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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Poreshore Privileges on False Creek Opposed—The Bridge Over Coal Harbor.

The Fraser Valley—Mining and Agricultural Matters in the Okanagan Country.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Dec. 5.—Several clergymen of this city have agreed to consider a scheme for the relief of single young men out of employment. There are at present a number in this city who would gladly return home if they had the money. A suggestion has been thrown out that arrangements be made with the C.P.R. to return them to their friends at half the present rates. Many of them are subjects of charity to boarding house landladies.

The Local Council of Women, in conjunction with the clergymen of this city, have adopted the following plan for general relief this winter: "The poor of the congregation to be looked after by each church, the council to look after destitute single men; that for the destitute not otherwise provided for a committee, consisting of members from the city council, the women's council, all the clergymen of the city, representatives from every congregation and representatives from the Salvation Army, be appointed; that the necessary funds be solicited; that the city be divided into districts, and that a central depot be secured for the distribution of food, clothing, etc."

The Imperial Bank opening for business this morning.

The Boys' Brigade is growing very large in Vancouver. Almost every denomination in the city have taken it up. Rev. Mr. Clinton is at present forming a brigade.

The loss in the Trapp fire was about \$1,000, covered by insurance in the Guardian Insurance Co. It is said the Vancouver firemen did excellent work in this instance. They had the flames under twenty minutes after the alarm was sounded.

J. B. Gordon, formerly of Victoria, is located here as Bradstreet's mercantile agent. The Bradstreet agency is in the Luns of Court building.

Dr. Wilson's place has temporarily taken Dr. Watt's place at One-hundred-and-fifty mile House.

J. J. Dugan, G.S. of the Sons of Temperance, has sent his letter of greeting to all the divisions of the Sons of Temperance, and his brothers and sisters to "stand shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart in the great conflict."

The opening of the new organ at Christ church will take place on Thursday next. There will be a grand organ organ recital. For the first time there were 7 patients admitted to the hospital, 13 discharged and 1 remaining.

J. Burns, an excellent amateur boxer, whose skill has been recently deservedly applauded at concert entertainments, had several fingers of his hand taken off by a machine in the H.C. Comptax yesterday.

A meeting of the directors of the H.C. Comptax has been called to devise means to help the Y.M.C.A.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 6.—A. M. Featherstone, Dominion Councillor of the Royal Templars of Temperance, left for Victoria by the Charmer this afternoon to visit Capital Lodge. Mr. Featherstone, after visiting all the lodges in the province, will hold a Council of Instruction in Vancouver.

In looking through files of old letters from the Dominion government one has, it is said, been found granting permission to build a bridge over Coal Harbor. It was recently suggested that no permission had been granted.

The special committee of the city council called to consider the question of foreshore rights has decided to communicate to the Dominion government agent at Victoria that they are opposed to granting any foreshore privileges to private parties on False Creek, east of the Westwater Avenue bridge, or on English Bay or Burrard Inlet, on the ground that they would interfere with private interests, and through the erection of wharves—with the channel.

D. M. Ravell, manager of the dairy department of Massey's, is addressing the farmers throughout the district with a view to educating them in cattle raising, and in so doing their cattle that they produce the best milk for butter making. Mr. Ravell is also instructing them in the best way to raise sows for the market.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 5.—A confirmation was held by the Bishop at St. Barbara's church to-night.

A meeting was held in the city hall to-night to discuss municipal matters, called by Messrs. Bain, Burr, F. Ales, Farrer, Munday and Summers, who have announced themselves as candidates. They subscribe to the following programme: "Strict economy consistent with efficiency; aid to encourage and attract industries; civic ownership of the water works and electric lighting; and an endeavor to obtain aid from the Dominion government and elsewhere towards the construction of the Fraser river bridge, and to carry on this work without it being a burden to the taxpayers."

Bishop Dart lectured to young men on gambling on Tuesday evening. He described gambling at church bazaars as gambling.

No 4 Company B.C.B.G.A. will commence their fall rifle match on Saturday next at 9:30 a.m. A large number of prizes have been offered.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 6.—The Western Fisheries & Trading Co. shipped 40,000 lbs. salted salmon to Montreal yesterday by C.P.R. This winds up the company's shipments of the season.

The Fraser Valley Fruit Union have decided to erect a cannery at or near Mission City.

The fishermen at work are making improved catches of steelhead salmon, and those who drift outside the river are catching a good many fine spring salmon as well as steelheads.

Matters in connection with the Eburne gold strike have been quiet lately. Nevertheless, the promoters of several companies have been busy arranging plans for extensive development work. There is some talk of the Richmond Improvement Co. abandoning the steel tube shaft and adopting another style. An offer, it is said, has been made to sink a shaft for the company, 400

feet deep, for \$10,000 and the dirt taken out in sinking the shaft. The company will sink a shaft three quarters of a mile below Eburne, and the same distance above. The Richmond Development Co. talk of putting \$120,000 stock on the market forthwith.

The Finch Mining Company's dredger is at work on Mormon's Bar, six miles above Lytton, and has done very satisfactory work. Nothing further is heard from the company organized to unite the Van Winkle and Styne creek properties, but extensive work will be done on these properties in the early spring.

NANAIMO. The Nanaimo Poultry Society have resolved to hold their annual exhibition at an early date. The former prize list will be adhered to, but several factors must first be taken into consideration. The prizes will be given on each separate class, provided there are sufficient entries to warrant such a class. A very satisfactory condition financially, and the secretary was instructed to communicate with Messrs. Sternberg and Felch, two judges on the Northwest circuit, to ascertain their terms and the dates most suitable for them to attend an exhibition in this city.

Dan McGuire, one of the foremen of the Protection Island mine, while riding on the trip down the slope came in contact with the low roof of a car and was knocked heavily to the ground, being badly bruised.

Rev. D. A. McRae officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Crossan yesterday.

E. E. Taylor has been appointed people's warden at St. Alban's church in place of the late Captain Hinchman.

NANAIMO, Dec. 6.—Mr. Leighton, secretary of the poultry society, has received a telegram from Mr. Steinberger, the poultry expert, that he could judge for the Nanaimo show about the first or middle of February next, as he will then visit Seattle and other West coast cities.

The number of lots assessed in the city has been approximately placed at 400. The Vancouver Co. own about 100 of them, on which they are paying taxes to the city.

The Nanaimo fire department will give a concert on December 14 in aid of Miss Minnie Cameron, who was a sufferer by the accident at the Commercial street fire.

CHILLIWACK. (From the Progress.) The water in the river at Chilliwack has risen four feet within a week, and the steamers are now able to reach the regular landing.

November 28 will long be remembered as a red letter day in the history of Freeport in the valley. On that evening the new hall in the Masonic block was solemnly dedicated in the presence of a large number of the most prominent of the community. Bro. Lucy R. Johnson, assisted by his Grand Lodge officers.

The annual meeting of the members of the Chilliwack Agricultural Society was held in the Agricultural hall on Monday afternoon. The following were elected officers for 1896: President, L. W. Paisley; vice president, H. A. Walker; secretary, C. B. Reeves; treasurer, S. Mollard; Directors—A. S. Vedder, A. J. Street, R. J. Marshall, W. H. DeWolf, C. T. Higginson, E. W. Chadsey, E. A. Kipp, D. S. Wilder, Wm. McDonald. It was decided to hold the annual show the first week in October.

VERNON. (From the News.) Work is being pushed ahead on the Wanders mineral claim, near Enderby, and Mr. H. W. Wright, one of the owners, who was in town last week, had with him a splendid specimen of quartz from this claim, which compares favorably with any we have seen in this district.

John Hutchison is back from a business trip to Revelstoke, and reports there as being rather more lively than usual, owing to the number of men who have been engaged on railway construction in the Kootenay during the past few months.

Nothing daunted by the claims jumping episode of last week, the original locators of the Bon Diable mineral claim are steadily prosecuting development work on this property and this week will send off a shipment of ore to Vancouver for test treatment.

E. M. Kirby, C.E., went down to Camp Merritt on Monday to survey the mineral claims, Dandy, King Solomon, and Meadow Lark. These claims are being developed by a Vernon company, including Mr. W. J. Armstrong, W. T. Sharford and the original holders, Hewitt and Brout.

MIDWAY. (From the Advance.) Mr. Brophy, of Butte, Mont., is looking over our camps, presumably in the interests of the Butte and Boston company.

Mr. C. D. B. Green, one of our local surveyors, has recently agreed to relinquish his claims on the north fork of Kettle river, one of which adjoins the Seat claim, for which Mrs. R. Clark refused a bond a short time since of \$50,000.

About twenty men are at work on and around the Cariboo mine at Camp McKinney. Some of the best average ore ever taken from the mine is being run through at present.

Mr. B. G. Sidley has three men at work on the Anarchist claim, Camp McKinney, and intends keeping a force of men at work on the claim for the balance of the winter.

It is expected that a force of men will be put to work on the claims recently granted in the Greenwood camp—the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides.

C. L. Thomet returned on Tuesday last from Spokane and reports that the boundary creek mines are very much talked about there, and will certainly receive a very great deal of attention at the hands of moneyed men who visit that city next spring. The fact that telluride has been discovered in Long Lake camp seems to strike the Spokane people's fancy, and they would like to change the name of the camp to Telluride.

You Can Believe. The testimonials published in behalf of Hood's Sarsaparilla. They are written by honest people, who have actually found in their own experience that Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, creates an appetite, strengthens the system and absolutely and permanently cures all diseases caused by impure or deficient blood.

Hood's Pills for the liver and bowels, act promptly, easily and effectively.

QUESNELLE FORKS.

The Large Concerns All Shut Down—Turning the North Fork Continues.

A Plucky Single-Handed Fight for Gold—Interesting Budget of News.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

QUESNELLE FORKS, Nov. 28.—The weather here is said to be quite unparalleled in the recollection of the oldest residents. Early in October rain fell, causing a freshet in the river of about four or five feet; and a slight frost with a slight overcast snow followed, but, to the surprise of all, this was succeeded about five weeks later by a whole week's rain, renewing the freshet to the same height as before. It might almost be imagined that the creak of the weather has made a mistake and let loose the spring weather with its freshets before its time. The town is now very quiet, all the prominent persons having said they say, "gone below" for the winter.

The Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co.'s works were closed for the season about the end of October, and it is likely that only a few hands will be kept to attend to the necessities of the place.

The North Fork Dam Co. seems to be the only concern still at full work. They have been pushing forward to the completion of the dam at Cape Horn, so as to divert the river, but the freshets and high water have very much retarded operations. It is fully expected that on the subsiding of the waters a few days will see the base of the dam in position, so as to run the main current of the stream. Mr. Gray, who has charge of the work, is to be congratulated upon the success he has achieved in this most difficult undertaking. When the dam is completed it will lay bare about 3,000 feet of the old bed of the river, from which a rich yield of gold may fairly be expected.

Speaking of the North Fork of Quesnelle river, a few days ago an old and experienced miner said he never in all his travels had seen a river showing indications more promising, abounding so largely in quartz rock in the shape of boulders and gravel.

The Victoria Hydraulic Company's works were stopped from want of water two months ago, and John Metz, better known as "Kansas John," is duly installed as caretaker and master of stores, etc.

The Quesnelle Forks Canal and Hydraulic Mining Company, who have been at considerable cost this season in surveys, etc., to determine the line of their large ditch or canal, are about arranging for some drifting work on a portion of their ground during the winter in anticipation of more active operations next spring. The ditch is now about a mile long, and the water from near Cariboo lake, the only source where a limitless supply can be obtained, for working the rich benches along the North Fork, is being carried to the works by the greatest barrier to mining operations in this section of country. Mr. Peterson, who, with Mr. Adam Ross, of Victoria, has been spending a few weeks about the North Fork, stated a few days ago that he was surprised at the number of persons who were anxiously inquiring when they might expect to be able to get water from this source, and judging from their remarks it may fairly be inferred that, if it is decided to divert along the whole of the banks and benches from the Forks town to Spanish creek would be, as one said, alive with free miners working small claims.

A large group of work, Theo. Thormalin resumed his work at the end of the winter, driving a tunnel on which he has been busy for five years. He has already run in about 1,100 feet and he certainly deserves success, for an operation of greater patience and single handed diligence can hardly be imagined.

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FRANTIC WITH RAGE.

The Sultan Likely to Wreak His Disappointed Spleen on His Ministers.

Guardship Question Still Unsettled—Russian Squadron Off Sebastopol.

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LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Times publishes a despatch from Constantinople which says: "The military policy adopted here has proved efficacious, since no disturbances have occurred for eight weeks. Even the arrests of Armenians, though represented as acts of barbarity, are in principle justifiable, because they rid the city of some of the dangerous element. In some cases the choice of subjects is infelicitous, but, on the whole, the measure is distinctly beneficial. The city is resuming its tranquil aspect. Thus the Sultan has a strong argument for opposing the entrance of the guardships, and certainly the moral influence of the combined European fleet waiting at the gates of the Empire is immeasurably greater than the mere doubling of the guardships."

Referring to the sensational statement of the Cologne Gazette to-day regarding the assembling of the Russian squadron off Sebastopol, it was semi-officially stated this afternoon that for years past the Russian Black Sea fleet has been under orders to prepare for active service at any moment. Therefore, it is added, there is nothing new in the situation; moreover, it is pointed out that a full understanding has been established between the powers in regard to the situation in Turkey, and no apprehension exists of any one power taking independent action.

CANADIAN NEWS.

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ST. THOMAS, Dec. 5.—An inquiry, which promises to last several days, has been opened at Dutton into a charge of arson, preferred against A. Durler and his nineteen-year-old son George. The case has excited greatest interest all through this district.

WELLAND, Dec. 5.—Charles H. Keating, an employe of the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo railway, was killed yesterday while coupling cars at Welland.

MONTREAL, Dec. 5.—The funeral of Samuel Davis, cigar manufacturer, was very largely attended. The services were conducted by Rabbi Veld.

TORONTO, Dec. 5.—Ald. McMurich in acting mayor this morning on account of the financial difficulty which has overtaken the firm with which Mayor Kennedy is connected.

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SENATOR MURPHY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 5.—(Special)—Edward Murphy, one of the members of the Dominion Senate for the Montreal district, dropped dead this morning. He was born in 1818 in the county of Carlow, Ireland, and arrived in Montreal with his parents in 1824. He was twice married—to a daughter of the late Thomas McBride, Dublin, Ireland, and, on the death of his first wife, to a daughter of the late Judge Power, of Quebec. For many years Mr. Murphy was an employe of the wholesale hardware firm of Frothingham & Workman, of which he became a partner in 1859. He served the public in a number of positions of trust, was especially prominent as a promoter of the cause of temperance, and was for a number of terms President of St. Patrick's Temperance Society. Since 1879 he has been a member of the Sacred and Military Order of the Holy Sepulchre in 1882, and was called to the Senate of Canada in 1889. He was an honest, philanthropic and able man, and in his every capacity was characterized by his lack of ostentation.

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HAWAIIAN CABLE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Senator Hale's project, which had its origin at the last session, for the establishment of a cable line between this country and Hawaii under government control, is to be pushed onward again this winter. The original proposition passed the senate in the usual diplomatic manner, but was left out in the hurry. Senator Hale has prepared a new bill, which he will introduce at an early date. It is learned that the Hawaiian government, desiring the establishment of this cable connection, has guaranteed a subsidy of \$40,000 a year. It is the determination of the friends of the movement that the U. S. government shall absolutely control the project, but owing to the subsidy by the islands the hope of the bill will be modified in such a way as to provide for a subsidized line, not built by the government, but at the disposition of the United States at both ends.

ATLANTIC COAST STORMS.

HALIFAX, Dec. 6.—(Special)—The heaviest wind storm for many years visited the coast this morning, extending to Cape Breton. Great damage has been done to shipping interests, although so far as known no lives were lost, although about twenty schooners were wrecked and stranded. Two of the Dominion Coal Company's barges, at anchor in Halifax harbor, were torn from their moorings, one being sunk and the other partially wrecked. The government pier at Souris, P. E. I., was damaged and the signal light there destroyed.

METHODISM IN JAPAN.

TORONTO, Dec. 5.—(Special)—Rev. Dr. Sutherland, foreign mission secretary of the Methodist church, has received a letter from Dr. Macdonald in Japan, stating that in consequence of the decision of the general board of missions in regard to Japanese affairs he has withdrawn his resignation.

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CHINAMEN are flocking to the river banks and bars, as is their wont at this season of the year, to work for gold, but the recent freshets have somewhat sobered them. Numbers of them are working on the North Fork, notwithstanding a notice cautioning all persons against doing so having been posted at the Dominion Agent's office some time ago. Such working should be done with as few expenses as possible, seeing that the river, together with its banks to 300 feet from the centre of the stream on each side, is held under a statute of the province by the Quesnelle Lake Dam Co.