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## CABLE NEWS.

### Deputy Speakership of the Canadian Senate Legalized by Imperial Legislation.

### Bank of England Statement—Dundee Strike Increasing—Big Russian Fire

LONDON, Aug. 29.—In the House of Commons today Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, asked leave to introduce a bill for the purpose of removing all doubts as to the validity of the act of the Dominion of Canada respecting the deputy speaker of the Senate. He explained that this bill was prepared by a predecessor, and that there was no doubt of the validity of the act, but it was best to make the matter certain. Mr. Chamberlain also said that he was not aware that the matter had been made a party question in Canada. The bill eventually passed its first reading. The weekly statement of the Bank of England, issued to-day, shows the following changes compared with the previous account: Total reserve, increased £984,000; circulation, decreased £167,000; bullion, increased £21,190,000; public deposits, decreased £328,000; notes, increased £1,052,000; government securities, unchanged. Proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 59.17 per cent., is now 60.11 per cent. The Bank of England rate of discount remains unchanged at 2 per cent.

The London, Brighton & South Coast Railway Company has decided to pay the bulk of the claims for damages growing out of the collision between the Lyon and the Seaforth in the English Channel and the subsequent sinking of the latter. The company will not attempt to raise the Seaforth. Hippolyte Raman, the playwright, committed suicide in Paris by shooting himself with a revolver.

A duel with pistols was fought near Ajaccio, Corsica, by Signor Bonetti, a journalist, and Dr. Alexandria. The latter was killed. The quarrel which brought about the encounter grew out of a political discussion.

Torpedo boat No. 14 was capsized on Wednesday in the North sea, and thirteen persons are reported drowned.

Fire at Hooge Zaluwe, Brabant, destroyed forty-three houses. Fifty families have been rendered homeless, but no loss of life is reported.

The German trading associations now in conference at Augsburg, Bavaria, have adopted a resolution in favor of a gold standard.

The Cologne Lokal Anzeiger's Copenhagen dispatch says that the betrothal of the Prince Christian of Denmark and the Princess Maude of Wales will be proclaimed on September 7.

Half the town of Yakenoff, Smolensk, Russia, consisting about 4,000 inhabitants, has been destroyed by fire.

The case of Dr. Anderson, who has complained of illegal treatment at the hands of judges at Tobago, an island of the British West Indies, has been brought to the notice of several members of the House of Commons by Earl Stanford, president of the civil rights defence association. Mr. Holmes has promised Dr. Anderson and it has been agreed that his case shall be investigated.

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## "DEFENDER" AND "VIGILANT."

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—The Defender defeated the Vigilant in a race over a triangular course of 24 miles—8 miles to the leg—outside of Sandy Hook to-day, by 18 minutes 31 seconds. There were all kinds of weather. A fair breeze of eight knots an hour was blowing at the start, followed by a calm. A small breeze of 3 or 4 miles next appeared. Then there was a puff of about five miles, but the most important conditions prevailed on the last leg when the squall came up for a period of twenty minutes it blew forty miles an hour. The Vigilant was compelled to take in her club topsails and sailed for half an hour without any canvas above her mainsail. The Defender stood the test, which was the first of the kind she had ever been out in, without removing a rag, until the sheet by her staysails was carried away and the sail was worn into shreds by the gale. It was quickly replaced, however, despite the blow, and the Defender's most ardent champions were surprised at the way the boat stood up under the blow. The ship stood up as a good ship should, heeling so little that her weather gauges were well proven. On all points of sailing, reaching, close hauling and before the wind, the Defender gained her opponent. The following table of official time gives the figures:

Defender, Vigilant. Start..... 11:20:28 11:30:40 First Mark..... 3:03:09 3:13:29 Second Mark..... 3:16:30 3:31:00 Finish..... 4:10:08 4:28:23Elapsed..... 4:49:40 5:07:43

On the first leg, which was a reach most of the way, Defender gained 5 minutes 5 seconds. On the second leg the Vigilant was beaten for the first time on a run before the wind, defender gaining 2 minutes 23 seconds. On the home leg, when the squall struck, Defender simply ran away and crossed her lead by 10 minutes 45 seconds. The Valkyrie came out from her anchorage as the racers were starting and followed them to a distance over the course. The Challenger caught the seven or eight deep breezes, under which the Defender and Vigilant started, and was carried by it close down to the point where the racers dropped it. When the Valkyrie found herself behind she sailed half a mile of the Vigilant, which was three quarters of a mile ahead of the Defender, she went back. No fair comparison between the Valkyrie and the Defender could be made, as the one had a breeze when the other had not. The Valkyrie was the equal coming and promptly took down her club topsails. She already has her stay jib sail and jib down.

## MURDERER HOLMES.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 29.—J. C. Allen, alias Caldwell, the convict serving a ten years' sentence here for horse stealing, has made a statement to Warden Moore of H. E. Holmes and his operations. The warden believes the man knows a great deal more than he has told. Having detailed the conversation as to the making of the castle in Chicago, Allen said: "The building in Chicago known as the 'Castle' was erected especially for a death trap, and during my association with Holmes I was in it often, in fact I occupied a room there. A stranger to the city during the World's fair was decoyed into that castle and murdered for his money. He did not have as much money as Holmes thought—only \$3,700. A bright little boy was enticed into the castle during the fair and held in a room for five days for a reward for his recovery. No reward being offered, they were afraid to turn him out, and the gas was turned into his room at night and he was suffocated. I could mention other such cases of crime committed in the castle and destroyed in my presence, but these are sufficient, except one, and that was of Annie Williams. The cause of her killing was explained by Holmes so that one of the girls must be put out of the way, and that he could manage Minnie easier than he could Annie. Minnie was crazy in love with Holmes, and she was jealous of her sister, as Holmes was paying her some attention too, and he took particular pains to increase her jealousy, to work her up to the point of doing the deed to get Annie Williams out of the way."

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 29.—The drug with which Howard Pitzel was killed before his body was turned in for investigation, the Irvington cottage was found buried in the barn. It was given to the coroner who said: "If there is any killing to be done, this is the drug with which to do it." Boys digging under the Holmes house found the two feet of Howard Pitzel. They had been burned but not destroyed and were evidently too bulky to put into the chimney hole. With the feet was found buried a five quart can. There was some coal oil in it. All the witnesses were before the coroner and the grand jury to-day. The coroner will undoubtedly corroborate the conclusions already reached by the detectives and reporters. The grand jury is hearing the testimony to-day and will return an indictment against Holmes.

## STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Share speculation to-day was very unsettled in tone and the movement of prices was very irregular. The large appreciations in values of the past few days offered temptation to realize good profits, which were taken advantage of and the "bear" element took advantage of this selling to put out fresh lines of "shorts." It cannot be said, however, that there was any concerted attack upon the market as a whole, for some shares were well supported and moved upward. The railway list was practically neglected. Speculation was unsettled at the close.

## IN GOOD CONDITION.

The Nelson Tribune says: "W. C. Ward, superintendent of the Bank of British Columbia, came in from Victoria on Tuesday. He is reported as saying that this country is in good condition financially, and that the outlook indicates a lengthened period of business activity. This coming from the superintendent of the most conservative bank in Canada is encouraging, to say the least."

## DUREANT'S TRIAL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—A jury to try Theodore Dureant for the murder of Blanche Lamont was completed to-day, and the case was adjourned till Monday, when the taking of testimony will begin.

## BARKERVILLE NEWS.

### Excellent Returns From Various Hydraulic Claims—Rich Strike in Downie Pass.

### Cariboo Gold Fields Co. Actively at Work on Williams Creek—Prices of Goods.

(Special Correspondence of the COLONIST.) BARKERVILLE, Aug. 23.—Below will be found a short report of the season's work around here. There have been some very good clean-ups, among the best being C. H. Newton's, on Stout's Gulch—650 ounces, with the assistance of four men. Flynn Bros., Mosquito Creek, took out \$3,000 from 6,000 yards of earth, with two men. The old Adams claim, on the same creek, has taken another good turn, a new pay streak having been struck, from which 80 ounces were taken out of a cut in the new face, which measures only 200 yards, the average being \$72 to the yard. There are 10,000 yards of the same gravel in sight. The ground is the ancient bed of a stream. I saw suggest the way from \$5 to \$55, which were taken out this summer on Mosquito creek, the pay being from the grass roots down.

The Eye-Opener claim, on Williams creek, has done fairly well, several hundred ounces having been cleaned up. One claim has been only partly worked this season. The Waverly claim, on Grouse creek, has done better this year than usual, as also the other claims on the same creek. A new strike was made about two months ago on Six Mile creek, a tributary of Swift river, just above the Snowshoe trail, which is paying \$6 per day to the man and good coarse gold.

The best strike made for years is in the Downie pass, six miles from Barkerville, in the heavy gravel of the western road. There is only fourteen feet, and the pay is from the grass root down. It is a very common thing to get \$3 to the pan and often as high as \$9, but water is scarce and every bit of earth has to be shovelled into the sluice boxes. Another new strike is reported to-day by an eye-witness a mile from the meadows above mentioned, with 750 to the pan on an average.

The San Juan Company on Horton creek, five miles from Cottonwood, have struck good pay sixty-five feet to bed rock, and are now engaged in putting in power for hoisting.

The Bonanza Company on Lightning creek are down 102 feet, and a drift of 450 feet has been cleaned up, the channel, where great things are expected. F. C. Laird, on Willow river, is pushing ahead his drift to reach bed rock on the rim, when he will sink about eighty feet and then drift back again for the main channel. The Cariboo Gold Fields Co. are progressing very well with their work, a large number of white men being employed on the pipe line ditch. Several hundred Chinamen are at work on the big ditch, which will be nearly completed in three or four weeks and seven feet wide. They have already commenced the trestle work to carry the pipe past the town, which will take about 2,000 feet of trestling. The pay roll for whites alone is about \$5,000 per month. They are looking for the highwayman in Vancouver.

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## NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

### Vancouver's Police Inquiry—Water Supply of the Terminal City.

### Welcome to Bishop Dart—W.C.T.U. at Duncan—Mining on the Mainland.

(Special to the COLONIST.) VANCOUVER, Aug. 29.—The second water main across the Narrows gave out yesterday. With both mains gone, the water had to be taken from the park reservoir. It was not thought that the waterworks reservoir would be called so early into use, and its value to the citizens was most emphatically demonstrated.

In the case of the infant, whose dead body was found in a box by some children at Central Park, an open verdict has been returned by the coroner's jury. A large number of Chinese peddlars are being fined for vending vegetables during forbidden hours. There are a great number of applications for the position of chief of police, many from outside the city. The police investigation was continued this evening.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 30.—False creek was dragged by the police yesterday and to-day for the bodies of the missing boys McKinnon, Wilson and Tiddy. The search will be continued for several days. The Bishop of Westminster was in the city yesterday and visited St. Luke's Home. His Lordship will preach in St. James' church in the morning and St. Luke's church in the evening of Sunday.

C. W. Spence, general superintendent of the C. P. R. Eastern division, is in the city, accompanied by his family. Mr. Spence will leave for Victoria to-morrow. He is visiting this part of the Dominion for pleasure.

John Robinson of Victoria, inspected the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, on Wednesday. Last night he was entertained by the Knights at a moonlight excursion on the inlet.

## WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Aug. 29.—At a meeting of the citizens' celebration general committee, the sports committee reported a splendid programme. Four hundred dollars will be offered in prizes in the bicycle races. A special feature will be competition drill for boys' brigades. Several members of the Royal Agricultural Society met several members of the Kennel Club yesterday to discuss matters in connection with the coming show. It is intended that the dog show shall form a distinct and prominent feature of the exhibition.

His Lordship Bishop and Mrs. Dart were welcomed by St. Barnabas parish last evening. The attendance was large. Rev. Mr. Govan welcomed the Bishop. In replying to the Bishop made light of the remark that there were many difficulties met with in working this parish. He said if they could be happy and faithful under difficulties the more credit to them.

WESTMINSTER, Aug. 30.—Seven hundred boxes of fruit went East over the C.P.R. yesterday to the Northwest. On Wednesday night a man who did not give his name, was held up for a check on the Bank of British Columbia for \$53.25. They are looking for the highwayman in Vancouver. Thos. Routley, who was seriously injured by being knocked off the tram last week, is still dangerously ill and shows little signs of improvement.

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## CHILLIWACK.

(From the Progress.) The Fruit Growers' Association during the week ended August 27 have shipped to the cannery 4,757 pounds of culled apples and 13,290 pounds of plums. To the local market in the cities have been sent 502 boxes of plums and 176 of apples. A large shipment was made this morning down the river, and the final shipment will be made to-morrow to complete the carload which leaves Westminster for Calgary.

William White, 10 years of age, who does his work promptly with a will, is carrying the malle from here to Sardis. Tom White's house at Promontory Flats was burned last Friday. It caught fire from a lamp exploding and nearly everything was burned, including some money. J. J. and Robert Kerr have commenced the erection of a cressmery in town. These gentlemen will pay cash for the cream when delivered.

Rev. F. C. McGregor, of Underwood, has accepted a call to the First Baptist church at Chilliwack and will be here by October 1. Arthur Ennis had his house burned down on Thursday.

## NELSON.

(From the Tribune.) During July the mines at Ainsworth shipped about two hundred tons of ore to the Pilot Bay smelter, and the shipments for August would have aggregated fully as much had not the wagon road to the mines been damaged by fire. The mines shipping ore are the Skyline, No. 1, and Amazon, the latter the property of the Canadian Pacific Mining & Milling Co., which is putting in a tramway to connect the mine with the steamer landing at Woodberry. The reports of shipments from the Sloan and Trail Creek mines are not complete.

While the statement has not official sanction, it can be stated that the Hall Mines Co., Ltd., has decided not to build a smelter, but to concentrate its ore in one of the great smelting companies operating in the United States, one of the conditions being that the smelter is to be erected at Nelson.

A. J. Becker, who has the concession for running the crescent tunnel on the Starlight on Twin mountain, expects to reach the vein within a month. One vein has already been out, which shows ore that makes the parties who have the Starlight bonded imagine they have a mine. If it is a mine, a mill will be erected on the property, the ore being a free-millstone proposition.

The cribbing for the Silver King 200 foot ore bin is all in place, and the excavation for the two revolving bins is nearly completed. The towers for the tramway will all be up next week, and the wire rope is now being delivered at points along the line of right-of-way.

Six tons of fine gold ore from the Fern, a Hall creek claim, has been freighted to the Port Alberni mill for treatment. If the returns are up to expectations, the Fern will be worked.

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## MALDEN.

(From the Claim.) H. C. Andrews, the mining man who last week went with Dick Gallup to look at the President and other valuable properties belonging to Mr. Gallup on the Duncan, has returned. He is very favorably impressed, both with the property and the country. The great need of Lardo and Duncan is more and better trails.

A strike of ore, going \$8 in gold and four per cent copper and having a striking resemblance to the ore of Trail Creek, is reported from Northport as having been made about three miles north of old Fort Sheppard. Some excitement prevails and many claims are being staked out. The country at the foot of Sloona lake is still attracting prospectors by the score, and many locations are being made. The latest opinion of experts would indicate that the country will make good all its promise, notwithstanding its unfavorable granite formations. Prospectors are filing into the Fire Valley country.

## CAPITAL NOTES.

### Soo Canal to Be Opened September 9 Without Formal Ceremony.

### Nebraska Settlers for the Northwest—Mr. Chamberlain's Sealing Prohibition.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Aug. 29.—Monday, September 9, has been definitely decided on as the date of the opening of the Soo canal. There will be no official or formal ceremonies. The Imperial order-in-council prohibiting pelagic sealing in the vicinity of certain Russian islands is founded on an act passed in the last hours of the Rosebery administration. The order does not bring into force nearly all the restrictive regulations which the British government had power to promulgate. This is regarded here as indicating the breadth of Mr. Chamberlain's colonial policy. Great things are accordingly hoped of the new colonial secretary.

Two Nebraska delegates have reported favorably on Alberta as a field for settlement. They will settle on the Stony Plains this fall and expect 50 or 100 Nebraska families to follow in the spring. The official investigation by Captain Smith into the wreck of the steamer Mexico on Belle Isle on July 7, exonerates the steamer from blame. Captain Smith reports that the steamer overran her course fifteen miles through being in an unknown 34 knot easterly current.

The charge of piracy against Labrador fishermen has been clearly proven. The reports say they not only robbed the wreck of the cargo and provisions; but unbenet their sails and looted the officers' effects, including nautical instruments.

## WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 29.—(Special)—Sir John and Lady Schultz returned to-day from the West. Reports have been current for several days that Sir John was West conferring with Sir Mackenzie Bowell on the school question. A reporter called on Sir John at Government House, when His Honor said the report that a conference had taken place on the school question was perfectly nonsense. He did not think there was any official talk or conference between the premiers of the Dominion and Manitoba or he would have heard of it. His Honor said he had not been informed that Mr. Patterson would be sworn in on Monday next. So far as he was aware, matters in connection with the governorship remained unchanged. Vice-President Stevenson of the United States passed through the city to-day on his return East.

## GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 29.—The session of the Grand Encampment opened at Masonic Temple at 10 a.m., when the election of officers was taken up. The convulsions of the Men's Masonic order of the Eastern Star, also formally opened at Unity Hall. Out of town excursion have been as numerous and attractive as on yesterday, and visiting commanders have been lavishly entertained. To-night the exodus of knights will begin, several commanders leaving for home. A large number go to-morrow. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar elected Right Excellent Sir Knight Warren Lorne Thomas, of Kentucky, grand master to succeed Most Excellent Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy. Three hundred votes were cast, of which the successful candidate received 297.

QUEBEC, Aug. 29.—H.M.S. Magicienne is under orders to leave here for Montreal on Monday, and H.M.S. Canada on September 9.



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