SEALING REGULATIONS.

President Cleveland's Proclamation to Govern Vessels Engaged in the Taking of Seals.

British Government to Issue the Same Instructions Both in Principle and Detail.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—The President has signed and promulgated the regulations to govern vessels employed in fur seal fishing during the closed season of 1894. They are:

"Article 1. Before the issuance of a special license the master of any sailing vessel proposing to engage in fur seal fishing shall produce satisfactory evidence to the collector of customs that the hunters employed by him are competent to use the weapons authorized by law.

"Article 2. Firearms, nets or explosives shall not be used for taking or killing fur seals in that portion of Behring sea described in the act approved April 6, 1894.

"Article 3. Any vessel having license to hunt fur seals in the North Pacific and Behring Sea, east of 180 degrees longitude, shall before entering Behring Sea or at Unalaska report to the customs officer of the United States navy and have all arms and ammunition on board secured under seal, and such seal shall not be broken during the time fur sealing is prohibited. In order to protect vessels within the area of the award between April 13 and August 1, but which have not violated the law, from improper seizure or detention, the master thereof may by applying to the commander of any cruiser or a customs officer, declaring that she intends to proceed to a home port, have her sealing outfit secured under seal, and the officer placing this seal shall enter the date of the same on her log book, with the number of sealskins and bodies of seals then on board, and the said seal shall not be broken during the time fur sealing is prohibited, except at the home port.

"Article 4. Vessels now in Japanese waters or on the Siberian coast west of 180 degrees longitude, wishing to return to a home port, may enter the port of Attoua and there have their sealing outfit secured under seal and the fact entered on their log books. Such seals shall not be broken except at her home port, and such seal and entry shall constitute a sufficient protection against seizure while within the area of the award on their direct passage to the home port. In case a sealing vessel, as described above, shall, before leaving a Japanese port, declare her intention of returning to a port of the United States, the United States consular officer at the port may, upon application of her master, secure her sealing outfit as described above. Any vessel as described above may obtain special license to hunt for seals in Behring sea upon application to the United States consular officer at any port in Japan, or from the customs at Attoua, after furnishing the evidence required in article 1.

"Article 5. Any vessel in a foreign or home port wishing to engage in fur sealing in Behring Sea shall obtain a special license from a customs officer of the United States if in a home port, and from a consular officer if in a foreign port. Before sailing the sealing outfit of such vessel may be secured under seal upon application as hereinbefore provided, and the fact noted on her license. Such seal shall not be broken during the time fur sealing is prohibited.

"Article 6. Vessels now at sea in the pursuit of fur seals and found not to have violated the law in reference to the taking of fur seals, and who have not cleared from any port on or after May 1, 1894, will not be seized wholly on account of not having a special license or distinctive flag.

"Article 7. Every vessel employed in fur seal fishing as described above, shall have, in addition to the papers now required by law, a special license for fur seal fishing.

"Article 8. Every vessel provided with special license shall show under her national color a flag not less than four feet square, composed of two equal pieces, yellow and black, joined from the right hand upper corner of the fly to the left hand upper corner luff, the part above and to the left to be black, and the part to the right and below to be yellow.

"Article 9. The authority hereinbefore granted to the United States consular officers, customs officers and the officers of the United States navy may be exercised by like officers in the service of the government of Great Britain, except in ports of the United States.

"Notice. The officers herein authorized to carry out the provisions of the act approved April 6, 1894, will observe that the objects of the foregoing articles are to prevent from unnecessary seizure and loss sealing vessels already at sea in ignorance of the provisions of the act, or unable to strictly comply with its requirements. Should cases occur which are not definitely provided for, they must be dealt with by the officers with the above mentioned objects in view, and as nearly in accordance with the law and regulations as possible. These regulations are intended to apply only to the closed season of 1894, and are not to be regarded as a complete execution of the authority conferred on the executive by the act of congress.

"GROVER CLEVELAND."

These regulations are in principle and details substantially the same as those the British Government will issue.

BRAZILIAN CONGRESS.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 7.—Congress opened to-day with Dr. Prudente de Maroles, President of the Senate and President-elect of the Republic, in the chair. President Peixoto's speech to the members touched upon many questions relating to the insurrection. He said that he regarded the insurrection as squelched. The few bodies of insurgents still remaining defiant he described as weak and insignificant. The foreign relations of the country he said were satisfactory, although the Government still awaited Portugal's decision as to giving the conquered insurgent officers an asylum. The commercial outlook was good. The Government expected that commerce with the United States would develop rapidly. The treasury deficit was $97,000,000.

BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION.

NEW YORK, May 7.—A special from St. Johns, Newfoundland, says: Nine dollars a vote is what it cost Sir William Whiteway, the Hon. Robert Bond and their colleague, James Watson, to be elected for Trinity district last November, as revealed by the trial they are now undergoing for corrupt practices. They spent $18,000 and received 2,000 votes. The case was adjourned until Wednesday next, owing to the illness of Chief Justice Carter, and the Whitewayites are jubilant as this adjournment renders it impossible to finish the case by May 23, when the legislature re-opens. The rank and file of the Whiteway party in St. Johns have revolted against the crusade on the local banks started by the Telegram, their own organ, and a number of tradesmen and small property holders waited upon Sir William Whiteway last night to remonstrate with him on the damage it was doing. The Telegram has been compelled to cease its attacks.

U. S. AND RUSSIA.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The treaty negotiated by Secretary of State Gresham and Prince Cantacuzene, Russian minister, is an agreement looking to the protection of Russian seals off the coast of Siberia, where seal fishing will be permitted by vessels of the United States, the limit being fixed at ten miles. The treaty was sent to the Senate to-day while it was in executive session, and the only definite action taken on it was to refer it to the committee on foreign relations. Senator Morgan took occasion to briefly explain the document, saying that this was the first fruits of the efforts of the United States and Great Britain to get other nations to co-operate with them in the effort to preserve seal life. There is also an effort to bring Japan into the compact, but no such progress has been made in the negotiations as that with Russia. The document provides for penalties for its violation. No opposition whatever has so far been made manifest to the treaty.

A LIBERAL ELECTED.

LONDON, May 7.—An election was held to-day in the south division of Hackney to fill the Parliamentary seat left vacant by the appointment of Sir Charles Russell to succeed the late Lord Bowen on the bench. Mr. Fletcher Moulton, Liberal, received 4,530 votes and Thomas Herbert Robertson, Conservative, 4,338—Liberal majority 192, out of a total vote of 8,868. The Liberal majority at the last general election was 1,146, the vote then standing Russell, 4,440; Robertson, 3,294—a total vote of 7,734. The increased vote polled and the smaller majority obtained by the victorious Liberal candidate are commented upon by the Opposition press as significant.

RETALIATORY LEGISLATION.

Bill Introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives Regarding the Bonding Privilege.

The Subject Discussed in Committee and the Attorney of the C. P. R. Heard.

WASHINGTON, May 7. — Retaliation against Canada for alleged discriminations against the United States in the use of certain of her canals is the purpose of a bill introduced by Representative Chickering of New York. The bill is intended to amend the act to enforce reciprocal commercial relations between the United States and Canada, approved July 6, 1892. Mr. Chickering's amendment is as follows: Whenever the President shall be satisfied that there is any discrimination whatever in the use of the Welland canal, the St. Lawrence river canals, the Chambly Canal, the new Canadian Sault Canal, or either of them, whether by tolls, drawbacks, the refusing of tolls or otherwise, or which is or may be detrimental to the United States or any of its citizens, he shall have the power, and it shall be his duty to suspend in whole or in part, by proclamation to that effect, the transportation across the territory of the United States in bond and without the payment of duty, of goods, wares and merchandise, imported or exported from any foreign country from or to the British dominions in North America." The bill was referred to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Hooker, of Mississippi; McCreary, of Kentucky; and Hitt, of Illinois, of the House committee on foreign affairs. The committee this morning heard Mr. Chickering, the author of the bill, and Mr. Raymond, attorney of the Canadian Pacific railway, which is the corporation that would be most affected by retaliatory measures. Mr. Chickering said that the discriminations complained of do exist, and when the Canadian Government is entirely independent of the United States in the matter of water highways, as it will be in time, the discriminations will become more general. Mr. Raymond took strong grounds against the proposed amendments. He denied that discriminations were practised, and felt that it would be unwise to enact such legislation. He laid great stress on the advantages to the American shippers which would result from the use of the Canadian road. The committee will consider the bill further, and will give an additional hearing if such be desired.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL, May 7. — (Special.) — Mr. Brault, notary, of Pointe Claire, and Mrs. Brault have entered action for $24,000 damages against H. Theoret and Mrs. Theoret. It is alleged that some time ago Brault was receiving the sacrament in the church at Point Claire, when Mrs. Theoret cried out that it was sacrilegious. Theoret was subsequently fined $10 by Judge Dugas for this disturbance.

News comes from Nicolet that four young men of the village were sailing on the river Nicolet, when their boat struck an obstruction, and the occupants being thrown into the water, all but one were drowned. The victims are P. St. Jean Germain, Pierre de la Tulippe and O. Desiesseaux.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, May 7.—(Special)—The Ministerial Association has passed a resolution urging the Council to proceed as early as possible with the contemplated improvements to give work to bona fide residents of the city who are unemployed.

It is said that the unemployed of Winnipeg will hold a demonstration this week.

The appeal of Lieut.-Governor Schultz vs. W. F. Alloway, affecting the sale of the Potter House block for taxes by the city of Winnipeg, has been dismissed by the full court.

The steamers reaching Port Arthur are carrying many miners and prospectors bound for the Rainy Lake district.

Crown Land Agent Holland has returned to Fort Francis from Toronto. He sold a number of lots in the government town plot of Fort Francis while at Port Arthur.

The steamer Monarch reached Port Arthur yesterday and cleared for Duluth.

The severest cases of rheumatism are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier. Now is the time to take it. Hood's cures.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Vancouver Electors to Vote on a Proposal to Acquire the Street Railway.

The Christian Endeavor Convention—Activity in Mining—Suggested Trunk Road.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, May 7.—Vancouver has arrived at the dignity of a rival brass band; their music is very good. They are called "The Musical Club Band," and though organized for pastime, will accept engagements.

Mayor Anderson's little girl, who was so badly burned, can be scarcely said to be improving. The burns have healed, but lack of nourishment has reduced the little sufferer to a critical condition.

Mrs. J. S. Anderson is suing the Great Northern railway for injuries received by a partition falling upon her while a passenger on one of their trains. The amount claimed is $30,000.

The C.P.R. are to load small shipments of freight in a special car for the Kootenay country.

VANCOUVER, May 8.—The Electric Light and Tram Co. offer to sell out to the city for $380,000, accepting in payment bonds of the city bearing 5 per cent. interest, specially secured on the plant, etc. The bonds to be taken at 102½. The electors will be called on to decide at the polls what shall be done in the matter.

Col. Tracy, city engineer, has reported on the water ways about Vancouver, as suited for supplying the water works. In Col. Tracy's opinion, none of them can be so used.

The British Columbia conference will be in session here during the present week in Homer Street church, the stationing committee sitting this afternoon to consider the changes to be made.

The scheme to prevent butchers selling meat within 900 yards of the market, proved unsatisfactory, and last night the Council changed the limit from 900 yards to 50 feet, the nominal distance of 50 feet being mentioned so as to prevent the action affecting the lease of the market, as the lease reads subject to amendment, and not to repeal, as it would have been had the limit been wiped out entirely.

At the closing day's proceedings of the first annual C. E. convention on Sunday, Miss Allan, a young lady missionary on her way home from India, related her experiences amongst the Mahometan and Hindoo women, and her method of work. Miss Allan's remarks were listened to with great interest. Mr. J. W. Baer, of Boston, gave a stirring address on "Our Responsibilities to Foreign Missions." In the evening St. Andrew's church was crowded. Rev. Coverdale Watson gave an address entitled "Winning Souls for the Kingdom," which was a most earnest effort. Mr. J. W. Baer conducted the consecration meeting, at which the delegates gave testimony, either by singing or reading a verse in Scripture. The following places were represented: Mission City, Richmond, Cloverdale, Sumas, Kamloops, Vernon, Wellington, Nanaimo, Victoria, Westminster, Vancouver, Miss Allan from India, and a gentleman from San Francisco. The next convention will take place in Victoria.

There were 150 people at the wharf to give the Mikado company a send-off on Sunday. As the Premier left the wharf the company sang "A Gentleman of Japan" and the National Anthem.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 7.—The water in Harrison Lake has fallen eighteen inches within the last week, something unusual at this time of the year, indicating severe weather in the mountains.

An Art and Natural History Society will be organized here on Wednesday night.

An inquest on the body of Joe Lee, who died suddenly on Saturday morning, showed he died of rupture of the heart.

Mr. Curtis held a successful organization meeting in Sapperton to-night.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 8.—Ald. Keary has resigned from the City Council.

The spring assizes opened to-day and are proceeding very slowly. A. Potocki, for larceny at Mission, was found guilty and sentence deferred.

Four new professors have been engaged in Ontario for the Columbian Methodist college here, and will begin their duties in September.

The Brunette Sawmill Co. will shortly increase the capital stock of the company to $300,000.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, May 7.—Joseph Hunter, proprietor of the electric light works, is in town making arrangements for lighting the city. He expected to have the arc light system in working order in a few days. Mr. Hunter would not say definitely, but it is understood he will put in a new plant as soon as possible.

The annual meeting of the Nanaimo gas company was held this afternoon. A 6 per cent. stock dividend was declared. Dr. Milne, T. Shotbolt, C. D. Rand, M. Harris and J. Mahrer were elected directors, and W. K. Leighton secretary-treasurer. Dr. Milne was elected president and J. Mahrer vice-president.

DUNCAN.

DUNCAN, May 7.—Last week a panther was killed by an Indian on Mr. W. Drinkwater's farm at Somenos. I. Chisholm killed another at Maple Bay, and a wolf was got by C. Paine on the Cowichan lake road.

There was a small fall of snow at Cowichan lake on Friday night last.

KOOTENAY.

(From the Mail.)

At the Rip Van Winkle mine they have built a wing dam to turn the stream into a new channel so as to utilise the bed of the creek for the mouth of their tunnel. The new channel will be 350 feet long and they will then have to drive a tunnel 250 feet to reach the bottom of the shaft, which is said to be 40 feet deep and on bedrock.

It has been decided to go ahead with the Big Bend road at once. Several boats are leaving for the Big Bend gold fields. The present activity is only the prelude to the large business expected later on when the wagon road is completed.

F. C. Gamble, Dominion Government engineer, Victoria, arrived on Sunday, having made the trip from Golden around the Big Bend of the Columbia river in an open boat. Where money is needed for clearing away obstructions is somewhere near the head of Steamboat canyon. The portion that is wanted for use, and by the outlay of a comparatively small sum could be made safe, is that portion of the Columbia river between Revelstoke and Death Rapids, a distance of 45 miles.

W. M. Brown has had men at work making rip-rap along the river bank just below the Revelstoke bridge, and at the point touched by high water, which is likely to be exceptionally high this year.

It is stated that there will be a large smelter erected either at Three Forks or New Denver by a smelter company of Omaha.

The third instalment of the payments on the Alpha mine, in the Grady group, which changed hands last fall, was paid over a short time ago. The amount was $22,000.

A meeting was held at Revelstoke to consider the question of organizing a board of trade, and a committee was appointed composed of the Mayor and Messrs. Gaglietto, McIver, Whittaker and Ald. Smith, to correspond with other boards of trade with a view to learning more of their methods and objects.

Messrs. Vandall and Beaton, who came last summer from Pend d' Oreille, went up to Big Bend to re-locate an old claim on the benches of French creek worked by a man named John Glover, up to 1891. Vandall and Beaton found a 100-foot tunnel, and everything in working order. For some time their luck was not great, but they stuck at it and reached a stratum of gravel where the gold could be picked up in fair-sized nuggets. In one week they picked up $400 worth of nuggets, one day reaching $100. The ground they are now working is averaging $25 a day.

Work was commenced on Monday clearing the C.P.R. townsite, preparatory to laying the ground out in blocks and lots for building purposes.

The Slocan Star mine company have about 900 tons, valued at $100,000, stored in their warehouse at Three Forks.

The warm weather of the past two weeks has had the effect of raising the water in the Columbia, and on Saturday the Lytton was docked at the smelter wharf. The Marion was the next of the fleet to make the town.

FORT STEELE.

(From the Golden Era.)

Frank Freeman reports work progressing very satisfactorily on the B. C. Southern railway.

Recorder Edwards, just returned from Moyea, announces that Ridgway & Co., are making good wages.

Mather's saw mill has been moved nearer Fort Steele.

Anxiety is felt as to whether or not the C.P.R. will take over the B. C. Southern railway.

NAKUSP.

(From the Ledge.)

The waters of the lake have risen over four feet in a week.

An epidemic has been devastating the stock of Fire Valley settlers of late, several fine horses having succumbed.

The Cariboo and Kootenay Prospecting Company have taken up one and a half miles of gravel on the Lardeau creek and close to Trout lake.

The hotels and business houses report a steady increase in the volume of trade.

A company headed by H. A. Brown have applied for a mile of placer grounds on the south fork, some distance from Trout lake.

Track laying on the Arrow Lake railway has reached a point thirteen miles below Revelstoke, and two or more this side of the Green Slide. Terminal facilities are being arranged for at the head of the lake, almost two miles south of Wigwam.

Nakusp will celebrate the 24th with much pomp and enthusiasm.

Dan McGillivray informed the Ledge that work on the Nakusp and Slocan railway would be recommenced on Wednesday, and would not cease until the whole road was completed. The material is already in Revelstoke.

Upon a number of properties in the Lardeau district the owners have been engaged in performing development work throughout the winter, and the result is that in every instance the ledge has been fully proven, revealing large quantities of high grade ore. At the Silver Cup the owners have just finished a season's work and are highly pleased with the showing. The ledge is well defined, with every indication of it widening as the tunnel is driven. About three carloads of ore is on the dump which will assay from 300 to 1,100 ounces per ton in silver.

ALERT BAY.

ALERT BAY, May 3.—Special Officer George Hunt returned from Kingcombe inlet the other day, after having secured the four Indian witnesses wanted in the Savary island case. They will be taken down to Victoria on the Boscowitz by Officer Woellacott.

Two more pupils were admitted to the Indian industrial school on Monday; Principal Corker expects to have the school full in a short time.

The weather for the past month has been very wet and cold. Snow fell on the 30th, and consequently farming operations are considerably retarded.

John Switzer, sr., of Victoria, is a guest of Rudge & Huson, of Haddington island.

The steamer Danube arrived from Victoria to-day, bringing no mail, however.

FAIRVIEW.

(From the Advance.)

A large body of good ore has been struck on the Morris extension of the Joe Dandy.

At present there is not a single money order office in the lower Okanagan, a source of considerable inconvenience to residents.

The owners of the Morning Star are about to ship twelve tons of concentrates, which run as high as $280 to the ton, to the Tacoma smelter.

At the fruit ranch of the late Okanagan Smith, the peach, apricot, plum and other fruit trees are all in full bloom, and as there are a few acres, it gives the place the appearance of a forest of flowers. The grape vines, too, are looking beautiful.

The main cropping of the Brown Bear hitherto unworked, and considered not worth working, is being opened up. The ledge, about eight feet wide, appears to contain two streaks of well mineralized galena ore. Several tons will be run through the mill as a test.

On Thursday William Engre, who has been living for some time with Mary Smith, Indian wife of the late Okanagan Smith on the ranch on the Colville reservation, accidentally discharged a revolver, inflicting a severe wound, from which he died in about two hours.

There are still several bands of wild horses in the lower country which are a source of direct loss to stockmen and an unmitigated nuisance.

The snow is rapidly melting off Boundary mountain, and miners are all making for the hills. There is also very little left at Camp McKinney, while at Fairview the snow has quite disappeared.

Encouraging news comes from the placer mines at and above the crossing of Rock creek. Messrs. Rankin and Turley have struck solid gravel and are more than pleased. Just above the south fork, at the Gold Cup (formerly the Homestake), the parties interested have come across considerable color. They commenced work this spring, and have run a ground sluice to wash off the top dirt. A clean up will be made shortly. At White's Bar, A. Donahue, an old Cariboo and Granite creek miner, is stated to be taking out good pay. This claim in the early days paid two ounces per man per day. Still further up the creek a Chinese company have been working very coarse gold, some nuggets running as high as $16 and $18. The claim highest up the creek was located last fall by Messrs. Kline, McDougall and others, who will probably make a start next week.

GLENWOOD.

GLENWOOD, May 3.—A well attended meeting was held at Glenwood school house, in the 2½ mile belt, on Saturday, April 28, Mr. Curley being called to the chair and Wm. McDonald chosen secretary. The first of the many speakers was Mr. Cameron, of Lochiel, who stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of considering what measures might with advantage be taken to make the settlement more accessible from the railroads and steamboats. He thought that if the North Bluff road were opened from Township 13 to White Rock this would be a great benefit to the settlement. A resident of Hazelmere also spoke, expressing his belief that it would be of great advantage to the settlers there to have a road to White Rock, the distance from there to Victoria being only 45 miles, and Vancouver also being easily accessible. He stated that Mr. Thrift was in communication with a steamship company in Victoria who were disposed to put on a line of steamers to White Rock or some other point convenient to that district; so that had they a trunk road the farmers could ship their produce to good markets. Others spoke to the same effect, and a resolution was then passed in favor of a petition to the government for a trunk road which may be described as the North Bluff road, to be opened from Township 13 to White Rock. A vote of thanks to the chairman and secretary closed the proceedings.

GALIANO ISLAND.

GALIANO ISLAND, May 7.—Through the instrumentality of Mrs. J. P. Booth the trustees of the Mayne Island public school have been successful in obtaining the grant for a new school building on the island, and the settlers are now discussing the question of a site for its erection.

A Presbyterian church is in course of erection on Pender Island, and services will be held regularly throughout the summer months.

The 24th of May will be celebrated with a basket picnic to be held on one of the islands.

Seeding is all finished in this locality, but the continued inclemency of the weather made the work a somewhat laborious one.

Point Comfort hotel will be opened and in full running order during the coming season and will be managed by enterprising Victorians.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Prothero, of Wadham's cannery, who have been staying here during the winter, returned to the Landing on Friday.

Rev. Father Van Goetham, of Cowichan, is here visiting among the islanders.

U. S. TARIFF.

Compromise Measure Upon Which the Democrats Hope to Pass the Bill.

Duty on Rice Reduced—Many Duties Decreased by the Senate Restored.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Late this evening the Democratic members of the Finance committee, acting through the committee of revision of which Senator Jones has been the head, gave to the public the amendments which had been heralded as the compromise measure upon which the Democratic party was to solidify and, after a brief debate, pass the Tariff bill. Many of the changes are unimportant and consist of a restoration of the House duties which the Senate had decreased. A number of articles have been taken from the free list, among them agricultural products. The sugar schedule calls for 40 per cent. ad valorem on all raw sugars, and an additional one-eighth of a cent on all sugar above No. 16 Dutch standard, with a discriminating duty of one-tenth of a cent against those countries which pay an export bounty. The polariscopic test has been dropped from the schedule. A provision that will set at rest much of the discussion likely to grow out of this section is that which expressly stipulates that the treaty with Hawaii shall not be construed to be abrogated or in any manner impaired by the passage of this act. Probably as the result of the criticism that the bill had been drawn on sectional lines, the committee has reduced the duty on rice. There is a very material increase in the rates of duty on leaf tobacco. The chemical schedule has been reconstructed in many particulars and here, as in the other schedules, the change is noted from ad valorem to specific duties, to say nothing of the increase in the rates. The iron and glass schedules have been overhauled and the changes demanded by manufacturers have been made, some of them not so much in the nature of increases as they are in the way of a re-classification and the equalization of the duties. The rumors that have been floating about for some days, of the mysterious influences at work in regard to the woolen and cotton schedules, appear to have had some ground, for the changes in these lines have been numerous and in some cases very material. Coal, iron ore, lead ore and lumber were not touched. The lead trust was not the gainer by these amendments, for there was not an increase in the duty on lead products. Nothing was done with whiskey; but if all the rumors in connection with that article be true it is very likely that a vigorous fight will be made to put the tax on whiskey back to one dollar a gallon.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS

TORONTO, May 7.—(Special)—It is intimated that the Ontario general elections will take place on June 26. Sir Oliver Mowat is to make a stumping tour of the Province, beginning at Ottawa.

A Jealous Lover's Deed.

ROME, May 7.—A young man named Venzie, connected with an aristocratic Roman family, last evening shot and killed the daughter of Signor Liberati, a War office official. He was betrothed to the girl. Venzie then blew out his brains. The cause was jealousy.

FORT SHEPPARD.

Roads to Trail Creek Mines Impassable—Placer Ground Occupied by a N. Y. Syndicate.

Operations of Kootenay Hydraulic Co. —Prospects of Settlement—A P. O. Mystery Unravelled.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

FORT SHEPPARD, May 4.—The hauling of ore from the Trail Creek mines has been stopped on account of the state of the road, which has fallen away in many places since the snow went; repairs will be at once set in hand, and in the meantime much development work is being done and ore got out ready for shipment.

A steam saw mill will be put in near the new town of Thompson, adjoining all the leading mines; Mr. Blan is the proprietor of the new mill, and has all the machinery ready to go in.

The "Kootenay" steamer of the C. & K. S. N. Co., has been put on the route between Northport and Robson for the season, running Wednesdays and Saturdays to meet the up train from Spokane.

Messrs. Parker and Leavenworth, of Seattle, representing a New York syndicate, have decided to take over the large area of placer ground, starting from the boundary adjoining Fort Sheppard, and running south along the Columbia River for two miles; they will at once commence the building of a $30,000 ditch to bring the water on to the ground from Cedar Creek; they will also obtain control of the site of the ground on which the various stores, saloons, etc., have been erected at Boundary, and be able to give title to the several squatters. In this way Boundary will probably become a good little town and improve the reputation already acquired by her people for tenacity and energy.

The writer rode the whole distance between Waneta and the Salmon river along the wagon road constructed by the Kootenay Hydraulic Mining Company, and was surprised to find that the amount of work done by this company far exceeds what is generally believed. The wagon road itself, eight feet wide and in very good condition, is a vast piece of work, traversing side hills and climbing hundreds of feet to get round the heads of the great gorges formed by the mountain torrents; its length is seventeen miles, though on an air line the distance is not more than eleven. This road has been of signal service in opening up the country and giving access not only to the placer grounds on the Salmon river but to the rich agricultural bench lands forming the north side of the Pend d' Oreille river. At each of the numerous creeks along the route the company has constructed dams and sluices to conduct the water to their main ditch leading to their present base of operations at Seven-Mile creek, and there is evidence of an enormous expenditure which up to the present time must be regarded as almost wholly developmental, as it is only within the last few days the company has commenced hydraulicing with a 250-foot head at Seven-Mile creek. Here they have had much to contend with in the bursting of the piping from improperly regulated pressure and from the washing out of the ditches. They are, however, now at work with a 4-inch nozzle, and hope to make such a clean up as will fully demonstrate the already well known richness of the banks of gravel on which they are operating. It is understood that on such practical proof being offered to their stockholders, funds to any further extent are available for more extended work. This company is owned in and operated from Rochester, N.Y. Even if the local management of this company has been somewhat tentative and experimental, and not such as might have been pursued by a skilled hydraulic engineer, everyone must wish that their courage may be rewarded to the full, and that they may reap a harvest commensurate with their expenditure.

A good portion of the rich land above referred to has been pre-empted, and a large amount of clearing, cultivating, fencing and planting has been done; notably on Mr. G. Ellis' place, which, with its well fenced and carefully cultivated fields, presents a most creditable appearance. All these lands are well watered and irrigable, and as the soil is rich and loamy the whole stretch of country will certainly be located for ranches when the railroad reserve is lifted. The hills at the back are untimbered and would afford a splendid range for cattle and sheep, the bunch grass being about six inches high.

Last fall an Italian boss acting for dagos employed on the N. & F. S. railroad construction, registered at Waneta for New York a letter said to contain cheques for $1,400, which letter reached its destination minus the cheques. These latter were, however, cashed at a bank in Spokane within a few days of the posting of the letter. Those who know John Reith, the postmaster, and his family, would not be inclined to impart to them any guilty knowledge of the fraud, but it is a relief to all that the wife of the said boss, in bringing an action for divorce against him in Spokane, declared that he had confessed to her that he had never put the cheques in the envelope. Mr. Fletcher, the post office inspector, left here just before this solution of the puzzle was made known.

ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.

OMAHA, Neb., May 8.—Several hundred delegates of the Ancient Order of Hibernians assembled here to-day in convention. In accordance with the constitution, the proceedings will be surrounded with strict secrecy. One of the officers, however, said this morning: "This is the American order and has within its ranks over one hundred thousand members scattered throughout the country. Many matters of serious importance to the future well being of the organization will be passed upon. The national directory will report a large number of amendments, which, if adopted, will make a thorough revision of the organic law. A close and rigid audit of the financial affairs of the order will also be exacted."

IN NORTH VICTORIA.

GALIANO ISLAND, May 6.—(Special.)—A public meeting is to be held here probably next week in the interest of J. P. Booth, the present M.P.P. for the Islands, who will be a candidate on the government side for the new constituency of North Victoria at the coming election.

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