PLACER GOLD.

A Rush for Claims on the Bars of Historic Rock Creek.

Greenwood, B. C., April 15.—(Special.) During the past few days Rock creek and its tributary streams have once more become a mecca for placer gold hunters to stake claims. The excitement is principally due to the operations of a local company that has acquired leases and is now working below historic White's bar on this creek. Within two weeks the company will commence "booming" and a profitable clean-up is anticipated.

As a consequence placer land along the adjacent creeks is being rapidly staked, especially so along Baker creek and the south fork of Rock creek, where pay dirt is found. Alex. Broomfield, Bart Ingraham and others have acquired leases on the former creek and A. D. Sykes, J. G. Billings, C. H. Fair and Sproat have recorded on the south fork. Since its discovery in the early sixties, Rock creek placer diggings, under the most primitive methods are reported to have yielded over a quarter of a million of gold. Miners are apparently well satisfied that if bed rock can be reached much more "yellow" metal will be discovered. During the summer extensive operations by "booming" the creeks will be prosecuted. Along the company's ground and on Baker creek returning prospectors say there is yet much rich dirt that will yield handsomely. Placer mining is also in full swing below the falls on Boundary creek, where sluicing is being carried on and good results are looked for.

The big dam of the Greenwood company was finished recently.

Below their ground over 100 Chinamen are engaged i washing out the ground in the most primitive manner.

Jim Wardner in the Boundary.

Grand Forks, B. C., April 15.—(Special.—Jim Wardner, the mining plunger, and capitalist has been here for several days looking over the country. He made a careful inspection of the Grand Forks smelter as he contemplates erecting a smelter for the treatment of his big low-grade copper mine on Prince of Wales Island. To keep his hand in he bonded the Rendell addition of 320 acres on the banks of the Kettle river adjoining Columbia.

That Republic Railway.

Grand Forks, B. C., April 15.—(Special.)—Jay P. Graves has gone to Spokane on business it is stated, in connection with the proposed railway from Republic to Grand Forks.

V., V. & E. SURVEY.

The Line Has Been Located Between Cascade and Curlew.

Grand Forks, April 15.—(Special.)—The location survey of the V., V. & E. railway has been completed between Cascade via Grand Forks to Curlew, Wash., a point ten miles south of the boundary line, and where the river swings northwest to re-enter Canada at Midway. An advance party of engineers has reached Chesaw, Wash. It is believed that the line will re-enter Canada for the third time near Camp McKinney.

Greenwood Adopts Resolutions.

Greenwood, B.C., April 16.—(Special.) At a large and enthusiastic meeting tonight stirring resolutions were passed endorsing the independent Coast-Kootenay road and the Midway & Vernon railway.

VISITED THE CARIBOO.

Mr. Jaffray Found the Mine and Mill in Good Condition.

Camp McKinney, B. C., April 13.—Mr. Robert Jaffray, president of the Cariboo Mining and Milling company, visited the camp this week, and accompanied by Mr. Boyle, acting superintendent, made a thorough examination of the mine, with which he expressed himself as being well pleased, indeed agreeably surprised, as he had hardly anticipated finding the property looking so promising both for values and permanency. At the bottom of the winze which has been sunk in the 400-foot level, a splendid body of high grade ore is being drifted on and a large area of stoping ground being opened up. 500 feet, from the suface, which with the completion of the projected triple compartment shaft, giving greater working facilities, the output of the mine will be largely increased. The company's mill (20 stamps, formerly 10 stamps) has been running continuously for seven years, and the mine during that period has paid dividends amounting to over half a million dollars, establishing a record as the leading free milling mine of the province, and now with a large body of rich ore at the lowest level untouched, the property should be one of the safest investments offered to the mining public. The somewhat isolated position of Camp McKinney has doubtless been a drawback in bringing the Cariboo and other promising properties of the camp, into greater prominence, but the advent of the proposed Coast-Kootenay and Midway-Vernon railways will bring the camp in touch with tthe outside world, and lead to the development of properties which are now languishing for the want of capital.

Another good property in the camp, the Waterloo, which during its career has met with many ups and downs and been more or less the sport of stock-jobbers, will yet, on its merits force itself to the front, possessing all the ear marks of a good mine, needing only intelligent development. The five stamp mill is now running and the superintendent, Mr. Nattstead, informed your correspondent that the results were exceeding his expectations, the present mill run being practically a test run of some 200 tons of ore, taken from the winze recently sunk at the 60-foot level, and the result of the run will govern the future development of the property.

Canadian Mint Debate Postponed.

The debate on the question resolved that Canada should make its own coin, which was to have taken place in the Presbyterian church this evening has been postponed for one week on account of the sickness of two of the young gentlemen who were to take part.

For an "Open Door."

Grand Forks, April 11.—The annual general meeting of the Liberal Conservative Association was held Monday night at the Province Hotel when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. President, H. S. Cayley; president, Geo. A. Fraser; first vice-president, E. Spraggett; second vice-president, N. Galer; secretary-treasurer, A. C. Sutton.

Executive Committee: Jeff Davis,, Chas. Cumings, T. W. Holland, Dr. Stanley Smith, Walter Askew, W. H. Cooper.

The meeting was well attended, all the leading conservatives of the city being present. Several important resolutions in reference tothe railway policy of the Provincial government were passed and wil be forwarded to Victoria.

NEWS OF PHOENIX.

A Spur Being Put Into the Brooklyn Mine—Pay Day.

Phoenix, B.C., April 10.—(Special.)—The spur to the Brooklyn mine is being put in shape to facilitate the delivery of the new mining plant of the Dominion Copper company, which will arrive in a few days. One car of the machinery is now at Grand Forks.

As soon as the snow is all gone the C.P. R. intends increasing the number of tracks in the freight yards here, which at present are too small to handle efficiently the Phoenix business. A spur will also be put in for E. Spraggett's lumber yard.

Today is payday at both the Miner-Graves properties and the Dominion Copper company's. In all $50,000 is being distributed to their employes.

E. W. Monk, of McArthur & Monk, together with F. G. Slack, acting manager, and George Ewing, accountant, of the Easter Township bank, spent Easter Sunday and Monday at Grand Forks.

J. L. Parker, superintendent of the Dominion Copper company's properties, returned from a visit to Nelson and Rossland yesterday.

CASCADE WANTS COMPETITION.

Board of Trade Adopts a Strong Resolution on the Matter.

Cascade, B.C., April 10.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Cascade Board of Trade, held on Monday, April 1, there was a large attendance, and the appended resolution was passed:

Whereas, The provincial government has seen fit to delay action in the matter of granting charters to a railway from the boundary line to Fernie, and to a railway from Cascade to the coast; and,

Whereas, The construction of these railways will develop the mineral resources of South Kootenay and Yale; and,

Whereas, The people of this district are unanimously in favor of the immediate construction of both railways; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Cascade Board of Trade presses upon the government the urgent necessity of prompt action, and that charters be granted to any railways which will compete with the C.P.R.; and, further be it

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. Smith Curtis, M.P.P., to the provincial premier, to Mr. Galliher, M.P., to the minister of railways, and to the press.

Activity at Summit City.

Summit City, B.C., April 13.—(Special.)—The R. Bell property is being steadily worked. At the 250-foot level they are crosscutting, and expect to soon reach the ore body. A full force is on, consisting of three shifts.

Development work will soon be resumed on the Remington.

The Lake Shore and British Columbia Development company is pushing work on the Blue Bell and J. S. group with a full force. The present work is being done on the Blue Bell, and three shifts are at work. The property is showing up in fine shape. The large ore body has held out from the surface. The workings now at the 100-foot level consist of drifting on the vein and crosscutting to ascertain its width.

A small force is at work on the Oro Denoro a short distance north of the old shaft house, and is opening up a fine body of ore between a lime wall on th west and quartzite on the east, and it is quite certain they now have the ore body in place.

The B. C. is keeping up its shipments of 100 tons per day.

On the Royal Banner, which lies east of the R. Bell, the owners have recently installed a whim, and are pushing development on the claim, which looks exceedingly well.

The Summit Lumber and Timber company is working a full force at its saw mills, and is shipping to Greenwood and Phoenix besides supplying its home trade.

PHOENIX NOTES.

The Miner-Graves Syndicate to Put in a Larger Plant.

Phoenix, B.C., April 11.— (Special.) — The Snowshoe mine will ship two cars of ore this week to the B. C. Copper company's smelter at Greenwood as a smelter trial. Paul Johnson, superintendent of the smelter, paid a visit to the Snowshoe and Winnipeg mines yesterday. He was quite pleased with the showings on both properties. Thomas J. Hardy, who opened the first cash store in the Upper Town some time ago, has opened up another in the Lower Town.

F. O. Dickinson, Boundary representative of the Giant Powder company, was in town a couple of days this week.

W. H. Thomas, consulting engineer for the British Columbia Copper company, owning the Mother Lode in Copper camp, paid a visit to the Snowshoe and Winnipeg mines with Paul Johnson yesterday.

At an early date the Miner-Graves syndicate intend increasing the size of their plant here by the addition of a 40-drill compressor and a large hoist capable of hoisting from a depth of 1,500 feet. These will be so arranged as to be run either by electricity or steam power.

In Commission Again.

The C. P. R. steamer Rossland of the Arrow Lake fleet, which has been undergoing repairs and refurnishing at Nakusp, will be placed in commission today and make regular runs from West Robson to Arrowhead. Upwards of $10,000 has been expended in making this vessel perfect in her appointments and she is now an ideal one for summer travel.

GOVERNMENT WARNED

Grand Forks Conservatives Tender Advice on Railway Question.

Grand Forks, April 13.—(Special.)—The following is the text of the strong resolutions on the railway question adopted by the Liberal Conservative association of Grand Forks:

Whereas, The legislative assembly has adjourned for the purpose of allowing the individual members thereof to obtain the views of the electors on the question of a competitive railway from Kootenay to the Coast and other questions in reference to the railway policy of the government; and

Whereas, By reason of the prohibitive railway rates now existing to all points in Kootenay and the Boundary country the progress of these districts is greatly retarded; and

Whereas, In the opinion of this association a competitive railway with the C. P. R. from Kootenay to the coast would remdey the exisiting state of affairs and tend generally to the development of the vast mineral resources of these districts; and

Whereas, The people of said districts are unanimously in favor of the immediate construction of a competitive railway from Kootenay to the coast; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Forks Liberal Conservative association urge upon the government the immediate necessity of prompt action and that charters be granted to any railways which will compete with the C. P. R. through said districts, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the members of the government and the press.

Whereas, The Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern Railway company has recently applied to the legislative assembly to grant a subsidy to said company for the building of a line of railway from some point in the district of Kootenay to the Coast; and

Whereas, Said company has commenced active operations in the construction of said line of railway; and

Whereas, In the opinion of this association it is necessary to the development of the Kootenay districts and the Boundary country that a competitive line of railway should be constructed therefrom to the Coast. Be it therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Forks Liberal Conservative association urge upon the government that the government grant the subsidy to said company for the building of said line of railway as asked for by it, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the members of the government and the press.

Whereas, There are several applications now pending before the legislative assembly for private railway charters to construct railways through the Yale and Kootenay districts in the province of British Columbia; and

Whereas, In the opinion of this association it is absolutely necessary for the development of the vast mineral resources of these districts that as many railways as can be induced should construct lines through said districts; and

Whereas, In the opinion of this association the building of railways throughout said districts should be encouraged and fostered by the government and that no obstacles should be thrown in the way of companies bona fide seeking charters for the building and maintenance of railways through said districts; and

Whereas, This association has heard with alarm that the government proposes to insert in charters to be granted to said companies now seeking incorporation for the building of railways through said districts prohibitive conditions and rendering the rates of said companies subject to the control of the government, thereby rendering the debentures of such companies practically valueless and unsaleable and thereby greatly discouraging the building of such railways and consequent thereon retarding the development of said districts and the province in general; and

Whereas, The people of said districts are unanimously in favor of charters being granted to such companies without such conditions as above mentioned being inserted in their charters. Be it therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Forks Liberal Conservative association urge upon the government to grant to all bona fide companies seeking incorporation for the objects above mentioned, charters without inserting therein clauses such as are now being suggested by the government and rendering the rates of said companies subject to government control, but rather leave the control of such rates to the natural law of competition, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the members of the government and the press.

COAST-KOOTENAY RY.

Vancouver Citizens Ask the Government to Build It.

Vancouver, April 15.—A petition was forwarded to the Provincial government today asking the government to construct a Coast-Kootenay railway. The petition contained over 1,100 names of ratepayers of Vancouver of all classes and showed the city practically unanimous on the question of government construction of railways.

Death of Mrs. Huntley.

Vancouver, B. C., April 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Huntley, daughter of Postmaster Miller, died today.

RAILWAY FREIGHT RATES.

Official Investigation Begun on the Farmers Behalf.

Vancouver, April 15.—(Special.)—R. M. Palmer, fruit inspector, left today by the C.P.R. to visit for the next three months the various farming sections of the interior to report on the needs of the various districts, as well as to study freight rates, so that farmers may market their produce profitably on the coast and elsewhere.

Dr. W. T. Hoyes was in the city yesterday from Trail.

NO BIDS RECEIVED.

Situation Respecting Coast-Kootenay Railway.

Victoria, B. C., April 16.—Notwithstanding the advertisement of the government for tenders for the construction of the Coast-Kootenay railroad it is said none have been received by the Chief Commissioner on Lands and Works. The executive was in conference this morning and it is probable they were considering what course to pursue.

Sensational developments are looked for when the railway policy comes up for consideration, or possibly before.

Mr. Curtis has given notice of a number of amendments to railway bills. Among them are the following addition to the Coast-Kootenay bill, and Vancouver and Grand Forks bill: This act shall not come into force until such time as a company shall give security to the satisfaction of the governor in council.

First—That the government shall have absolute control of freight and passenger rates to be charged by the railway.

Second—That in the event of the charter being granted by the Dominion government for a line of railway over or parallel to the route proposed in this act, the foregoing conditions of this section shall be assumed and carried out by the company so incorporated as a contract and obligation of the said company prior to any other charge theron.

Third—The supply of coal and coke for use in the county of Yale and west thereof to the coast, satisfactory to the lieutenant-governor in council, shall at all times be furnished by producers thereof in said county before said railway shall carry any coal or coke so produced.

Fourth—That the lieutenant-governor shall have authority to enter into agreements to carry out the provisions of this section.

This is an offset to similar action proposed by the attorney general to the Crow's Nest Southern railway bill. Mr. Curtis will move to add the same section to the Comox and Cape Scott bill, excepting that it will apply to Vancouver Island and Mainland within 50 miles of the coast instead of to Yale or Kootenay.

AWARDED $1 DAMAGES.

Judge Dugas Wins His Libel Suit Against the Colonist.

Victoria, B.C., April 16.—A jury today awarded Judge Dugas of Dawson $1 damages against the Daily Colonist for publishing an interview taken from a Skagway paper in which it stated that the judge had given a decision in regard to liens on a claim worked by his son and in which he was interested. The paper had previously apologized and deposited $25 in court to cover any financial loss the judge had been caused through instructing his solicitors to bring action. On this account Judge Martin ordered that Dugas should paw the costs incurred after the $25 had been deposited and reserved judgment on the point as to who should pay the costs incurred previous to that time.

LAYING PACIFIC CABLE.

Work of Construction Will Begin Next Year.

Victoria, April 16.—Advices have been received here that a steamer will leave again in Janaury to lay that portion of the Pcific cable from Queensland to Fiji Island. The second steamer leaves in August of next year to lay the cable from here to Fiji, the cable to be completed by December, 1902.

Yellow Fever on a Warship.

Victoria, B.C. ,April 16.—The naval authorities have been notized that H. M. S. Condor, which is coming here from Acapulco, has yellow fever on board. She will go into quarantine.

MILITIA PENSIONS.

How the Fund Will be Apportioned.

Ottawa, April 16.—(Special.)—The minister of militia has given notice of his resolution in regard to military pensions. It provides that no officer retire for any other cause than misconduct or inefficiency after 20 years service, or retiring voluntarily after 35 years service on a pension not exceeding one-fiftieth of his pay and allowance of his rank or appointment at the time of his retirement for each year of service shall be paid him. Service beyond 35 years not being reckoned. To an officer who retires voluntarily after 25, but less than 35 years service, a pension not exceeding one-fortieth of such pay and allowance for each year of service. To make good the pensions five per cent is to be deducted from the pay of officers. For officers who retire on account of infirmity or to promote efficiency, a gratuity not exceeding one month's for each year's service, and if retiring from injuries received in the discharge of his duties, a gratuity not exceeding three month's pay for every two years' service. For non-commissioned or militiamen if he has served 15 but less than 21 years a pension equal to one fiftieth of his annual pay for every year of service, for 21 and less than 25 years service, twenty fiftieth and in addition two fiftieths for every year over 20, for 25 years thirty fiftieths and in addition one fiftieth for every year over 25, not exceeding, however, two thirds of his annual pay exclusive of extra pay or allowance during the three years preceeding retirement.

The widows and children of those who have served 20 years the following pensions are allowed: Colonel, $500 widow, $80 each child; Lieut.-Col., $450 widow and $80 each child; Major, $350 to widow and $70 to each child. Captain's widow $250 and each child $65. Lieutenant, $200 to widow and $50 to child and amount to children being doubled if motherless and in need. No allowance to a son of 18 or daughter of 21, the total amount granted to the family of an officer in one year not to exceed the amount of pension attached to his rank.

Tories Are Blamed.

Ottawa, April 16.—(Special.)—Over 52 replies have already been received by the census department to the communications sent out last night with respect to the circular alleged to have been placed in the hands of Ontario enumerators, providing that a list of males between 16 and 21 should be furnished Liberal provincial candidates. They all deny having anything to do with it. There is some talk of the matter being a Tory conspiracy.

HOUSTON'S HAND.

"King of Nelson" Disciplines His Subjects on the Railway Question.

(By C.P.R. Telegraphs.)

Nelson, B.C., April 12.—The public meeting called by the mayor at the opera house tonight was largely attended by representative business and working men. Mayor Fletcher presided and David M. Carley acted as secretary. Speeches were made by John Houston, M.P., John Elliott, D. A. McDonald, A. L. McKillop and S. S. Taylor. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, Not only the future but the present well being of people who have all their property interests in the mining districts of Southern British Columbia is wholly dependent on the mining and smelting industries in that section, therefore be it

"Resolved, First, that in our opinion the Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways and canals, should have the unanimous support of members of parliament from British Columbia in the effort he is making to insure to the smelting industry of Kootenay and Yale districts an adequate supply of coal and coke from the Crow's Nest mines, the profitable working of which was rendered possible by the completion of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, the greater part of the cost of which was borne by the Dominion government. Second, that the members for Nelson riding in the provincil legislature is voicing public opinion in supporting Hon. D. M. Eberts, attorney general, who has given notice that the Dunsmuir government will incorporate provisions in the Crow's Nest Pass Southern Railway bill that will prevent discrimination in favor of Montana smelters as against smelters in British Columbia; be it further

"Resolved, That the building of what is commonly known as the Coast-Kootenay railway should be left to private enterprise, as it is not of such importance as to warrant the province in aiding its construction by a cash subsidy, but instead substantial aid should be given to insure the immediate construction of a railway that would give to the farmers of the Okanogan Lake country a direct outlet to the mining camps in Southern Yale and Southern Kootenay, which would place them in a position to successfully compete with the farmers of the Colville and other farming districts in the state of Washington."

CUMBERLAND MINE DISASTER.

Two Witnesses Give Evidence Respecting Explosion—Inspection of Workings.

Cumberland, B. C., April 2.—(Special.)—The Cumberland mine inquest was continued this morning, when Inspector Thos. Morgan and Manager Matthews gave evidence as to the conditions existing before and after the accident. Inspector Morgan was strongly of the opinion that the explosion first occurred in a stall worked by Snedden. He thought possibly a shot had been fired before the men's breakfast time and had by some unaccountable means disarranged the ventilation so that after an hour's time the Chinamen went back to work and gas which had collected was fired. Speaking generally, he said the mine was splendidly managed and properly worked and as to care and ventilation there was nothing more to be desired. He had inspected the mine every month since it was opened and the law has been obeyed in every particular. His opinion as to the cause of the accident was based on personal examination.

Manager Matthews did not agree with the inspector. He believed the explosion occurred in Smith's stall, but agreed it was only a matter of opinion. He described the precautions taken to avoid accidents and explained the workings of the ventilating fan and air shafts. In his opinion the section of the mine where the explosion occurred was as safe as any place could be, there being only eleven men working there, while the coal mines regulation act allowed seventy, so that there was a very wide safety margin of air. The inquest adjourned shortly after one o'clock until seven this evening to allow the further examination of the mine to be concluded.

EXCITEMENT AT NOME.

Submerged Gravel Goes Thirty Cents to the Pan.

Victoria, B. C., April 13.—A telegram received from Dawson by the steamer Amur, which arrived this afternoon, tells of the excitement at Nome over the richness of gravel in the camps which were taken from beneath the ice. They were giving 30 cents to the pan and a quartz claim gave $30. A rich strike is reported at Selkirk from the upper Pelly. R. Brown, an old Comstock silver miner, gives a story to the Dawson News of the finding of a rich silver quartz lead within eight days of Dawson.

The first sluicing is reported to have commenced on Klondike creek, but full sluice head in is now expected to be had before this week. J. T. Field is the latest claimant for Skagway townsite, he claiming a part of the territory on which Skagway is built on which he lived in 1895. On its way down the steamer Amur picked up the steamer Carrie C. Davis of Seattle, which had broken down and was at the mercy of the wind and tides. The steamer found her blowing distress signals on Tuesday last and towed her to Taku.

DAWSON HAPPENINGS.

A Summer Carnival With a Bout Between Slavin and Sharkey Being Arranged.

Victoria, B.C., April 13.—Dawson sports are arranging for a big carnival to take place in that city commencing July 1 and lasting for a week. There will be horse racing, trap shooting, and, if it can be arranged, a bout between Sharkey and Slavin. Charles Meadows is coming out to arrange the attractions. The prizes to be offered will be large enough to make men from the outside go to the Klondike.

A sensation was caused in Dawson by the Mounted Police breaking open the door of a cabin occupied by Mrs. McConnell, who is charged with libelling government officials by making charges against them at Ottawa. She had remained away from court pleading illness. After an entrance had been forced the doctors protested against taking her to court.

FIXING THE BLAME.

Official Inquiry Into the Cumberland Mine Disaster Has Begun.

Cumberland, B.C., April 11.—(Special.)—Coroner Abrahams tonight commenced an enquiry into the Cumberland mine disaster. The government was represented by Gordon Hunter, the mining company by Charles E. Pooley. Hunter announced at the opening of the enquiry that the government was determined to make a searching enquiry into the cause of the disaster, inviting all persons who knew anything whatever that would throw light on the matter to come forward and give evidence. The government is having the matter fully covered, bringing witnesses from Nanaimo and other points. After the formal opening the inquest was adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Mr. Pooley stated he was instructed by Mr. Dunsmuir that any person able to give information in the matter was invited to come forward.

Sold a Wreck.

Victoria, B.C., April 11.—The wrecked collier Willamette, which went ashore near Union Bay on March 16, was sold today at the scene of the wreck, by auction. She was purchased by Moran Bros., of Seattle, for $30,000, and 900 tons of coal remaining in her was sold to the same purchasers for $195.

Gold Strike on Skeena.

Victoria, B. C., April 11.—News was brought by the steamer Boscowitz that a strike of rich quartz had been made near Kititas canyon on the Skeena. Quartz has been struck there going about $1,900 to the ton.

Overdue Ship Arrives.

Vancouver, B.C., April 12.—The salmon ship Ardnamurchan, part of whose cargo was found off the Oregon coast, and for that reason was considered lost, has been reported all well in the English channel. The cargo found was washed overboard in a storm. Reinsurance gamblers made large profits.

Funeral of the Late Mr. J. C. McLagan.

Vancouer, B.C., April 12.—The funeral of the late Mr. J. C. McLagan this afternoon was one of the largest ever held in the city. St. Andrew's church was crowded and four Presbyterian ministers conducted the services. The city council, members of St. Andrew's society, and Sons of Scotland attended in a body.

COAST-KOOTENAY RAILWAY.

Canadian Pacific Has Surveyed a Direct Line from Princeton to Tidewater.

Trail, April 12.—(Special.)—The C.P.R. has completed a preliminary survey of that section of the Coast-Kootenay from Princeton to the coast via the Hope mountains. The original surveys ran north from Princeton, tapping the main line at both Hope and Spence's Bridge stations. The recent survey would seem to indicate that the C.P.R. may abandon the Spence's Bridge route in favor of the more direct but more expensive route across the Hope mountains to the coast.

WILL BE DEPORTED.

Judge Walkem's Decision Respecting a Chinawoman—Excluding the Japs.

Victoria, B.C., April 13.—A Chinese woman, Wong Fu, who was detained by the customs authorities on her arrival here on the Empress of Japan, on the ground she was a prostitute, must go back to China. This is the decision of Mr. Justice Walkem, in connection with habeas corpus proceedings in the Supreme court which have been attracting considerable interest during the past few days. The authorities are enforcing the regulations more stringently than ever to keep out Chinese and Japanese, in fact the latter race are entirely excluded by the provincial immigration act which provides an educational test.

B. C. Lacrosse Association.

Vancouver, B.C., April 13.—(Special.)—The British Columbia Lacrosse association met tonight and declined to admit the new Y.M.C.A. team, but admitted Nanaimo. Play here will be in four quarters of twenty minutes each duration, and a team defaulting a game will be fined $20 or suspended. The officers are: President, D. Smith; secretary-treasurer, A. Turnbull.

Stave Lake Power Company.

Vancouver, April 13.—(Special.)—The Stave Lake Power company, in which Governor Mackintosh holds the controlling interest, received from the city council of this city a franchise entitling it to erect its poles and string its wires throughout the city. The operating charter has also been granted by the provincial government. The project, when completed, promises to be a great boon for Vancouver.

A Halcyon Industry.

Halcyon Hot Springs, April 13.—(Special.)—All the machinery in connection with the bottling works here has arrived. An expert machinist will take charge of the bottling business. The demand for the direct supply from the springs is such that at least six weeks will be required to enable the company to fill orders already on hand.

PHOENIX IS PROSPERING.

Mining and Building Active—A Few Mild Cases of Smallpox.

Mr. C. A. Baldwin, formerly a merchant of this city, but now of Phoenix, is in town on a visit. He reports that Phoenix is forging ahead rapidly. The producing mines are outputting a large quantity of ore each week. Development is in progress in a number of properties and the pay roll is a decidedly large one. There are some 20 buildings in course of erection, and a large number of men are employed in the building trades. There is a smallpox scare on owing to a few cases of that disease. Precautions are being taken, and as the cases are of a mild type, Mr. Baldwin is certain that the disease will soon be stamped out.