The people that passed had cur for him and brought him water. ay where he could reach the stove could keep up the fire and cook little he wanted to eat. I went to ant and carried him a bottle of Rex and about a pound of crackers. yas delighted with them. He thinks better, but he is a very sick man. s a foreigner and I could not learp he came from. His two comns deserted him eleven days ago. 4.-Brockaway's party moved the trail yesterday. They found by packing their goods about threeers of a mile they could get to good again, so they have concluuild the boat until they get to the of Lake Taggish. That is the next We will put our boat in the water ght, and if she is all right we will on our journey to-morrow. Of se we will have to pull her out on when we come to ice, and put her in the water again when we come vater. How many times we will to do this it is impossible to sayps many times before the ice is engone in all the lakes. The weather is side of the mountains has been freezing a little at night, clear and sunshine during the day.

old-timers say this trip has been irdest on record, not on account of storms, but on account of the hard s. Until the lakes were reached no could pull more than 150 pounds ount of the miner's outfit is 750 ount of the miner's outfie is 750

Barret has been encamped nes most every day since leaving Dyea we reached Lake Linderman. We him behind on that lake. He has a large outfit, and will probably wait for the ice to leave the lake going on.

Minick we have not seen for a . He and his family passed us Lake Linderman, and he is now where below on the trail. His and children were all well and eng the trip. The women all seem to the trip better than the men, as do not have the hard pulling to do 11.-I have had no opportunity d this back on the trail, so I will a few lines to show what we have at, and where we are now. We now at the foot of Mud Lake, havrossed Taggish and Mud since the e was written. The first day after ing Bennet we passed over four of shallow water, where we had imp out in the water about every mile and pull our boat over sand We then struck good ice in Lake ish, pulled our boat out, loaded it. he sleds, with the outfit, hoisted a sail and came down Taggish flying. a about three-fourths of the way we ran into thin ice and down we , but the boat was caulked and no y was done. We then camped all on shore and the next two days spent in feeling our way down to foot. Here we came to open water. had exactly the same experience as een Bonnett and Taggish. We are camped at the foot of Mud Lake, e Fifty Mile river begins, and will out on our boat journey in the ing. Will probably have some ex ces to relate in a day or two. ay 15.-Well, we are now encamped hite Horse Rapids; with the canyon rapids behind, for which we zre tful. Since May 11 we have been g our boat and making ou Fifty Mile river, through the and over the rapids er is three or four feet shall sual, and the canyon much more dangerous. We ran the on in good shape with our goods in poat, but at this stage of water no can live in the White Horse, so we ted past it, and let our boat down the rapids with lines. That is, two went in the boat and the others on to a long line from the shore. two men in the boat could keep her the rocks with poles and the two on e could keep her from going very It took just one day to get pas rapids . with all our goods we will start down the river ain for Lake Le Barge. I forgot to you I lost "Sport" when we wer nped at the foot of Mud Lake. wed a boat down the river wi ras getting dinner. I saw him goi called him. He turned arou ugh he was coming back, and I went the tent again, but he kept on after boat. Well, when I got to the can and we all got out of the ee what we had to go through with when about half way down I heard og howling away down on the roe ow. I made up my mind that'it was port" and called him. I heard a sh and running further along th ks I saw it was "Sport." He swal out half way down and climbed o ne rocks again, but when we is wn with the boat he had got cle ugh and was waiting for us had been lying on those ro canyon for more than twenty-for We overtook the parties he ed and they said they took him boat, took off his harness and led to take him down to the ra leave him there until I came dow when they started to run the can jumped overboard and that v they had seen of him. I got his h May 17 .-- We came down river ye making 30 miles in seven 1 d we are now on the shores of La rge. We are liable to stay here two eks, as the ice is too thin and broken to go upon if, and we will have to it for the ice to leave the lake. There eighteen tents here, all waiting same purpose. Ron. Crawford, Col. eat and Meenach and several of ties left on the ice several days we do not think they will be get over. We can see some to own the shore of the lake eight or which we think are theirs. iles, which we thus are one full. The trip so far has been one full ardships and dangers, much more an usual. Some accident happ out one boat in four or nes through the canyon. Two t parties camped by our side own out of their boats and the ts of the boats scattered all e shore, but no lives have been ar as I am able to learn, but I any lives will be lost before al hrough. The cause of it is tage of the water. The old tim ave been in before say you can long without danger, and the n will rush into the da ing how it is, and when to back out has to take th te to

same fix, and are even a little more liable to get into trouble. Yesterday an old timer started out about an hour an old time, stated out about an hour ahead of us, and before he left he told us to be sure and follow the right bank of the river, but we took our own judgment and when we saw that the channel seemed to follow the left bank we took that side, and when we got to the lake the old timer had not arrived and did not for several hours. He had taken the right bank at some point where the river divided, and ran round an island, nd he got up on a sand bar and had to drag his boat for some miles. I under-stand we are over the most dangerous part of our trip, and am glad of it. May 19.—Pulled up-yesterday after-noon and came down the lake to the Indian village, where we are now camp-ed, and all of "Dog Town" followed us to-day. We can get no further on acount of the ice closing in on shore. An old Indian says: "Lots white men camped way down lake waiting for ice to go out. Ice leave soon now." These Indians are called the Stick Indians, and are considerably more intelligent than the Puget Sound Indians. Very few men are in the village, all of them being out hunting except the women and very old men. They are very short of provisions, and are around mearly all the time trying to trade some little ar-

May 24-We are now encamped on the west shore of the lake, about twelve miles down, having followed the ice thus Yesterday the wind changed to the north and shifted the ice so that we are enclosed; and cannot get up or lown. This is the Queen's birthday, and the occupants of the twenty-five boats encan:ped here are celebrating it. We expect it have to wait a week or ten days yet before we can get out of Lake Le Barge. After we get out of this lake it will take up only eight days to make the rest wit our journey. Of all that sailed on the Mexico not over ten or twelve are about of us; the balance are with us or behind.

reached this place yesterday at about 3 p.m., safe and sound, without a mishap of any kind. 'The last record above showed us encamped on an island in Lake Le Barge, with the ice all around us. On the 26th May we woke up and found that the ice had disappeared entirely, so we rigegd up a sail to our boat and started down the lake, and made the end of the lake that day, but found the river blocked with ice. However, the next morning it was clear, and we starus! on our river navigation, full of dangers and perils. The first thirty-two milthe river is shallow and full of rocks, and it was with the utmost diligence and care that we were able to steer clear if all fifty miles of beautiful river navigation,

until we came to the Tenrible Five Fingers. This is a place where the river is narrowed by the mountains coming in close on both sides, and the river sanots through five narrow channels, each about 30 feet wide. Each channel has a perpendicular wall of rock on each side, and the bottom of each, except one, is so 71! arties managing the boat understand the nanagement. We ran up to the Fingers management. We ran up to the Fingers before we knew it, but found two mea there waiting for us to help us through our beat through for us. They were just abead of us, and had heard us say that we did not know how to handle our boat the only safe way to go through), and they had waited there until we came up to assist us. From Lake Le is doubtful. Mr. Tibbitts has been a

Well, I suppose you would like to know

omething about the mining prospects.

The mines of the Clondyke are all right.

No such placer mines have ever been

eling.

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ticle, such as skins and fish for flour,

Dawson City, June 2, 1897,

as the past.

THE VICTORIA TIMES, TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1897

assurance of 15 cents per fish for the season ? Evidently all are ready to fish are called the Snowslide and Silver and some have already gone to fish, al-though the price is only 10 cents. It is unfortunate that differences should arise between the canners and the fishermen, but these will continue till the seems to average three and a half feet fishermen go to work on a different in width. Samples from the surface method. What appears to be wanted is went 270 ounces in silver and \$14 in

method. What appears to be wanted is strong fishermen's union, with the best man at the helm. This organization could ascertain definitely the market value of the fish and the cost of canning them and putting them on the market They could then meet the canners and arrange for an equitable distribution of arrange for an equitable distribution of the proceeds between the fishermen and stumpage, and now by the Dominion the canners. The expense of maintain ing this organization need not be large nection with the importation of the mill's and in a variety of ways it could render machinery from the United States. The valuable service to the fishermen and two seizures are closely related. It was also to the fishing industry. The annual battle over the licensed premises has also been fought for the season. It is as yet hard to say where in getting the machinery into the coun season. It is as yet hard to say where the victory rests. The net result is that we are to have no hotels licensed, but six or seven clubs will soon be in busi ness. The temperance party are credit

with scoring a success in the matter three weeks ago he seized the entire of the hotels, but we fail to see it, as plant at Robson. The provincial timber the licenses were refused purely on the officials already had the mill in custody. ground that the were not properly ap but their claims gave way before the superior ones of the customs officials, lied for and the commissioners could not lawfully have granted them. Regarding and the latter are now in charge, while the clubs, the credit or discredit belongs the details of the case are being laid before the customs department at Ottaentirely to the legislature, as the council had no more power to refuse licenses to properly conducted clubs than they have ______The financial statement of the city of to refuse to take the storekeeper's license

fee. The only question they have to 30th, shows an expenditure of \$20,997, ree. The only question they have to both, shows an expenditure of \$20,997, consider is whether the club is properly constituted and managed or not, and to that enquiry they are now to address themselves. The result will be watched which is not a bad showing, considering with deep interest. the amount of work done. The tax roll The new hotel building erected this of Rossland will soon be completed, and eason, and particularly Mr. Lee's fine will sarprise even her own citizens. itself on record as being or opinion that new house, mark a distinct era in the Rossland can take care of herself. Provincial Police Officer Pyper has reprogress of the "Salmon City," and other signs are manifest to show that the ceived his marching orders. He has been the rocks and sand bars. Then we 'ad future is to be as great an improvement ordered by the government to Cariboo. and will leave for there to-morrow. Of-ficer Hoosen will attend to the duties of

provincial police at this place. CHILLIWACK. Chilliwack Progress. MIDWAY. After numerous unsuccessful attempt

Midway Advance. the weather cleared last Friday and is now, as everybody hopes, set fair. Hay-Mr. J. H. Falconer, Deputy Supreme ing is going on with a rush, and the yield is likely to be a heavy one. Chief Ranger of the I.O.F., of Victoria, left Midway on Wednesday last for of rocks that no boat can possibly pass in safety. This one is all right if the in the development of the Deep Cave mining claim, on Harrison lake, spent As a result of the recent continued Sunday at his home here. Mr. Atkinson

finished making some important additions and improvements to the sampler, showing up well with the little work and that institution now takes rank as done.

one of the best on the North American continent. At last, after a weary wait and prayers and petitions without end, the govern-ment has decided to build the wagon and Lawrence while there located 13 quartz claims, which, from the samples road up the South Fork of Kaslo creek. The information was contained in an official letter to Mr. A. J. McLellan, of shown, must be remarkably valuable. A man named Hagin, who left Ashthe Kimberly company, whose properties are near the Black Fox and the Montecroft on Thursday on a bicycle, was shot at near the foot of Bridge creek hill on Friday afternoon and robbed. The bulzuma group. let entered at the right shoulder blade James Cowan and Manager H. R. Dun-lop, of the Pilot Bay Mining Company, of Bossland, are in Kaslo this week. The and came out under the opposite should er. A constable left Clinton to examin into the shooting. There is no clew at company is working Mathews' and Swan-son's claims on Black Currant creek, across the divide between the head of present as to the perpetrators. Hagen formerly worked in the Horse Fly. The wound is regarded as very serious, but Swanson's creek and St. Mary's river. the man may recover. The properties contain copper ore which is very rich in copper and silver. The Gates party of six people, which the Journal spoke of as having gone to Barkerville by special stage, returned on Tallman Harris, of Kaslo, and the other pioneers of White Grouse moun-tain, are busily at work on their proper-Thursday evening and left by their special car the same evening. The party ties, but they want a wagon road-want while at Barkerville put twenty men to

it so badly, in fact, that they have startsinking holes on some property on Pleas-ant Valley creek, and spent a day in ed in to build it themselves. For four years they, in common with the people testing the same with pans. They did of this district, have been petitioning the legislature to build a wagon road, or at they had hoped to do, and did not com-plete their payments on the same. Messrs. Gates and Drake, with Messrs. the least contribute towards the construction of one, but the government has given them the same careful considera-Wood and Pool, their experts, met Mr. tion that it might be expected to bestow J. G. Collins at the Journal office in the on a brood of ugly ducklings. evening, and after a brief talk with Mr. A meeting of the council of the Koote-Collins made an arrangement with him nay Mining Protection Association was subject to the consent of F. C. Lawrence Rossland for the quarter ending June | held in Kaslo on Saturday last, the most to open, up their recently discovered cop-

important item of business transacted being the adoption of the following rese upon receipt of the licenses to be collect-ed to-morrow amount to at least \$7,000, which is not a bad showing, considering the amount of work done. The tax roll ores, and this association desires to place should such vested powers be exercised the effect will be disastrous to the infant 'quartz mining industry' of British Columbia, and practically ruin it with an

amount of taxation it is at the present time unable to carry and prosper. Some further particulars of the claim jumping on the Briggs properties, on the South Fork, reached Kaslo this week, but it seems impossible to get the full story. As nearly as can be ascertained, however, two men whose names are un-known have already pre-empted two of four or five tents being pitched on the showers, the crops in the Kettle River Brizgs locations. The properties were

per properties on the Alaskan coast.

work done on upwards of 70 clairis, a

pretty good showing for a camp of the

extreme youth of Kamloops. L. V. Bennett has sold the Golden Star

says from which give \$10 in gold.

face, also shows that these veins run

deep and carry value with them, and in J. G. Collins, one of Ashcroft's solid citizens, is back again after a three to the discovery is important to the discovery is important months' trip with F. C. Lawrence to Cook's Inlet, Alaska. Messrs. Collins



Aliens To Be Excluded from Employment on Construction of Crow's Nest Pass Railway.

Trade for the First Year of the Liberal Administration Is the Largest on Record.

Ottawa, July 17.-Mr. McKenna, of the Indian department, leaves for Brit-ish Columbia about the 1st of August to settle the Songhees reserve trouble not find the property, unfortunately, as and other important business.

A cablegram, regained here states that Major Perley, formerly of the public works department, is dead.

Frank Bisonette, late captain of the Capital lacrosse team, and Joseph Troy will be summoned to attend the police court on Monday on a charge of conspiracy to defraud in connection with the Toronto-Capital lacrosse deal, which lost the match at Toronto to the Capitals. Information against, James Devine, J. Murphy and H. Carleton, lacrosse play-ers, is sworn out by H. Robillard, de-tective, before Police Magistrate O'Gara. KAMLOOPS. Inhad Sentinel. Record has been made of assessment anwards of 70 clairis, a There is no charge against Shea. The charge is against Troy and Frank Bis-sonette, who are said to have bet heavy sums of money with Hugh Carson, Peter Green and others. Carson and

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claim to Messrs. Ben. Webrfritz, A. T. Monteith and John Park, who have al-Green are old lacrosse players. Ottawa, July 19.-It has been agreed ready commenced work thereon. The upon between the government and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company that same parties are working the Concord claim at Jacko Lake, which is showing up well with 31 feet of ore in sight, asa clause will be inserted in the agreement between the government and the company for the construction of the H. M. Stewart, accountant of the Bank Crow's Nest Pass, railway excluding of B. C., met with a nasty accident on alien labor in preference to Canadian workmen. Although the main agree-Tuesday afternoon. One of C. ward's polo ponies bolted. Mr. Stewart at*emp*ment is embodied in the statute, it was ed to capture him and in heading him off understood · between both parties that at Petersen's Creek the runaway collided additional arrangements might be newith his pony, the result being a bad spill, cessary, and the company is to be conin which Mr. Stewart sustained painful injuries to his back and a general brdis- gratulated in this case in conceding to

However, the old timers are in

we made quick time. From Lake Le is doubtful. Mr. Tibbitts has been a Barge to Dawson City we averaged 96 familiar figure upon our streets for sevniles per day, which is pretty fast trav- eral years, and all will regret to hear of his affliction.

> SLOCAN CITY. (Slocan City News.) Next Monday, bright and early, the

ecording office of the Slocan City mincovered before. Many men have cleaning division will be opened for the first time for business. It will be ready then d up hundreds of thousands of dollars during the winter, and a great many for the recording of locations, recording more lesser amounts. Everybody is wild of assessment work and securing of free with rexcitement. Provisions are very arce and dear. I sold to-day eighteen iners' licenses. R. J. Kirkwood, who was the original unds of bacon that was about to speil ocator of the Enterprise mine, on Ten-\$18. Many miners have lived for the Mile creek, came over from that property two months on beans only. Hewby way of the Springer creek trail last the boat came in to-day from Circle Wednesday. He reports that mine lookity with provisions, and I suppose they Wednesday. He reports that mine look-will be much cheaper now. We have a ing splendidly. Thus far the mine has

shipped over 100' tons of ore, which d eight months' supply, so we have averages 200 ounces of silver and over 25 per cent. lead. The last shipment of will have to send this out by private 1,500 sacks was made last week, and nail, as that is the only way of getting vent to the smelter at Omaha. nail in or out of this place. A postoffice

Two Friends Mining Company had never

horoughly prospected the property, and

found the ledge and uncovered it for

covered with carbonates, which will cer-

timates have been made that there is

at least \$50,000 worth of ore in sight.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland Miner.

L. W. and F. A. Mulholland arrived

from Spokane last evening, where they

tainly give high assay values.

Early in the week J. B. Callahan, the will be established here in a month or well known expert, was sent up to the Two Friends to give it a thorough ex-amination and make a report. He re-

une.

AROUND THE EXPRESS OFFICES. urned yesterday, with the result that The excitement oround the express offithe locators of the property are once more congratulated on their good forces was intense. Great crowds blocked Mr. Callahan found that the

the street in front of both the Northern Pacific and Great Northern offices, and a special detail of police was on guard at he set to work ascertaining the showing at the discovery point. Thirty-five feet up the hill from the old workings ine each. The officials of neither office are in a position to give out information of the amount of gold received by them, but it was easily learned that the Northern Paquite a distance. The samples of ore cific received somewhere from 1200 to 1500 pounds. The Great Northern pot a brought down are almost solid galena,

700-pound shipment for San Francisco, and at least 300 pounds for Helena. With the amounts that have been locked up in various other places, hotel safes, bank vaults and the like it is safe to say that the toal amount of gold arriving on

the Portland is very near 2500 pounds. This would easily make a total of \$500.-000. It is claimed that at least \$200,000 worth of gold will not be shipped via the xpress offices, but will be taken to San Francisco by the miners themselves.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

have been for a month arranging for the transfer of the Deer Park mine to a new Toronto company. At the shareholders Toronto, July 17 .- The features of this meeting, as already stated in the Mine morning's Epworth League meetings. the transfer was approved, and F. A. Mulholland leaves for Toronto in the morning to complete the organization of the new company and effect the trans-fer. The Messrs. Mulholland expect that the new company complete the transwere the church rallies, monster gatherngs being held in Massey Hall and the Methodist Episcopal church. The lattor was presided over by the Rev. Dr. Arthur Edwards, of Chicago. At Cook's the new company will be in a position the new company will be in a position church the Canadian Methodists rallied to resume work on the Deer Park in 30 tendent Rev. Dr. J. B. Saunders, of W. E. Palmer, of Bangor, Maine, who

tendent. Rev. Dr. J. B. Saunders, of Ottawa, led the opening exercises. In the Metropolitan Bishop Duncan, of Spariauburg, S. C., presided and the Rev. Tallahasee, of Florida, led the de-votimal exercises. This stramoon a monster open air mass meeting was hed in the exhibition grounds, opening with a herosse match and singing by the con-bined choirs of the city. After this, ner Boundary Cly, and but presided, and Governor Hastings of the speckers. Pensylyani, was among the speckers.

Syndicate of British Columbia, yet ther gaze at the azure sky under the circum-terms of the bond are only made public stances Cadwaller, a creek flowing in'o the

now by the recording of the agreement - C. F. Caldwell, of Kaslo, who was up which was entered into on the 3rd of in the neighborhood of Sanca last week, scene of considerable excitement lately,

May, and provides that the company, has come back home with a discovery as pretty good free milling ore is being shall have six months in which to prof, in his pocket—the discovery of a pass spect more thoroughly the property, at from the head waters of Goat river and the end of which term they are, if they is Noble creek to St. Mary's lake. Mr. can be travelled for miles. take up the bond, to pay to the vendors; Oaldwell says the pass is so carefully About seven miles from the mouth of amongst whom are Mr. R. Wood, of concealed by the mountains that one has Greenwood, and Mr. C. L. Thomet, of to get right to it before it can be seen. the south fork of the Bridge river, G. Midway, the sum of \$12,000. The com-I It is broad and fertile and would make Lasher, Dr. Gough and Mr. Perry have pany are at the present time working good agricultural country, but its chief staked some cinnibar claims. ledges are from six to eight feet wide. upon these claims, and it is stated they value in Mr. Caldwell's eyes lies in its adaptabilitiyi to railroad construction.

are showing up exceedingly well. The level is about 1,500 feet lower than any other pass surveyed, and the grade REVELSTOKE. is not over 2 per cent. in any place, Mr.

Revelstoke Herald.

VERNON.

Vernon News.

ranch.

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Caldwell says, and he is convinced that either the C. P. R. or the Great Northern On Saturday afternoon Rev F Ford discovered that St. Beter's church' had been broken into and the altar ves." could use it to advantage, opening up a country in which promising prospects are sels stolen. The church had been locker as thick as bees in a clover field, but since Wednesday evening owing to the where the difficulties in the way of transaccident which laid the reverend gentle portation have been considered to be very man up on that date. Traces of burnt great. Mr. Caldwell has already commatches on the floor showed that the rob municated with the C. P. R. people pery had been committed while the garding the extension of the Crow's Nest church was dark, and marks of hobnailed railway through the new pass. boots on the woodwork point to a win-dow on the south side as the means

NELSON.

adopted for entrance. Wine stains on Nelson, July 14 .- The annual meeting the floor suggest that the thieves drank of the stockholders and directors of the the wine in the cruets before taking their booty out of the church. The plate stolen Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway was held at the Phair hotel to-night, and the consisted of two chalices, two patens, old board was practically re-elected, and two silver mounted cruets in an oak case, all of which was presented to the The officers as they now stand are: D. Corbin, president; C. T. Dupont church a few weeks ago, and a pocket C. vice-president; Austin Corbin, set of vessels, belonging to the Rev. F. secretary-treasurer. Directors: D. C Yolland, which were once used by his father and were greatly prized by him. Corbin, J. H. Adams, E. J. Roberts, C A set of altar vessels belonging to St. T. Dupont, Austin Corbin, second. The Economis

ledge is strong and well defined, and al' James, Vancouver, and which were in interested believe that this will prove Mr. Ford's private room, were fortun-C. E. Malette and W. H. Bearsley will open in the grain, feed and provision business on Baker street in the building with development to be the most valu- ately available for service next morning. occupied by A. McDonald & ecently Co. Mr. Malette was formerly of Vic toria and Port Angeles, and Mr. Beards ley has, until recently been a resident of New hay is being hauled in from White

Valley and other sections and brings \$12 Rossland. per ton delivered in town. G. B. Gerrard, manager of the Bank of British North America at Kaslo, will Large consignments of currants and other small fruits are being daily for-warded to Calgary from the Coldstream be married at St. John, N.*B., next week to a daughter of Dr. Christie, a well

known physician of the latter city. Free goods to the value of \$28,632 assed through, the Nelson customs The Morning Glory Mining Company received word last Monday that their house during the month of June. The duty collected was \$34.027.79. heavy five-stamp mill would be shipped to them that day from the manufacturers at Denver, Col., and is expected here in about two weeks, when it will be at Prof. Alex. M. Tyndall, the world-reowned psychological mystery, arrived

once set up at the company's mines and in the city yesterday from Spokane. got to work on the ore as soon as pos-

A sudden death occurred on Friday Messrs, Clark and McGinnis have re cently completed a 47-foot tunnel on the Duchess and Chieftain, Type Gulch, Cariboo creek. They have struck a good

was 26 years old.

SANDON.

season of 1896, which appears in today's official gazette, they find that 152,-405 acres fall to the province as swamp south fork of Bridge river, has been the lands, and that of this number 151,983 acres are available for transfer to the

The John Watson Mfg. Co., makers of agricultural implements, of Ayr, with a capital of \$75,000, have been granted

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will probably be given a public reception upon his return The to the Capital, and Queen's University will confer the degree of LL.D. on Sir Wilfrid.

. 10 The aggregate trade for the first year of the Liberal administration is the Sandon, July 14 .- E. Wallace has purchased the Ajax group, comprising the Ajax, Crown Point and Random Shot, largest on record. This is shown by the returns of the customs department. The for the Ontario Gold Field Mining & total aggregate trade on the basis of Milling Company, for \$25,000, and hus goods entered for consumption and exalready taken charge of the property. This group is situated near the Noble ported amounted in value to \$244,8:2,-000, compared with \$228,728,000, Five and has been a shipper for the past corresponding returns in 1896, making an increase for 1897 of \$16,124,000. The year and a half. A. W. McCune, who has had the Fredfigures are: For 1897-Exports, \$135,die Lee under bond for some time, has 621,000; imports, 111,211,000; duty, \$1. purchased the property and put a force

\$841,000. For 1896-Exports, \$18,140-000: imports, \$110,158.800; duty, \$20.-There is little doubt now that Sandon 172,000. The imports for the month of will be incorporated before September. June amounted to \$8,986,000, again t There is still some opposition to the move-\$9,083,000 last year and exports to \$16.ment, but those in favor are known to 825,000, against \$11,931,000 in 1896. greatly in the majority and are be-The daty collected for the month was coming more entnusiastic daily. A committee has been appointed to prepare a petition, the object being to incorporate \$1,501,000, as against \$1,572,000 in 1896. A cable, dispatch says that the ad-miralty has rejected the plans of the before September 1, when the special inturret ships for the fast Atlantic sercorporation act expires, whereby a mavice. The government has not been ad-vised if such is the case, and the report jority of the property owners can secure incorporation by a properly drafted petiis not credited here. tion to the lieutenant-governor-in-council.

AN AERIAL VISITOR.

Either there has been a mysterious Sunday was a very hot day in Golden, aerial visitor floating around over Britthe thermometer registering 98 deish Columbia or several British Colum-

bians have imaginations that work on Mr. Shakespeare, postmaster of Victoria, went to Fort. Steele by the Duchess last evening for the purpose of Kamloops Sentinel has the following: Kamloops Sentinel has the following: opening a money order office there. The assay obtained by R. Patmore of "On Monday morning (July 12) at just 2 o'clock one of the old gentlemen of the Provincial Home had occasion to get cut of bed for medicine, when his attention 11 was attracted by a large globe of fire rising above the hill east of the Industrial School which, upon looking through his window more attentively, seemed to expand and flutter from side to side. Fut still kept rising to a great height an I all-H

vancing to the southwest and at inter-vals streaks of light would dart out to the sides. So interested was the o'd gentleman that he hastened to awaken some aus neighbors who each became very ach interested in the curious sight and neluded that it was an air ship in earch of the North Pole. At 4 a.m. it vas to the southwest of the Home and olding its brightness in broad daylight." I'wo fishermen, said to be thoro trustworthy, report having seen a similar pectacle at Rivers Inlet on the mouning of July 10.. There could not very well

be any arrangement between the two sets of men to give the public a "ghost story."

ore from the claim located by C. Baines on the Bluewater ran \$65 to the ton. Sam Johnson left this week with some

men and supplies to do development work on the Edinburgh group, at Beaver, owned by Mitchell-Innes Bros. Mr. Johnson will also take out a party to work on the same firm's claims at Prairie mountain.

of men at work.

There is every probability of one of the best banking institutions of Canada opening in Golden very shortly, but we are not as yet at liberty to state particu-

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