,000 in dust, but are only on a pur-
sing trip, the little fortune in five
ures being for investment only.
Four steamers were at Dawson when
party left, the Beaver, Belle, and two
ers. The Birch party state that the
ondyke river will be full of slush-ice
September 25. They give some in-
esting figures showing the conditions
sting at Dawson City, where gold
st is now being taken at $17 per ounce.
Amongst the fortunate Juneauites
ck Lowe who has made $100,000 easily
ads the list, while two men named
hly and Leake have a claim for which
ey have been offered $150,000. Still
other man named Smith has taken
t $50,000, and it is considered practic-
y certain that the Portland will have
ree tons of gold dust aboard her next
p.
Amongst the many discomforts to be
dergone, the Birch party give special
ominence to the mosquitoes, which
ey say are simply indescribable, and,
leed, the hardships which are met
th are, according to these three re-
rned Klondykers, not easy of exagger-
ion.
To sum up the opinions expressed by
ose on the Topeka who had any
owledge of the situation as it exists
Dyea and Skagway, it seems to be
ar that it is absolutely impossible for
e large number of men who are now at
agway to get through this fall, and
at those who are intending going
must provide themselves with pack
rses equal to their needs, as the packers
ve now more work in sight than they
n by any possibility get through be-
re the trail becomes impassable. Those
ho returned last night necessarily take
gloomy view of the situation, but dis-
ussing the position of affairs of any-
ing which would savor of pessimism, it
ems abundantly clear, as the COLONIST
as stated on previous occasions, that
ose who make the trip in the early
ring will be as far ahead as those who
ake the attempt now.

### A LARGE MINING SALE.

Since the first of August the money to
ake up the bond on the orginal loca-
ons in the North Fork camp has been
n the keeping of the Imperial Bank at
evelstoke, says the Kootenay Mail, and
n Tuesday last this amount, $65,000,
as transferred to the accounts of the
hree pioneer owners, Ole Sandberg, J.
. Kennedy and Thos. E. Marshall. The
laims taken up are the Waverley, Mon-
ague, Oldham, Tangier and Detroit,
nd are situated about 23 miles from
lbert Canyon, B.C. Of the five
laims, two—Tangier and Oldam—were
ocated in '93, the rest in '95; but
ince '91 these three persevering pros-
ectors have striven to open up this
ery great section to the influences of
oney and trade. They had hard work
or some years to push forward the camp
o the notice of investors, owing to the
many other attractions of the country,
ut in the fall of '95 they happened
across that well known mining man,
John Grant, and his business instincts
were at once aroused. He bonded the
roup for the enormous figure of $75,000,
but he knew what he had and so did the
prospectors, and while some people shook
heir heads the parties to the deal
pided their time and said nothing.
The first payment, $5,000, was made
by Mr. Grant in August, 1896, and in
February, 1897, the second payment of
$5,000 came along. By this time Mr.
Grant had negotiated the group in Lon-
don, Eng., to the Gold Fields of British
Columbia Co. (formed largely through
the influence of Mr. Grant-Govan) and
transferred his bond to them. The Gold
Fields Co. have sent numerous experts
and others to pronounce on the merits
of the property, and every word received
so far has been one of praise. Colonel
Anstey, the chairman of the company,
has also personally visited the proper-
ties and everything being up to his
anticipations, the company decided on
taking hold of the claims and paid in
their paper for the balance of the bond.

### HAS NOT THE MONEY.

ATHENS, Aug. 25.—The British, French and Russian ministers to Greece have notified their respective governments that it is impossible for Greece to pay an indemnity exceeding £2,000,000 to Turkey. It is understood that negotiations are on foot to induce Turkey to accept a smaller sum than the amount originally demanded. Lord Salisbury is willing that Turkey should retain Larissa up to the Trikhala line as a pledge, provided that Greece prove other than a readiness and ability to set apart certain revenues for the payment of the indemnity without prejudice to the interests of the existing bondholders.

**A Double Cure.**

Mrs. Jas. E. Elwood, St. Thomas, Ont., says:—"My husbaud and myself have taken Doan's Kidney Pills. We used them for Kidney and back troubles for which we have spent a great deal of money without getting relief. Doan's Pills cured us both in remarkably short time. I believe they will cure even after all other medicines fail."

On one of the uptown thoroughfares, all day long, sits a man grinding an organ. Beside him, on its haunches, sits a cute little pug dog. A tin sign swings from the dog's neck. It bears this legend:

**An Advertisement**

This is an advertisement which tells the truth about Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

**PEOPLE WHO SUFFER**

from sleeplessness, dizziness, shortness of breath, smothering feeling, palpitation of the heart, pains through the breast and heart, anxious, morbid condition of the mind, groundless fears of coming danger, anæmia or impoverished blood, after effects of la grippe, general debility, etc., should

**TRY THESE PILLS**

as they cure these complaints. Every box is guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded through the party from whom the pills were purchased, and we authorize them to do so on the strength of the above statement. This offer is limited to the first box used by any one person. T. MILBURN & Co., Toronto.

### DIED.

BROWN—At the St. Joseph Hospital on the 19th inst., George Washington Brown, a native of St. Thomas, Ont., and aged 38 years.

# JAMES WOODS HANGED

## Termination of One of the Most Remarkable Law Cases in Western Canada.

## Without a Visible Tremor the Unhappy Man Meets His Awful Doom.

NELSON, Aug. 25.—(Special)—James Wood paid the penalty of his crime in the jail yard here at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, preserving to the last the apparent insensibility to a realization of his position that has been the characteristic of the man during his waiting for death.

Wood spend his last night on earth much the same as any ordinary individual, not as all as a man with the shadow of the gallows before him might be expected to. He slept well, and ate heartily in the morning. When the consolation of religion was suggested, he declined with a smile to see the clergyman. He would neither deny nor affirm his guilt. He had nothing whatever to say in the matter, as he expressed it.

After the reading of the death warrant, the march to the scaffold began. Wood shook hands with the officials, his grasp retaining all its firmness; and he smiled quietly while his legs were being pinioned and the white cap adjusted over his head. There was not so much as the tremor of a muscle, and when asked if he had anything to say before being launched into eternity, his only reply was:

"Nothing at all. Let her go as soon as you like."

The signal to the hangman was given, the lever pulled, and the extraordinary criminal passed from the scene of his crime. There was no bungling, and death was instantaneous. The body was cut down in half an hour; the usual formalities followed as to the cause of death; and the curtain descended on the tragedy that had cost two men of the same name their lives.

The crime which Wood thus expiated with his life was committed in October last, and in some respects is as remarkable as any on the records of the law in western Canada. The victim was Samuel M. Wood, more generally known as "Paddy" Wood, a blacksmith, who kept his forge or smithy at Nelson, and together with his assistant Baird lived and slept over the shop. Baird had already retired on the Friday, October 2, when he was awakened about midnight by the deceased talking to someone just outside the shop. The blacksmith asked the stranger what he was doing in the shop, and the stranger denied having been in the shop. The deceased replied, "why I saw you turn down the light," and then himself turned the electric light on, whereupon the stranger (and the action was seen by Mme. Mallette, who was just closing her hotel opposite), drew a revolver and shot the deceased, inflicting a wound from which death ensued some fifty hours later.

The assailant ran away immediately upon the shooting towards the C. P. R. station. He was seen by several, but owing to the dark could not be identified further than by Mme. Mallette. At 10:30 next morning the attention of an engine-driver, Alexander Dow, was attracted to the actions of a man lying alongside of the track leading from Nelson to Robson at about sixteen miles from the former place, and from information given by Dow to the police the prisoner was arrested the same night at Robson, distant from Nelson some thirty miles. He said nothing when arrested further than to ask for food. On him was found a 38-calibre S. & W. revolver, carrying a bullet of the same size as that extracted from the body of the deceased upon the post mortem. He had no money or means, and the only other article found on his person was an iron "billy," as it is termed, or wrench. Two chambers of the revolver had been discharged and four were loaded.

On the Sunday afternoon following the shooting, the prisoner was taken to the bedside of the dying man, being first informed that he was taken there for identification. Four or five other men were taken in with the prisoner, and the deceased then and there at once pointed out the prisoner as the man who had shot him. The men were then taken out of the room and brought in again in a different order, when the blacksmith again identified the prisoner as his assailant. The prisoner made no remark at either time. There can be no question that at the time of the indentification the deceased was dying, and knew that he was. No time was lost in the preliminary formalities incidental to the committal of the prisoner for trial, and within a short time after the shooting he was placed upon his trial for the murder at the spring court of assize. How, during the sitting of the court, he escaped from the custody of the Nelson jailer and for two days evaded rearrest, is still fresh in memory. The remembrance is also distinct of his sensational recapture by constable McKinnon, and of his sentence to death. The execution was originally fixed for the 11th of August, but an appeal being made to the Full court for a rehearing of the case on the ground that evidence had been improperly admitted by the trial judge, a reprieve was allowed until yesterday. The appeal court confirmed the action of the court below, and decided that the law must take its course.

Owing to a slight variation in the judgments of the Full court the matter was brought to the attention of Hon. Clifford Sifton and copies of the three documents were telegraphed to him for his perusal. But as the law was allowed to take its course it is evident that the minister of the interior was satisfied that the verdict of the appeal court was a just one.

James Wood was certainly a criminal of rare sagacity and marvellous powers of combination. It was not his tongue that brought about his downfall, for there never lived a man who was less disposed to talk. Since his capture he has even refrained from saying anything that would so much as disclose the secret of his identity. He has devoted his whole time to reading novels, and at no time evinced any inclination to take anyone into his confidence. When he was informed last Sunday evening that he had been respited for two weeks, he expressed no concern in the matter. In fact so little interest had he taken in the whole proceedings that he was not aware his execution had been fixed for yesterday. He believed that the fatal day was Monday.

The similarity of the names of the murderer and his victim has, according to the Economist, aroused the vivid imagination of the romancer to that extent that it seems an embryo Hall Caine had taken up his residence in British Columbia. Here is one story—and it must be confessed that the plot is strong, even if lacking in probability—that has found very general acceptance as correct in the Kootenay country, although the officers of the law can discover nothing to justify it. It is known that Samuel M. Woods (Paddy) was born in Louisiana and afterwards removed to Pennsylvania. Here it is said the deceased married, and the result of the union was one son. While the boy was yet young the father deserted wife and child for a woman of dissolute habits. The boy, when he reached man's estate, made a vow that he would seek his father and avenge his mother's wrongs. The curtain falls on the drama when James Wood met Paddy Wood in the blacksmith shop and sent home the shot that robbed the old man of his life.

### SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

#### CRICKET.

##### NAVY DEFEAT VICTORIAS.

Yesterday was not auspicious for the Victoria C.C., who met an eleven from H.M. Navy, and went down to defeat as unexpected as it was complete. Going first to the wicket the club could only manage to accumulate the modest total of 61, of which Mr. W. A. Ward (with 28) and Mr. T. E. Pooley (not out 15) contributed more than two-thirds. Upon the Naval eleven taking the bat "leather hunting" began with a vengeance, and the innings were declared closed when five wickets only had fallen and 172 runs placed to the credit of the Navy. Luard's 47 and Mainprice's 82 were got by excellent cricket, and practically rendered defeat for the home club inevitable. Entering upon their second innings, however, the club had put together 52 for 3 wickets when stumps were drawn, the Navy thus winning the match by 111 runs.

### WEST COAST MINES.

Mr. Alex. Bonthrone, of Vancouver, in an interview in the Nanaimo Free Press after a visit to Alberni states that mining matters at Clayoquot and Anderson lake, where he is interested, are still moving, and that the results of nearly all the recent development work at both points have been eminently satisfactory. There are still a number of prospectors out along the coast, but most of the work being done is first assessment work. The claims are largely owned by syndicates, and a number have received development sufficient to make very favorable predictions possible. A number of the claims show good sized bodies of heavy copper ores, many increasing in depth as far as they have been opened.

The strike of magnificent peacock copper ore recently made near the upper part of Clayoquot, caused quite a rush to that section. The ore shown as having come from the new discovery resembles much of the best taken from the Van Anda, on Texada Island, and there is said to be an excellent surface showing on the ledge.

A property which is being watched with considerable interest is one in which Mr. Bonthrone is interested. It is situated near Smith's landing, about nine miles below China Creek, on the Alberni canal. Little work has been done on the ledge but the syndicate operating it are running a tunnel to cross cut the lead about 112 feet in and this is now in over 100 feet. The rock surrounding the lead is so hard that with three shifts of four men each the tunnel has been driven only about five feet a week.

Mr. Bonthrone reports Alberni itself rather quiet though a number of strangers are now looking over the district and there are prospects of increased activity should some of the sales now pending go through.

#### From Edmonton to the Pelly.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 25.—(Special)—A meeting was held last night at Edmonton and resolutions were passed to send an exploring party overland to the Pelly river, via the Liard route. The party will travel with the police and be ready to start next week.

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# BOATS FOR TESLIN.

## The "Thistle" Sails With Material for Building Steamers on the Lake.

## "Empress of China" Has Sailed From Yokohama With a Heavy Cargo.

The steamer Thistle, Captain Butler, started North last night with the machinery and building material for the sawmill and two steamers on Teslin lake. F. M. Yorke, the manager of the proposed works, with twelve carpenters, went as passengers, and there were besides a party of five Easterners leaving for the Northern gold fields. One of these was J. M. Boggard, who, thirty years ago, was in this country mining in Cariboo. Those with him are C. B. Boyden, James Brand, Sidney C. Wilson and T. J. Armstrong. They intend taking the same route to the mines that will be in part traversed by the Yorke party, going first to Wrangel, transferring there to Mr. J. C. Callbreath's steamer Alaska, going up the Stickeen to Telegraph Creek, and onward to Teslin lake by pack train. The Eastern party represent but a very small number of those whom Simon Leiser & Co. could have yesterday outfitted for the same voyage. Had the Thistle accommodation, the company say they could have supplied over one hundred intending, miners for they say that fully that many and more made application. This goes to show how popular an all-Canadian route to the Yukon gold fields, such as the Thistle crowd will travel over, would become, and it is a little incident which should go a long way towards encouraging the Yorke party in the enterprise they are about to venture on. Captain Butler has also good reason to feel in better spirits on leaving port this trip than usual. A day or so ago he was refunded the $200 fine imposed in Seattle some months ago for an alleged breach of the customs regulations. The circumstances of his trouble there were very trifling. He took a party of excursionists down the Sound who had missed the Queen on that vessel's early arrival in port, and it being necessary that they should make connections with the Eastern train at Tacoma on the same day as their arrival here, the Thistle made all speed on the voyage possible. She was going to be late in spite of all efforts, however, and Capt. Butler seeing this hailed the Flyer at Seattle transferring the party without waiting to comply with the regulations. The case was one of emergency and the captain at once explained it to the collector at Seattle, who notwithstanding matters imposed the fine. The captain paid it promptly, but under protest, and on the case being appealed to Washington the collector's decision was reversed. Besides the carpenters there are in the Yorke party Mr. Strickland, at one time a Victoria engineer; Mr. A. S. Mouat, who will go as mate of one of the Teslin lake steamers; and Messrs. James Gaudin, C. Barton and J. McDonald.

#### THE INBOUND EMPRESS.

The local C. P. R. agent was yesterday advised that the R.M.S. Empress of China sailed from Yokohama on Friday last with 2,600,000 pounds overland cargo, 140 tons of silk and 150 tons of general freight for Victoria. Her passengers number 65 in the saloon and 200 in the steerage. The ship is due on Tuesday next.

### SCHOOL INSPECTOR TALKS.

School Inspector Eaton, who arrived in Victoria from the East a day or two ago, said last evening that he was more than pleased with his reception in the city, and that his highest expectations of the school accommodation existing in Victoria had been fully realized.

In the High school however, Mr. Eaton says, there exists a congestion of pupils which will need to be remedied before the best results can be obtained; but the accommodation afforded in the graded schools impressed him most favorably. The buildings themselves, and especially the South Park school, Mr. Eaton speaks of as being excellent, and he is unstinting in his praises of the members of the teaching staff, with whom he has had an opportunity of becoming acquainted.

"The city is to be congratulated," said the new inspector, "upon the really capable and enthusiastic band of teachers they have in their employ, and I look forward with every confidence to receiving all the assistance possible from those with whom my duties will associate me."

Mr. Eaton will make his head-quarters in the office of Mr. Ben. Williams, corner of Broad and Fort, and will be glad to meet anyone who desires to submit to him suggestions likely to be of value in the discharge of the duties of his position.

As an adviser to the board of trustees and supervisor of the work in the schools, Mr. Eaton's object will be the maintenance of the highest possible efficiency, due regard being paid to the matter of economy, which, in his opinion, is second only in importance to the former.

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# A MISSION OF MERCY.

## Annual Meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

## Enthusiastic Assemblage of Friends and Members Hear the Year's Reports.

The annual meeting of the local branch of the B. C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held at the city hall last evening, his worship the mayor in the chair.

The reading of the usual reports of the work of the organization by acting secretary Dallain was the first matter claiming the attention of the meeting as follows:

*The President and Members:*

In presenting the first annual report of the Victoria branch of the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, I wish to state that this branch was only organized about the middle of last February, consequently our report is for six and one half months' work only, and the greater part of that time was taken up with the routine work required in getting a society of this kind on a working basis, such as drawing up constitution and by-laws, having the same, as well as other matter, printed, appointing inspectors, etc., etc.

At first glance the amount of good accomplished so far may appear small, but when the above facts are considered I am sure you will agree with me in saying that there is every prospect of this being a real "live" society, and that the year we are entering upon is sure to be vastly more successful. Our membership roll is still lamentably small (due largely to the fact that the summer was upon us before we were in a position to solicit for members). There are only twenty-five members on our roll so far.

I wish right here to impress it on every member of this society that we must increase that number at least twenty-fold if we wish to accomplish anything, as funds are an absolute necessity. Up to the present we have kept out of debt, and have a small balance to our credit, only through the kindness of the Victoria Society for the Prevention of Cruelty in handing over to us the balance left when their society disbanded. Let every one of us consider ourselves a special committee on memberships and begin a systematic canvass. Apart from the matter of funds, it will be a great assistance to your executive to feel that they have the support of a large number in their work.

#### EXECUTIVE.

Your executive and vigilant committee have held regular monthly meetings, at which of late the different members have reported cases of cruelty seen by or reported to them. The cases in which some action has been taken are as follows:

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| Cruelty to horses | Six cases |
| Cruelty to dogs | Three cases |
| Cruelty to cattle | Two cases |
| Cruelty to birds | One case |
| Cruelty to wild animals | One case |

We have so far been able to accomplish our purpose without calling in the assistance of the law, but should there be occasion we will not hesitate one moment to bring our cases into court.

The executive committee have appointed five members as agents (according to the power given us by the act of incorporation) who have been sworn in as special constables, and supplied with badges, who are constantly on the lookout for any acts of cruelty to animals.

Your committee have also several plans in view, for circulating literature on the proper treatment of animals, placing notices in public stables, etc., and lack of necessary funds, alone has prevented them being carried out before this.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. B. HOLDEN,
Sec. Treas.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, in moving the adoption of the report, regretted that it had been found impossible for either the Lieutenant-Governor or Hon. Colonel Baker to attend the meeting. Continuing, the speaker thought that the object of the society would commend itself to the public and ought to receive assistance. As Christians, mercy, which was the basis of the society should be exercised towards the dumb animals as mercy had been shown to men. Cruelty to brutes reacted against man himself, for a man who is in the habit of abusing his power over the animal kingdom will come sooner or later to treat his fellow man in a similar way. It had been expected that considerable help would have been received from the Women's Council, but very little assistance had been received from any quarter. The society in this city was only a branch of the provincial society which had been organized in New Westminster, and it was intended to have branches in every town in the province. The operations of the society dated only from last February and was still in its infancy and with the assistance of the public a great deal of good might be done. It was the idea more to educate the public mind in the matter of treating dumb animals and not so much to punish offenders. At the same time the society was prepared to carry flagrant cases of cruelty into the courts if necessary.

Mr. Lindley Crease seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

Archbishop Scriven, Mr. Kitto, Capt. Mitchell and others spoke in favor of what had been done by the society though young as it was.

The use of the check rein, and the method of handling cattle and sheep by steamboat companies were among other things strongly criticised.

Vote of thanks to the Mayor for occupying the chair was passed. Several new members were elected members of the association, of which officers were then chosen as follows:

Patron—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor; president, A. J. Dallain; vice-president, A. O. Flumerfelt; counsel, Lindley Crease; veterinary surgeon, Dr. R. Hamilton; secretary-treasurer, Dr. D. B. Holden, 13 Langley street.

Executive committee—Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, Rev. Dr. Campbell, F. B. Kitto and C. Chipchase.

### REPRESENTATIVE OF HUNDREDS.

Among the passengers was one elderly gentleman from Oakland, Cal., who went north in the interests of numerous townspeople of his for the purpose of ascertaining the most feasible route into the Yukon. Not caring to be quoted he would not give his name. He has been some considerable time in the north and speaking from what he could learn from all sources of information he states the best route into the upper Yukon is via the Stickeen. "The people of Oakland have no conception of what is required in an expedition to the Yukon," he said, "and I discovered when north that many of those who are now on their way had but as little I met one Oakland man, for instance, who before starting purchased a $60 boat in San Francisco, paid the freightage on it to Dyea and there found it to be only cumbersome to take farther, so he sold it for $13. I heard of many such cases, and all served to show me what is little needed for the trip. During my stay in Victoria I have acquainted myself with prices of outfitting goods, and from what I now know the chances are that my party will come to this city to make preparations for their trip. I find that Victoria merchants have really what is required in the line of outfits, and I have the promise of several that they will outfit my party in the spring at prices which they are now quoting. There are in my party between 400 and 500 people who are anxiously awaiting my return and who will rely on what information I can give them." Considerable miscellaneous news concerning Yukon matters was contained in an Alaskan Searchlight which the gentleman had in his pocket and which he said he would not part with for a ten dollar bill.

### NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER, Aug. 23.—Two passengers boarded the Danube here for Skagway yesterday, Capt. Alcock and J. Danials.

A deal was completed on Saturday by which the Gold Fields of B. C. has bought out the real estate, stock and good will of the Shoal Bay Trading Co., doing business at Shoal Bay, something over 100 miles up the coast. This property transferred consists of 160 acres of land, known as the townsite of Thurlow, and the buildings thereon, including an hotel, store, post office, etc. The sum of $5,000 was paid in cash by Mr. Grant-Govan's company and the seller is also taking some stock in the first named company as part payment. The company is letting contracts for 750 feet of tunnel on claims owned in the vicinity.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—About two weeks ago James Blackman left for Bute Inlet on a prospecting tour with a San Francisco and Seattle man. This morning the Vancouver police received word that while Blackman was walking around a cliff in front of them he suddenly disappeared and they could since find no trace of him. It is thought that he fell over the cliff and was killed.

Two cars bumped into one another on Granville street, opposite the Hotel Vancouver, this morning. They were both going the same direction. A lady was about to get off the first one. She was thrown violently to the ground and received a scalp wound besides being much shaken up. The rear car was partially wrecked.

The demonstration to Chang, the Chinese Jubilee ambassador, at Vancouver, almost equalled Li Hung Chang's welcome. On his arrival the entire town turned out from curiosity. All the Chinese in the city and many from Seattle, Portland and San Francisco were present. The ambassador was driven under an arch from the station to the steamer, while the city band was engaged for the music. On Monday a long procession of carriages drove around the city accompanying a four horse rig in which were the ambassador and attachees. As the ambassador boarded the steamer the city band again played and firecrackers also added considerable liveliness to the occasion. Marquis Ito, the distinguished Japanese, sailed by the same boat, but was scarcely noticed by the immense crowd which stood on the wharf to get a glimpse of Chang.

The Peninsular & Oriental Company are establishing offices here with a view of running a line of steamers between here and the Orient. It is impossible to get details as the matter is being kept very quiet.

Alderman Townley has given notice that at the next meeting of the council he will introduce a resolution to amend the present by-law affecting liquor licenses to enable the licensing of a first-class concert hall in the city. This move is chiefly owing to the fact that 1,000 Americans hurried away to Seattle to spend their money earned at fishing as soon as the season was finished, because they could not have the same forms of amusements here as in Seattle.

#### WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Aug. 23.—At the meeting called to arrange for the October fair, the Mayor was elected chairman, and the aldermen and Aulay Morrison, M.P., and Mr. Kennedy, M.P.P., vice-chairman. Mr. G. D. Brymner was elected treasurer, and Mr. M. A. Malins re-elected secretary.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug 24.—(Special)—At 9 o'clock on Sunday the Roman Catholic cathedral was filled by Protestants as well as Catholics to witness the consecration of Bishop Dontonwill by Archbishop Langevin, assisted by Bishop Clut, Bishop O'Dea, Bishop Legal Father Guillet and Father Camper. The service was a very impressive one. A sermon was preached by Bishop O'Dea, and towards the close Mrs. R. E. Gosnell, of Victoria, sang with much feeling "Hear Us Oh Father." An address was presented to Archbishop Langevin. Bishop Dontonwill is 40 years of age. He was born in Alsace, and graduated as M.A. from the Ottawa University in 1882. He was a mathimatical teacher till 1889, and was made principal of the St. Louis College, New Westminster, in 1886, and Titular Bishop April 3rd, 1897.

#### NANAIMO.

Alaskan letters has been received from Thomas Beveridge, John D. Stewart and a member of the McGregor-Gibson party. The news contained in these is merely corroborative of what has been already published. J. D. Stewart's letter was written from Dyea on August 6, three days after they had landed. They were all in good condition and were ready to start the journey inland the next morning, expecting to make some four miles the first day. He saw a large number of the Nanaimo boys and all seemed well and in good spirits.

The letter from the member of the party crossing the Chilcoot Pass stated that all were well and were working hard. They expected to be at the lakes and to have their boats partly built by the time the letter reached Nanaimo.

The letter from Thos. Beveridge stated that the Simpson-Peters party, of which he was a member, were making a mile a day over the White Pass and taking the whole of their stuff along with them as they went. The only party ahead of them was the Gillespie-Dennison crowd who were working in in the same way.—Free Press.

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#### REVELSTOKE.

The cheering intelligence has been received from John Sanderson by the Revelstoke company, who are operating the Last Chance claim on McCullough creek, that $25 in gold was taken out of the bottom of a blind shaft run on to bedrock. The letter announcing the find was evidently written and dispatched as soon as this cheering indication that the company is at last on the bedrock of the old river channel, for which they have been searching so long, was struck.—Revelstoke Herald.

The Herald says that a meeting of the business men of the town called to discuss the subject of incorporation on Monday night was not much of a success, as part of the crowd turned up at 8 o'clock and the balance at 8:45. It was practically decided that nothing can be done to petition for incorporation until the property owners get their titles registered, and a committee was appointed to take this matter in hand.

The Revelstoke Development Co. are busy putting the finishing touches to their machinery. Their flume is completed and runs along the face of the bank, from which the pay dirt can be shovelled anywhere along its length into it. Mr. Taylor expects to have the dirt running in the flume next week. Mr. Taylor thinks the pay dirt on the claim will average about one dollar to the cubic yard.—Revelstoke Herald.

#### YMIR CITY.

The Duncan syndicate, owners of the Wren mine, on the South Fork of the Wild Horse, are contemplating a shipment of ten tons of ore to London, England, to undergo treatment there by a patent dry process. This is the first experiment of the kind which has been tried by any of the mines in the vicinity. The wagon roads now going in will give considerable increased facilities for getting out the ore, while if the Duncan experiment turns out well we may expect that the cost of reducing the ores will also be materially lessened. There are several mines in the vicinity which have large quantities of shipping ore on the dump, but are only waiting like the War Eagle in Rossland, for lower charges for shipment and reduction.—Rossland Miner.

#### SLOCAN CITY.

"Tin-horns must go, and public gambling in Slocan City henceforward will be a thing of the past." This is the order that has gone forth from H. P. Christie, the representative of the government, and he means business, and will rigidly enforce the order. Wednesday's boat brought among others, Fred S. Hussey, superintendent of provincial police, and W. J. Goepel, government agent for the entire Kootenay. While in the city these people were closeted with Mr. Christie, and among other matters attended to, the above imperative mandate was issued. The order refers to all public gambling of whatsoever kind, and in the enforcement of it Constable Christie will be no respector of persons.—Slocan City News.

#### GOLDEN.

Messrs. Wattelet and Langes have started to get out ore from their claims on the Bugaboo, and the first lot will be shipped this week, being packed down the trail to Spillimachene, where it will be taken on board the Duchess and brought to Golden for shipment to Tacoma by the C.P.R. Mr. Wattelet intends arranging about a sleigh road by which ore can be got out during the winter months.—Golden Era.

#### LILLOOET.

Steady development is going on in the principal mines on Cayoosh, most of them making a very creditable showing. The Golden Cache Company are busy at the finishing of the stamp mill and will stamp, it is expected, about the first of the month. Other companies are intending to erect mills at an early date, also the British Columbia Company and the Alpha Bell. A new trail up the creek to the Big Horn claim has just been completed with a bridge across Cayoosh Creek. Some new discoveries on Bridge river have brought that camp into prominence. The rock is free-milling and assays as high as $86 in gold.—Inland Sentinel.

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