

DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Business Portion of Northport Entirely Swept Away.

THE LOSS IS VERY HEAVY

Seventy-Five Houses Were Destroyed—Most of the Goods Were Saved—The Fire Sufferers Are Living in Tents—Loss Is Hard to Estimate.

"The entire business part of Northport from the station to the bridge, with the sole exception of Kendrick's brick store was burned to the ground Monday morning," said R. Dalby Morkill last evening.

"The blaze started about 20 minutes past four, in a little tailor shop back of Madden's saloon," continued Mr. Morkill, "and the cause is supposed to have been the explosion of a coal oil lamp.

"By singular good chance all the people sleeping in the doomed buildings were awakened and got out safely, so that there was no loss of life.

"It is hard to estimate the amount of damage, though I should say that at least 75 buildings were destroyed.

"The town of this city, who lived there, describes it as 'Manila, which, the bulletins say, has just been taken by the American fleet, is a very creditable specimen of Oriental metropolises,' said Alfred W. Dyer for the evening.

"The town has a population of about 230,000," continued Mr. Dyer, "of which about 160,000 are natives, 50,000 half-breeds between Chinese and Philippine islanders, 15,000 Chinese and 5,000 European Spaniards.

"The city, which was founded in 1571, is subject to exceedingly severe earthquakes, and the architecture is correspondingly frail, for the native has learned that a light rush house tumbling about one's ears in an earthquake is considerably more pleasant than heavy adobe or stone; consequently, if the town was shelled, the place would not stand under a bombardment for any time at all.

"There is properly no harbor in front of Manila. The town lies on a big bay, but what passes for a harbor is merely a roadstead, and when the monsoon blows, the wind is so hard it is practically impossible for vessels to navigate one's way across the bay.

"If, as reported, the governor-general has surrendered the entire islands to the United States, the Americans have a heavy task before them in controlling the islands, for the population is totally incapable of self-government and the governor must be an autocrat of the sternest type."

STICKKEN IS OPEN.

There Will Be No Difficulty Experienced in Reaching Glenora.

VANCOUVER, May 2.—The Stickeen river is open. That is the best news that comes from the north today, and already men are making preparations to go north. The O. P. R. liner Athenian on Thursday should have a good passenger list, as now that the river is open transhipment can be made to the river steamers, and there need be no delay in getting right through to Glenora. The second O. P. R. Stickeen steamer leaves Vancouver for Wrangell tomorrow afternoon, to be there on the arrival of the Athenian.

Vancouver is prospering. This is evident from the customs returns. The duty collected last month reached \$107,764. This is by far the biggest month that Vancouver has ever seen, and most of the increase is due to the advance in business along general lines, there being only \$5,000 in the above amount for miners' licenses. For April of last year the total collections amounted to \$39,922, so that the increase in April, 1898, is twice as great in amount as the whole sum of the collections for April, 1897.

School of Mines.

The session terminated Monday evening, and the school was adjourned till the beginning of October. The secretary intimated that the British America corporation had given a donation of \$250 to assist in placing the school on a permanent basis. There is no doubt but the other mining companies operating in Rossland will act in the same public spirit, and that before the school reopens there will be a substantial fund to carry on the work of the next session. It is intended, however, that during the summer months lectures on special subjects, such as the metallurgy of the various ores, will be delivered by authorities in these departments. The arrangements will be given later.

WILL USE THE GYMNASIUM.

Some of the Ladies of Rossland Form a Physical Culture Club.

Some of the ladies of Rossland intend to go in for physical culture, and with that object in view have organized an athletic club. They have already secured the use of the gymnasium of the Rossland Athletic club on Monday afternoons. The following officers have been elected:

President, Mrs. Fred Whitaker; vice-president, Mrs. Kenning; secretary and treasurer, Miss De Voin; advisory board, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Mackintosh, Miss Aldrich.

Applications for membership should be made to the following committee: Mrs. Kenning, Mrs. Rugh, Miss Renwick, Miss Townsend and Miss R. De Voin.

A special business meeting is called for Saturday at 2:30 p. m. at Miss De Voin's on St. Patrick street. All members are requested to attend.

It is understood that it is the intention of the club to give a hop in the near future in order to obtain funds for the purchase of some necessary apparatus.

The Rossland's First Trip.

The new Canadian Pacific steamer Rossland made her first passenger trip Monday between Arrowhead and Robson, and brought the passengers through in quick time. This steamer is the fastest on the inland waters of British Columbia, and is expected to cut down the time between Rossland and Arrowhead at least two hours. She will take the place of the Kootenay. The latter steamer will go to Nakup and be overhauled thoroughly. It is expected that this task will occupy about 10 days. The Kootenay will, when the overhauling is completed, take the place of the Lytton on the Arrowhead-Kootenay route. Then the Lytton will be used in the Big Bend of the Columbia river, running up that stream as far as Death Rapids.

Militia Company For Nelson.

Nelson is to have a militia company, too. Captain Hodgins has received orders from Lieutenant-Colonel Fetters of Victoria instructing him to proceed at once with the organization of a company of militia. Captain Hodgins recently returned from Ottawa, where he endeavored to secure two companies for Nelson. It is said that preference will be given to those who have previously served in the militia. A headquarters for the militia has not yet been provided, but it is said that Dr. Borden, minister of militia, will attend to this matter when he visits this section this summer. There are to be six companies all told, at Rossland, Vernon, Kamloops, Revelstoke, Nelson and Fort Steele.

Hotel Arrivals.

The following were the arrivals at the International hotel, Greenwood, during the week:

A. McDonald, city; M. McLean, Brooklyn mine; F. B. Smith, Jewel mine; S. Brelauer, city; E. L. Tate, Charles Dawson, Spokane; John Keough, Summit; Geo. Turnball, Jr., Nelson; W. Williams, F. F. Hemenway, Old Ironsides; J. Suesman, Montreal; Clement Vacher, Penticton; John Flattery, Orléans; Michael O'Doherty, Washington; John Clark, Scranton, Penn.; Charles Glocheater, James O'Brien, Okanagan; H. White, White's camp; J. P. Graves, Spokane; S. R. Jackson, Midway; Chas. Gire, Central camp.

Work in Big Sheep Creek.

The country at the head of Big Sheep creek, including Norway, Emerald and Revenue mountains, is being worked by close to a dozen different lots of men, and some high grade gold-copper ore has been met on the surface. The district has only been slightly worked, but it seems to have a bright future, and it is probable that work on a considerably more extensive scale will be under way this summer.

To Celebrate the Queen's Birthday.

A meeting has been called for this evening, at 8 o'clock in the Windsor hotel to arrange for a celebration of the Queen's Birthday, on the 24th of this month. The plan has received the favoring of a number of leading citizens, and the promoters of the project hope to make it an exceedingly successful affair.

A Race on Crutches.

Two tailors of the town, each of whom is handicapped by being crippled, are arranging for a race next Sunday from the Hotel Allan to Trail and return. The condition is that each man must use crutches throughout the trip, and \$50 a side has been posted on the result.

The Last Sad Rites.

[Contributed.]

The funeral of John Alexander, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McDonald, who died at the home of his parents on Davis street on Sunday forenoon, was held from the Roman Catholic church at 10 o'clock Tuesday, Rev. Father Rivers officiating. The little form was laid at rest in the Catholic cemetery by the side of his infant sister, who had preceded him nine months before to realms of peace and joy. For two years and five months the beloved little one had cheered and brightened the home he now leaves desolate. For several days preceding his demise signs of approaching dissolution became manifest, and the loved ones at his bedside sorrowfully saw the life spark growing dimmer, until at 11 o'clock Sunday morning it went out, and the form that had but a short time before been the living embodiment of all that was sweet, lovable and beautiful in childhood, became inanimate clay, over which the bereaved parents wept out the grief that filled their hearts well nigh to breaking. Many friends were present to smooth the dying pillow of their beloved little friend, and they had come to realize through his patient illness the strength and truth of the scriptural passage, "A little child shall lead them." Words of hope, cheer and consolation were fearfully tenderly spoken by Father Rivers, who knew and loved "little Johnnie."

He will gather! He will gather.

The gems for His kingdom; All the pure ones; all the bright ones, His loved and His own.

Like the stars of the morning, His bright crown adorning, They shall shine in His kingdom, Bright stars for His crown.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express sincere thanks to the many friends who so kindly assisted us during our recent bereavement.

MR. AND MRS. A. J. McDONALD.

NEWS OF THE COAST

Victoria Has Organized a New Lacrosse Club.

OPENING OF THE STICKEEN

The Ice is Rapidly Melting in the River—A Well Known Character Drowned—Died From the Effects of a Kick From a Horse—Etc.

VICTORIA, May 3.—A new lacrosse club, to be known as the Victoria, was organized tonight and will make application for admission to the British Columbia Lacrosse association, with a view to participation in the senior league series.

The legislature today gave a second reading to and put through the committee of the whole a bill respecting the towns in Kootenay incorporated last year under a special act. This gives these towns authority to use their provincial assessment lists for the purpose of borrowing money, instead of the revised assessment roll of the municipality, as called for by the general act, but which in the case of these new towns, has no existence.

The failure of the recent Songhees reserve negotiations between the provincial and Dominion governments was the subject of a want of confidence resolution moved by Mr. Semlin, leader of the opposition, and debated at length.

Another Member for Kootenay.

A government bill presented today provides for another member for West Kootenay in addition to those included in the redistribution bill as introduced. Trail Creek division is left as in the bill, while the rest of West Kootenay is divided into three ridings, to be known as the Revelstoke, Slokan and Nelson ridings.

The steamer Islander returned from Skagway and other Alaskan ports this morning with about 90 passengers, many of whom took passage on the steamer North Pacific for the sound, several going to join the United States army.

At Wrangell the residents are making preparations for the opening of navigation on the Stickeen river. The warm weather has had the effect of breaking up the ice in many places in the river, and it is said that should the warm weather being experienced when the Islander left continue for about a week the river will be freed from ice.

THE NEST EGG CASE.

Judgment Was Given in Favor of the Plaintiffs by Justice Walkem.

VICTORIA, May 3.—After a trial lasting the best part of four days, a special jury this evening gave a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs in the case of the Nest Egg Mining company et al. vs. the Canadian Rail Drill company et al. The verdict was in favor of the plaintiffs, and the Nest Egg Mining company shall be reimbursed to the extent of \$5,041.44 for the machinery. The exemplary damages for the Nest Egg Mining company to be \$3,500.

Mr. Justice Walkem having reserved his decision on a number of legal points will fix a day for giving judgment in the case.

An Embeseeer Arrested.

VANCOUVER, May 2.—Dick Hunt, a well known character about town, was found drowned in Burrard Inlet this morning. He came here from Birmingham, Eng., about 10 years back.

D. Gorse of Stevenson, who was kicked by a horse about 10 days ago, died in the city hospital today.

The Winnipeg police today took back to the province capital a man named F. Young, who is alleged to be wanted for embezzlement. Young, who is an insurance agent and broker of Winnipeg, is said to have skipped out with nearly \$3,000. He has been here for a fortnight and has a wife and child.

FIVE MILLION DOLLARS

Government Purposes Granting some Immense Railway Subsidies.

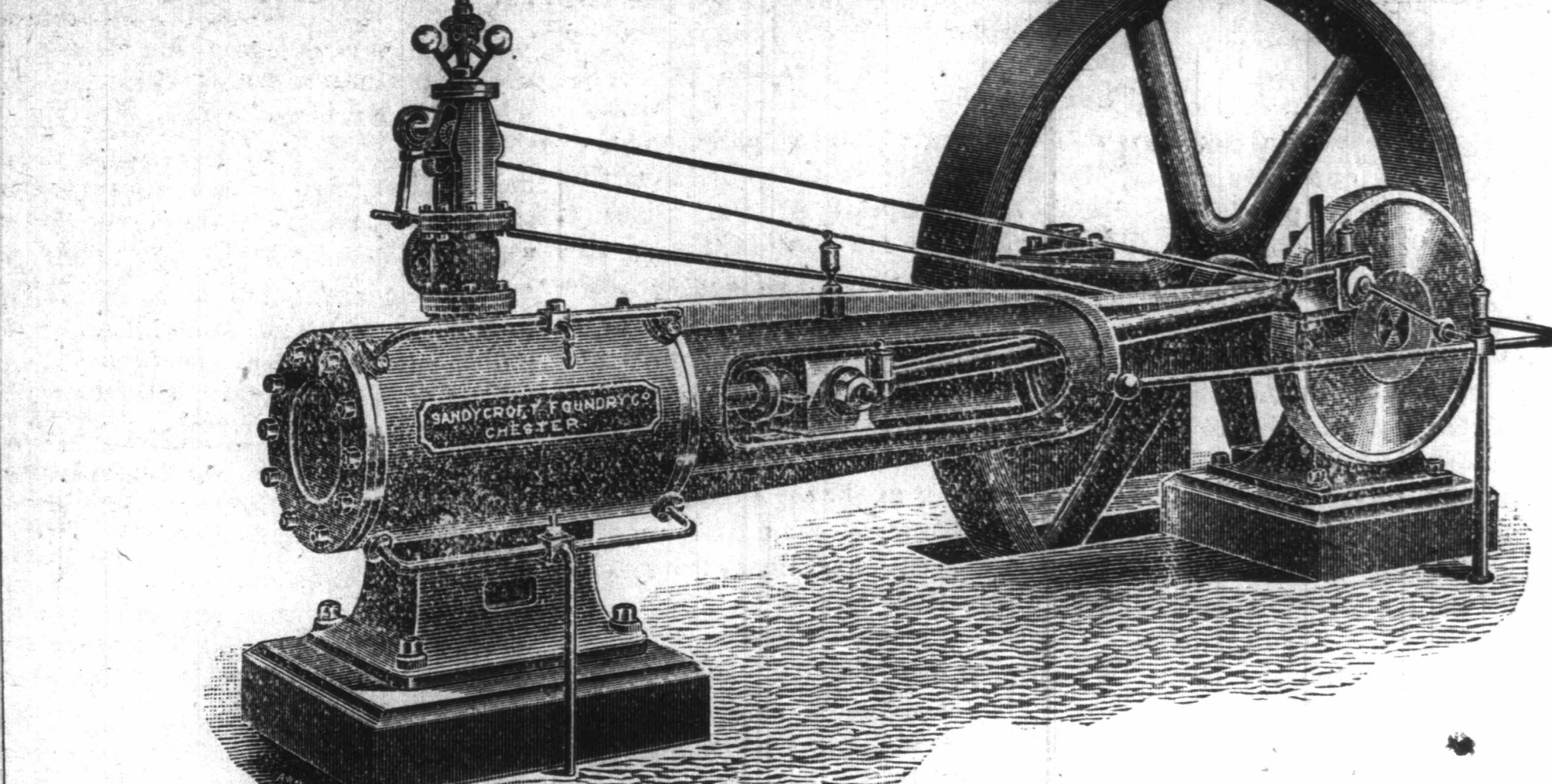
A Road for the Boundary and also one for the Yukon—The Redistribution Bill.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 4.—The house spent most of the afternoon in committee on the Redistribution bill. Though there were a few kicks from the opposition the bill got along smoothly and was reported complete. The Graham amendment to keep the Yale ridings as at present and to give East Yale two members was defeated by a vote of 15 to 12. General introduced his amendment making the fourth riding in West Kootenay, which was carried.

The Cariboo-Omineca line was partly put through committee. The great event of the day was the bringing in of the long looked for railway aid bill. It gives the government power to grant \$4,000 a mile for five railways as follows: A standard gauge railway from Penticton to the Boundary creek district, 100 miles; for a standard gauge road, to connect with the first mentioned road, a distance of 80 miles; for a standard gauge railway from the coast in the neighborhood of English Bay and near Point Roberts via Chilliwack to Penticton, 230 miles; for a standard gauge road from Bute Inlet to Quenelle, 230 miles; and for not more than 400 miles of narrow gauge railway from Tselin lake to a seaport in British Columbia.

Work on the first named two roads must begin within 15 months from May 8, 1897; on the next two within two not all new, in 1898. The powers are named by June 1, 1898. The powers are named by June 1, 1898. The powers are named by June 1, 1898.

Premier Turner announced in the house last before adjournment tonight that it was expected that prorogation would take place on Thursday, May 12. The bill to incorporate Revelstoke passed its second reading without opposition.



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A Murderer Gives Himself Up.

VANCOUVER, May 3.—News comes from Glenora that the man Claus or Clause, who murdered his two partners, Burns and Hendrickson, on April 5, by splitting their heads open with an axe, while going up the Stickeen river, has given himself up to the Canadian police. He confessed the crime, but said he must have been insane at the time, and the people of Glenora consider him insane now. As the murders are thought to have taken place in the disputed territory now occupied by the United States, the authorities are considering what action to take.

PLAUDIT THE WINNER.

He Won the Kentucky Derby Yesterday, Defeating Lieber Karl. LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 4.—Lieber Karl met his master today. He lowered his colors to a grander, better horse, for Plaudit like the aristocrat of the turf that he is, won the honors of the classic event by nobly responding to a call for speed in a race that will long be remembered by the 15,000 people who saw it. Derby day dawned dark and gloomy and by 10 o'clock the rain came and continued to fall in torrents until 2 o'clock. The sandy soil of the track absorbed it, however, and the going was not over a second and a half slow when the bell sounded for the Kentucky Derby, the fourth event on the card.

Plaudit, Lieber Karl, Han d'O'or and Isa Bey came from the paddock in the order named and the appearance of each was the signal for applause. They were sent away in the first break with Lieber Karl in front, Isa Bey second, Plaudit third and Han d'O'or last.

Burns went out to make the pace and he had command by half a length as they raced down to the stand with Han d'O'or second, Isa Bey third and Plaudit last with two lengths covering the bunch. Lieber Karl had but a half length to the advantage with Plaudit still lessening the distance. They were on even terms at the eighth pole and then, amid the lusty shouts of the thousands that backed the stands, the son of Himyal thundered down the track and to the wire, winner of the 24th Kentucky Derby.

TRouble IS FEARED.

A British Consul Attacked and He Kills a Spaniard.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 4.—Trouble of a most serious nature is threatening British interests at Santiago de Cuba. The British third class cruiser Pearl is now anchored within 24 hours the British third class cruiser Pallas and the British sloop Alert probably will join her. The Alert, it now appears, was accompanied by the British consul, as being too important to trust to the censored cable. These dispatches were cabled to London by the colonial authorities here.

The Alert will return to Santiago de Cuba with the Pallas, now at Port Antonio. The colonial authorities are reluctant to disclose contents of the dispatches and the reasons for the movement of the warships, but the story told by the Associated Press correspondent at the Jamaica club today was that the British consul, Mr. Ramon, had been attacked in the consulate by a mob, whereupon he fired upon the crowd, killing a Spaniard, and has been imprisoned. These statements, however, are unverified. Mr. Ramon is a partner in the firm of Brooks Brothers, and is regarded as a man of vigorous and even violent character. Later in the day it was reported that the trouble at Santiago de Cuba has been settled, and the Alert at Port Royal and though her officers were reticent it is believed that the trouble is not so serious as reported at first.

The British warship Pearl has arrived at Port Royal and though her officers were reticent it is believed that the trouble is not so serious as reported at first. The Jamaica club. The British warship Pallas is still at Port Antonio. There is no further light on the occurrences at Santiago de Cuba.



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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the Lucky Boy Mining and Development company, limited, of Rossland, B. C., will be held at the office of the company, 35 North Washington street, Rossland, B. C., on Monday, May 24th, 1898, at 4 p. m.

WILL PROHIBIT CERTAIN EXPORTATIONS.

LONDON, May 4.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Wednesday night, says: The cortes will, tomorrow, approve the measure prohibiting the exportation of corn, flour, maize and potatoes and suppressing the duty on importation of these articles."

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES.

Boston, 3; New York, 8. Brooklyn, 11; Washington, 2. Pittsburg, 3; Chicago, 7.

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THE STOCK MARKET.

Corrected by Messrs. Rolt & Grogan, 36 East Columbia Avenue, Telephone 45, P. O. Box 428. Cable address: "Kent." Codes: Bedford, McNeill and Clough.

The market continued steady yesterday, and despite a few fluctuations, was quite up to the average. Iron Mask, Deer Park, Virginia and Monte Christo Con. are still sought after, but sellers are still holding out for stiffer figures than buyers offer.

QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes Arlington, Brandon & Co., Commander, Deer Park, Dundee, Evening Star, Good Hope, Iron Mask, Iron Col., etc.

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Stock Letter.

The stock market has been quiet for the week. Orders from the east have fallen off materially, owing to the fact that during the continuance of the Hispano-American war, speculators at eastern points can use the money they might otherwise invest in stocks to better advantage in other directions. Among local stocks Mountain Goat, Josie, Deer Park and War Eagle have been most in demand.

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