West End 319, East End 263, East End branch 170, Mt. Pleasant 267. The boundaries of the school districts will probably be changed, so as to equalize the attendance.

No water to-day. The pipes are burst again in the Narrows. The absent water will interfere with the firemen's manœuvres on Saturday.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, June 29.—It is now believed that John Wagner, a fisherman believed to have been drowned in the river last fall while drunk, is alive and confined in the Nanaimo Gaol as a lunatic. His friends will be sent over to identify him.

Findlay, who escaped yesterday from the chain gang, is still at large.

A large ship's cargo boat, capable of holding many tons of goods, is to be lengthened six feet and converted into a steamer to be used on Dog Lake, Okanagan, by her owner, Mr. Snodgrass. Her machinery will be provided by the Reid & Currie Iron Works Company, and H. Peck, of Sapperton, ship builder, will get her hull into shape and lengthen her. When the craft is completed she will be loaded on a flat car and taken by rail to Vernon. There she will be launched on Okanagan Lake and proceed to Dog River. She will ply between the mouth of the latter river and the head of Dog Lake, carrying freight and passengers and running in connection with the C. P. R. steamer Aberdeen.

Arrangements are nearly concluded for the active prosecution of work on the new Pitt Meadows dyke under the management of the Maple Ridge dyking commissioners. The contract for the work has been awarded, and agreements are being prepared for signature. The whole matter will be finally closed within a few days. The proposed dyke will be fourteen miles in length and will reclaim 9,000 acres of the richest land in the world. Its cost will foot up close on $80,000. Under the terms of the contract, work must be commenced within six weeks and carried on day and night until completed.

W. J. Harris, of Port Hammond, reports that the area under crop in Maple Ridge this season is larger than ever before under crop, and all round is looking well, though a little later than usual. The farmers are pleased with the crop prospects which a month ago were very gloomy indeed.

The contract for dyking the water front of the Delta municipality is nearing completion. Eight out of the eleven miles of dyking is erected, and the remaining three miles will be completed within five weeks. The embankment is a very solid affair, and is calculated to withstand all the gales and water which may beat against it.

NEW WESTMINSTER, June 30. — Half a dozen excursions will take fully 2,000 people out of town to-morrow. Dominion day will be generally observed.

Washburn's circus is in town. It is a very fair show.

Jesse Plante, who stabbed George Garripe last week at the Richmond cannery, was sentenced by Judge Bole to-day to two years in the penitentiary.

Tilmon Herring has the honor of having caught the first sockeye of the July run to-day. The appearance of the fish is very fine and, as it weighs only five pounds, Herring considers it a good sign of a large run, small fish in the vanguard being the usual thing in a big season.

The first preserving of fish by the new English process was made to-day by M. M. Mowat, of the Westminster and Port Haney Freezing Co. Something over 1,000 pounds were preserved and will be shipped to England to-morrow. If the salmon arrive there in good condition the success of the process will be proved.

It is now thought that the prisoner Findley, who escaped from the chain gang on Wednesday, is out of the country. After being seen in the vicinity of Sapperton, on Wednesday evening, it was ascertained that he had taken to the woods and was making towards the Ross-MacLaren mills. Officers were stationed along the river bank but, notwithstanding the precautions, Findlay last night stole an Indian fisherman's boat and crossed to Liverpool. The officers were unable to follow him as they had no boat, and before they could get to where there was one, an hour or two had elapsed and Findley had obtained a good start. A watch is being kept at the boundary line for him, and he may yet be recaptured if not already in Uncle Sam's domain.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, June 29.—C. H. Barker, who has been conducting a branch office of the law firm of Yates, Jay & Russell, of Victoria, in this city, has purchased the business, and will in future conduct it on his own account. Mr. Barker, during his short residence here, has given ample proof of his ability, and he will doubtless get a fair share of legal work.

Cattle stealing from the ranches around Nanoose Bay continues. Indians are known to be the thieves, but hitherto none have been caught. There will be bloodshed if something be not done shortly to stop this nuisance; the ranchers are wrathy and say they will shoot on sight.

The steamer Cutch came over from Vancouver last evening, and will continue on the route, much to the satisfaction of all Nanaimoites.

The Methodist Church Sunday school picnic comes off on Dominion Day. The children and teachers with their friends will spend the day on Newcastle Island.

Members of Loyal Mount View Lodge C.O.O.F., Northfield, attend divine service at St. Luke's on Sunday next.

NANAIMO, June 30. — The following ladies have been elected officers of the Wallace street Methodist church Ladies Aid: President, Mrs. Geo. Norris; First Vice-President, Mrs. R. R. Maitland; Second, Mrs. P. Williamson; Third, Mrs. Spears, sr.; Secretary, Mrs. J. E. T. Powers; Treasurer, Mrs. E. B. Irving.

The Wellington business of the late J. B. L. Jones is offered for sale.

The local lodges A O.F. will attend the reunion to be held in New Westminster, July 22, in a body.

Last evening's public meeting to discuss the re-survey bylaw was a very tame affair, and only a few were present. Mayor Haslam explained the reasons for the re-survey of the city, pointing out that something of the sort was absolutely necessary in order to prevent future litigation. A few present criticized the by-law unfavorably, proposing that the New Vancouver Coal Company should bear the expense of the re-survey, but, on the whole, those present were apparently in favor of the work being done.

The foreign coal shipments for June of the New Vancouver Coal Company were 48,241 tons; Wellington, 22,030; East Wellington, 2,619; Union, for May and June, 17,605.

Sailed—Steamer Romulus, ship Jabez Howe. Arrived—Bark Wilna.

DUNCAN.

DUNCAN, June 30.—P. F. Jaynes and A. McKinnon returned from Victoria on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. C. Melrose (nee Bosl) arrived at Koksilah, from their honeymoon trip to California, on the same day.

The executive committee of the Cowichan and Salt Spring Island Agricultural Society met at their hall on Wednesday, W. H. Elkington, president, in the chair, when the date of the society's annual show was fixed for Saturday, September 23, and various details in connection therewith were determined.

Mr. Ashdown Green has commenced the erection of a summer cottage on the land recently bought by him, near Duncan.

W. C. Duncan and Frank S. Leather travelled down to Victoria on Wednesday. H. Fry, C.E., is also visiting Victoria.

Indian Agent Lomas and Mrs. Lomas went down to the capital, and Rev. A. J. Leakey welcomed two of his brothers, who arrived from England yesterday.

F. S. Leather returned from Victoria today.

Mr. Jerrard and party, H. Moffat, J. B. McDonald, Mrs. McDonald and family, are at the Quamichan hotel.

FRENCH CREEK.

FRENCH CREEK, June 28.—The crops are all looking well; several farmers are digging new potatoes.

Rev. E. C. Cooper, incumbent of Northfield, intends to hold divine services in the district school house two Sundays in the month. Mr. Cooper has made many friends in the settlement, and will always be most welcome.

The report for 1892 of Experimental Farms, Canada, just come to hand, states that the heaviest sample of Campbell's white chaff wheat, received by the director, was grown by Otto Renz, French Creek, and weighed 63¼ pounds per bushel, also that the heaviest sample of Goldthorpe barley received was grown by Herman Gaetjen, French Creek, and weighed 54 pounds per bushel.

The telegraph office lately opened here, is a great convenience to the settlers.

REVELSTOKE.

REVELSTOKE, June 28.—Leo. W. Washburn's great circus and hippodrome showed in town to-day and drew a good crowd. The street parade was all that was expected and the performance a very fair one.

The C.P.R. have commenced the work of clearing their townsite at the station. About twelve men are engaged at it, under the direction of J. Bunyan, who has been occupied with similar works for the company in the East.

The public school was closed here on Friday by the usual public examination, after which, through the kindness of the trustees, the children were given a treat of ice cream and the usual concomitants of a children's feast.

A small steam launch, of a few tons burden, is in course of construction for the Big Bend trade. It is about forty feet long and eight feet beam, and is expected to draw three feet of water. There is considerable speculation as to whether the craft will be able to get up the river as her propelling force is to be a screw.

John P. Sutherland, who was in charge of Hull Bros. business here for a number of years, has purchased a pack train of about twelve horses, and will take supplies into Trout Lake City from Lardeau, on the north east arm of Arrow Lake.

Several familes have arrived in town during the past week to take up permanent residence.

Land Commissioner Browning is expected in town to arrange matters in connection with laying out the townsite and placing it on the market.

ALBERNI.

ALBERNI, June 28.—Haying operations are about commencing, the clover and timothy crops being excellent on the high ground.

A party have left for the China Creek quartz ledge on which they expect to commence operations as soon as the departure of the snow permits. The Chinese are working industriously along the creek.

The new sawmill was operated for the first time this afternoon, the greater part of the settlement turning out to see the first log converted into lumber.

METCHOSIN.

METCHOSIN, June 29.—The public examination of the school was held June 23 and was well attended by parents of the scholars and visitors in and around the district. Rolls of honor were presented by Mrs. Ellison to Charles Whitlaw for general proficiency, to Llewellyn Field for deportment, and to Gavin Weir for regularity and punctuality. The results of the examination certainly reflect great credit upon Mr. Dawson Elliott, the teacher in charge. Rev. W. Ellison spoke in commendatory terms upon the school and its work. Trustee Helgeson also made an address and gave some good advice to the scholars present.

A basket picnic was given to the children of the school by the ladies of the district after the examination. In the evening all adjourned to the hall where dancing was indulged in. At midnight a sumptious repast (likewise provided by the ladies) was partaken of. The singing of the national anthem wound up a most enjoyable day.

KAMLOOPS.

KAMLOOPS, June 29.—Two men came out from Adams Lake yesterday to record claims, making eight claims recorded so far. A rich gold ledge has been located a few miles from the first galena strike. A large number of prospectors have already gone into the Adams Lake District, and three other parties are fitting out to go in on Saturday.

PROSPEROUS ALBERNI.

Mr. F. B. Pemberton, who has just returned from Alberni, reports everything looking very well in that thriving settlement, crops being good but backward, one cause being that the snow has not disappeared yet from the neighboring hills, Mount Arrowsmith being pretty well covered with snow. The paper mill was progressing well, and the saw mill in connection with it was ready for operating and was to start cutting on the 28th inst., the first work on hand being lumber for the mill itself.

The salmon were up the Somass river in large quantities, and some were forcing their way up the Falls into Sproat lake. A salmon ladder is to be placed at the falls by the Government, and a salmon cannery on this river would, without doubt, be a great success.

In Sproat lake trout fishing is very good now, some reaching as high as four and five pounds, one resident catching forty pounds in one hour. The piles of the old saw mill, that have been in the water about thirty years, are as sound as ever below high water mark, the teredo not living in the semi-brackish water. Above water the piles are not in the same sound condition.

There are four gangs of men at work on the road between Nanaimo and Alberni, doing really good work, improving the road immensely, in some places altering it altogether, Mr. Pemberton driving to and from Nanaimo each way in a day easily.

Far back in the settlement panthers have been fairly plentiful, owing to the hard winter bringing them down. One resident on returning home found a panther rubbing against his gate post. Taking a short cut to his house and securing his rifle, he bagged the panther not one hundred yards away. Shortly before, he and another young friend were rowing across the lake, and seeing an animal swimming towards shore made for it and found it to be a very large panther. As there was a strong breeze blowing, they did not succeed in hitting him before he landed and retreated into a small cave near by. A rifle bullet fired into the cave and striking him brought him charging out, when he received his *coup de grace*.

SAMPSON'S GOLD TRAP.

It Succeeds in Catching the Gold of the Capitalists, But Not That of the River.

The Inventor Charged With Fraud, and Brought Back to Fort George a Prisoner.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

QUESNELLE, June 20.—Messengers have arrived from Giscombe Portage and Summit lake, with news of Sampson. It appears from their report that Sampson led Messrs. Fissiault and Laperrieri to believe that he had a gold machine already on the creek, that he had been there eighteen months ago, and that the machine was now catching the gold. This, everyone here knew to be incorrect, and warned the party that Sampson was misleading them. They, however, said they would soon be able to prove him, and as an agreement had been signed, they had to go through it now that they had gone so far. They could see he knew nothing of the river or gold mining and the priest at Fort George told them he had never even been as far as Fort George. However they went on to Giscombe Portage and there Sampson treated them all with great brutality, even Mr. Fissiault's son and Laperrieri being denied the commonest necessities, Sampson's cats and dogs being supplied with the best. He threatened to shoot any man who disobeyed him. After many mad actions and unvaried cruelty to those under him, they arrived at Summit lake, where he ordered them to make boats. He sent one man down the river to watch and spy on Dr. Fissiault, and told him he would reward him well, that he would send the others away and that he was to return and go with him to the Coast. The young man told Mr. Laperrieri of the plot and was told to go, but they contrived to send another man with him unknown to Sampson. The two poor fellows were almost drowned, and arrived at Fort George waist deep in water in the canoe and exhausted. Meantime Sampson sent a message to Laperrieri that the men were all discharged. He gave them one day's food and ordered them to get into a small canoe, daring them to touch the scow or provisions. He walked in front of the storehouse, at Giscombe, with a loaded rifle resting against the door and a revolver in his hand at half-cock. Mr. Laperrieri determined to arrest him there, and telling the men how to act, they gradually came nearer Sampson under pretence of asking for their wages. He told them they would get to Ottawa the best way they could, and that he would give an order on M. Fissiault there. At the words from Mr. Laperrieri, "Arrest him," they sprang upon him and took away his arms. Mrs. Sampson was locked in the storehouse with a shotgun. They ordered her to hand out the gun, and then opened the store. Taking provisions to load the scow, they started for Fort George, where they arrived that night. Mr. Laperrieri left Sampson at Fort George, in charge of the Hudson Bay Company's clerk there, and under guard, till he should get a warrant for Sampson's arrest. On arriving at Quesnelle, he found Dr. Fissiault had left the day before for Giscombe with a man sworn as a special constable. They are expected to arrive with Sampson to-morrow, and the case will probably be tried here by Judge Cornwall, who will hold court on the 27th inst.

A party of surveyors are there, headed by Mr. Poudrier, on their way to the Nechaco country, only seventy miles from Quesnelle in the Westminster district. People who have been here, both last year and this spring, preempting land, say it is the finest they have ever been on. Four men from Oregon last month came up and are going to sell out and go there. They say it is past description, and were more than delighted. Mr. Poudrier said yesterday that it, in his opinion, was the finest land under the sun. So much for Nechaco; a railway and roads will surely soon follow, after such a report. The party for the Government surveyors also passed through this week for Peace river. The weather delayed them greatly owing to the river rising so much. The weather has been greatly unsettled and there has been no summer yet. The rain every day is making splendid crops for the farmers, who say they never have had better prospects.

ROBBING THE GOVERNMENT.

MONTREAL, June 29.—(Special.)—The arrest of Elias Mailloux, the absconding accounting of the Public Works department of the Province of Quebec, at Salem, Mass., yesterday, is regarded in this province as an occurrence which will give rise to revelations of a scandalous nature. Mr. Mailloux, in June of last year, handed Alfred Morrissett, of Quebec, a cheque for $9,400, and the latter negotiated it at the Union bank, where it was discovered to be a forgery. Morrissett was arrested, tried and dismissed, when he had proved that the cheque was obtained from Mailloux, who, in the meantime, had fled the country, and the guilt was fastened on him. However, in April last, Mailloux returned to Montreal and even visited Quebec, practically courting arrest, and boasting to those who met him that, if arrested, he would implicate politicians of high standing, who had been cognizant of the forged official cheque and had profited by the proceeds obtained from broker Morrissett. That there was some ground for the fugitive's statements appears pretty certain, for recently one Boivin returned from Boston, where he had been for some time past in Mailloux's company, and made the statement, which was published unchallenged, that Mailloux had returned to Canada with the intention of surrendering to justice.

LONDON, June 29.—The H