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MINING LAW CONFUSION.

From reports of cases in court and from coments thereon which appear in the inland newspapers it must be concluded that the mining laws are much in need of clearing up. Unfortunately there is only to much reason to suppose that if the asembly did again essay the task of amendment it would only make "confusion worse confounded," for that has been the result of efforts in this direction in the past. Within the past few weeks two cases have been heard in the county court, one in Kootenay and the other in Kettle River district, which hinged on two different points. In the Kootensy case Judge Spinks was called upon to decide wherein lies the "root of title" to a mining claim. In rendering judgment he gave a review of the enact ments bearing on this point which must convince, any person that a rare hash was made of the law by our worthy legislators. Repeals and re-enactments and court precedents have left the matter in so much confusion that a plain working miner must be excused if he fails to understand his position That state of affairs should not have been allowed to come about. In the other case, at Kettle River, Judge Spinks cent. was called upon to decide as to the valone located a claim, but abandoned it creased 10 per cent. voluntarily. without recording, some thirtean days after location. Prospector number two then relocated it, using his predecessor's posts. Number three came along after fifteen days were up and also tried a 7000 men. location on the same claim. He appeartwo grounds, namely, that no re-location 10 per cent. in using number one's posts. The judge providing the discoverer fully signifies though not strictly permissible, it is not illegal to, use posts that have been made way Advance in contemplating the law's confusion waxes indignant and says :--"Although it will hardly help to sooth the ruffled feelings of the individuals who are unfortunate enough to be the losers in lawsuits of this nature, to be patted on the back and assured that by contesing these technicalities of the Mineral Act they are acting as public benefactors, nevertheless such is the truth; the airing of these questions may possibly save a great deal of expensive litigation in the future: for when, once these difficult points of that wonderfully difficult and intricate piece of legislative | ly sent to that city by the fruit growers machinery, the present Mineral Act, the outcome of the united wisdom and intelligence of men who, although more or less ignorant in mining matters, are still of this province. The fruit men are not whating in ingenuity, nor un- given somewhat different opinions as to accomplished in the difficult art of the the condition in which their product arconstruction of puzzles and double acrostics, is somewhat explained, a repetition of the litigious state of affairs which, we learn, is to be found at some room for improvement. The Com-Trail Creek, will be less likely to occur mercial on this point represents the here."

qua non before they could give the assistancerdthey were anxiousito give towards the prevention of a recurrence of last year's disaster, you might have pointed out that the greatest sufferers as experience went, had reason to think, themselves above any risk from high. water. The dyking enterprises referred to by the World and Colonist are intended to reclaim lands overflowed in 1876, of these lands are not available for cultivation until reclaimed. It was the themselves secure, and who had been cultivating their farms for years, that chiefly excited Col. Baker's evanescent sympathy, while, practically, no land above the level of the 1876 freshet is in a position to be ben-fited by the re-

two-thirds of the inter st." The government's line of defense will evidently have to be changed, for that now adopted is far from meeting the emergency. "RUINED" BY TARIUF REFORM.

January, 1895-Acushnet Mills, New Bedford, Mass., wages voluntarily increased nearly 10 per cent. April, 1895-Cotton Manufacturers' of wages (reduced under McKinley tar-

iff) restored Rowland Paper Company, wages increased from 10 to 15 per cent. Cotton and Woollen Mills, Webster,

Mass., wages advanced ten per cent.; mills on full time.

nearly 4000 men advanced 5 to 10 per May, 1895-Carnegie Steel Works, wa-

idity of a location. Prospector number ges of all employes in every mill inmen advanced 10 per cent

June, 1895-Illinois Steel Company, Joliet, Ill., an increase of 7 per cent. to

ed as plaintiff, claiming possession on 7000 men's wages increased voluntarily

can be made until fifteen days have ex- Pennsylvania Company, Lebanon, Pa., pored, and that number two was wrong a 10 per cent. increase in wages decided against him, ruling that a claim ton, wages of 4000 men increased 10 N. P. still exists; why the decline?"Much the rays of the sun by an awning extendmay be re-staked within fifteen days, per cent. Reading Iron Co., wages increased 10 his intention of abandonment, and that per cent. Shenango Valley Furnaces, Youngstown, O., two increases of 10 per cent. use of by a former proprietor. The Mid- and over. Bethlehem Iron Works, a second increase of from 5 to 10 per cent. was announced.

ONLY ONE STEP.

The proceedings leading to the arrest of Messrs. Prevost and Falding have been characterized by a commendable amount of energy and promptitude, and have so far indicated a desire on the part of the authorities to repair the injury the public interest has suffered. This is all the more satisfactory because of the suspicion which many people at one time entertained that any attempt lows: made to capture the men charged with wrongdoing would be but half-hea.ted or worse. But care in arresting and prosecuting the accused officials will not good condition and at the time they end the government's duty in the premises, nor will it remove from the government all blame for what wrong has been committed. No sensible man can be found to say warehouses twenty-four hours before that it was right to leave large they were compelled to sacrifice cases at sums of public money in the personal any price they might bring. When fiuit charge of officials. It was not right that the public property should be placed in danger, nor was it right that in perfect condition and remains fresh officials should have been thus submit long enough to enable dealers to dispose ted to temptation. Even before the of it at the best prices, certainly fruit cases of the two men now under ar. from British Columbia could be handled rest are off their hands the government should proceed to set their house to rights

in this regard. If they have any doubts ish Columbia fruits are made, care must as to how to proceed in order to secure be taken to pack the fruits according to safety of public funds they can easily the best known methods. A prominent find guidance by looking into the meth. | fruit dealer here-as was reported in an-

porations. Defalcations in private busi- imitate the style of packing used by the ness there are, but it is safe to say American shippers, and also not to al-

Pottery Trust, Trenton, N. J., increase of 10 per cent. and over in wages annonnced. Has tariff reform hurt the industries of

the United States? C. P. R. RATES AGAIN.

Remarks made by Winnipeg papers in regard to the carload of fruit recentof the Fraser valley are of interest, both to the fruit-growers and to other people

ent that the manner of packing left wholesale agents who handled the friit as saying, "that, with the exception cf a few baskets, the plums arrived in good condition, and they consider them firstclass preserving stock. The plums werepacked in baskets, similar to the manner

in which Ontario fruit is usually shipped. The dealers say that, if the larger varieties were wrapped and packed in boxes, they would answer quite as well as the California fruit for stand pur poses as well as preserving." The Free Press, on the other hand, spoke as fol-"The plums shipped by the Fraser Valley company consisted of varieties or all sizes. They reached Winnipeg in were received here, buyers thought they

would make excellent preserving fruit. Since, however, dealers have complained that the British Columbia fruit was so poorly packed, it had not been in the from California, Washington and Oregon, is sent a much greater distance before reaching the market, is received in a way to produce equally good results. First shipments are usually experimental; and when other shipments of Britods of business men and private cor- other issue of the Fries of British Columbia to Spring Lamb, per lb. ork, fresh, per lb Chickens, per pair Turkeys, per lb.....

as local plenty appears the figures drop Dickie is proprietor. It is a well-furn-Lackawanna Iron & Steel Co., Scran- to less than prices across the inethin The ished two-story building, protected from eagerness to say something for the chaps | ing the full length of the building. A

who dispense custom house appointments | number of Victorians are at present enseems to have affected our contemporary's reason. ingto

VICTORIA MARKETS, Retail Quotations for Farmerss Pro-

duce Carefully Corrected Victoria, Sept. 9.

Local markets show few if any Fry, surveyor and real estate agent. C. changes this week. Potatoes are more plentiful and are selling lower. Those now offered on this market are excellent in quality. The sweets are cheaper. Eggs, butter and cheese show no change. Receipts of eastern creamery butter are still large. Seldom before has such uniformly good butter been offered for sale here. Fruits are quite active and while prices

are not very good, sales are very large. the Lakeside, run by Price & Jaynes, Shipping from the Mainland to markets and the Cowichan Lake, by C. E. Lee. in the Territories is being carried on The Cowichan-Alberni trail runs along with fair success. the lake and is a means of access to the There is no change in general trade mines, but it passes through such a conditions. Collections in the interior rough country that travelling is extremerived at the prairie city, but it is appar- are reported to be improving. Retail ly difficult. The school at Duncan's has prices are below: an average attendance of about forty Ogilvie's Hungarian Flour......5 to 5 25 Lake of the Woods Flour......5 to 5 25 pupils and is in charge of Miss Carmichael. There are a court house and gov-ernment offices, in charge of H. O. Well-Superb Plausifter Snow Flake burn, who is also coroner for the place. The people of Duncan's are peaceable lympic and law abiding, but it is presumably

ricultural lands surrounding, will no ance. Bacon, American, per lb.. Bacon, Rolled, per lb. Long clear, per lb. ... Canadian Bacon. lers Lard Sides, per lb.7 to 71-2 .7 to 12 1-2 Meats -Beef, per Muttop, per lb

driving into the country.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in joying their vacation here, among the number being Chief Justice Davie and a Condensed Form. family. The Alderlea, W. Beaumont proprietor, is also an excellent hotel. From Monday's Daily. Duncan's has three general stores -N. Favet, the victim of the shooting owned by W. P. Janes, C. Bazett and Mrs. Brownall. The other business his arm. He is reported to be in a very men are R. Grassi, A. A. Brownall. serious condition. blacksmiths; C. Dobson, carriage builder; James Jenkins, shoemaker; and II.

-The bullet which killed Thomas Williams entered his neck just above the left Price has in his livery stable some cx- shoulder, penetrated both lungs and cellent turnouts, which are in great delodged in the right arm. The funeral mand by the numerous tourists visiting will take place to-morrow. the place. The Cowichan and Salt Spring Island Agricultural Society have a large -By a mistake in Saturday's issue, hall, where the annual show will short- the announcement of the harvest festival

ly be held. There is a stage line run- in St. Barnabas church was made to ning twice a week between Duncai's read for Thursday the 20th instead of and Cowichan lake, a fishing resort 21 the 26th instant. miles away. There are here two hotels,

LOCAL NEWS.

-At Duncans station on Saturday Messrs. Wellburn and Musgrave, Js.P., fined Mr. Shore, who a few days ago struck Constable Greaves during a dispute at Shawnigan lake, \$5 and costs. Mr. H. E. A. Robertson appeared for Mr. Shore.

-The forty-sixth drawing of the Victoria Building Society took place on Saturday evening, and was conducted by J. Taylor, M. McGregor, and Alexander Stewart. The appropriation of \$2000 was won by Mrs. E. W. Fell, holder of shares 65 B. and C.

-At the recent entrance examination to the Kingston Military College, Mas ter J. Peters, of Victoria, passed very Lomas, the Indian agent, also lives here. creditably. He stood second, with 2978 Should the mills at Genoa and Chemarks, to R. C. Sweeney, of Montreal, mainus be again opened, thus providing with 3019. He is a son of Lieut.-Col. employment for lumbermen on the Cow-Peters, D. A. G., and was a pupil at ichan river, Duncan's with the rich ag-Victoria College.

doubt become a place of some import--Johnnie, an Indian arrested for eing drunk, was fined \$5 or 10 days in Two miles south of Duncan's is Kokpolice court this morning. Wm. Atkinsilah station, in charge of H. Williams. son was similarly treated. There were The Koksilah hotel, a neat and wellfour revenue tax cases in police court kept establishment, is patronized largealso, but three of them were dismissed

with Geo. Koenig, the genial proprietor her long journey to England. She will where Reinhart had disposed of them. of the hotel. He keeps an ideal resort go first to San Francisco and then in The goods were sold in a barefaced way, and is always ready in satisfying the succession to Monterey, Santa Barbara, Reinhart giving his own name to the wants of his guests. The Shawnigan San Diego, Acupulco and Callao. She broker. He will very likely be tried Lake Lumber Co. has a large sawmill will meet her relief at Coquimbo. here which gives employment to a num-

-The American bark Enoch Talbot thing or other at one of the Sound ber of men. In the vicinity of the lake are excellent timber limits, from which was towed from Port Angeles to Esquilogs can be easily towed to the mill. malt by the American tug Rainier this on a steamer, and Chief Sheppard will. R. B. Halhed has a small steamer on morning. Her captain desired to either before his release, look into that leature the lake which is used for that puruose. dock or go on the ways, but it was of the case.

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-The Dominion government steamer Quadra, Captain Walbran, returned ou Saturday evening from a visit to the West Coast light stations. Captain Gaudin, agent of the marine and fisheries department, went down on her. Tomorrow he visits Prevost Island.

-Miss Bessie Sanburn was given into accident on the West Coast, will lose the custody of Police Constable Mouat this afternoon by Mrs. Thain, who lives near the corner of Kane and Douglas streets, on the charge of stealing a jacket. She was locked up and will be

> heard to-morrow. The additional charge of destroying property may be laid against her.

-The U. S. lighthouse tender Columbine. Capt. Richardson, arrived in port on Saturday afternoon. She is making one of her regular cruises through the straits, Sound, and archipelago, looking after the U. S. lighthouses. She goes from here to Seattle, leaving to-night or

early in the morning. Capt. Richardson and the officers have many friends here and are always warmly welcomed.

-The jury empannelled by Coroner Crompton to enquire into the snoeling accident whereby Thos. Williams lost his life on Friday last, this morning brought in the following verdict: "We find that the deceased Thos. Williams, came to his death by an accidental gun shot in the hands of William Rountree, which we consider was purely accidental." It is signed by W. J. McKeon, foreman, and the members of the jury.

- The Admiralty have given instructions to bring forward H. M. S. Icarus now in the Medway fleet reserve at Chatham, for commissioning. She is to relieve H. M. S. Nymphe, whose period of service expires in October. H. M. o. Icarus is a screw sloop of-S guns, 970 tons and 1230 horse power. She was formerly on this station and went home in 1890, since which time she has been thoroughly overhauled. She has been lying in the fleet reserve ever since her overhauling was completed.

-Charles Reinhart, who has just en-

summarily again by Magistrate Macrae. Reinhart is said to be wanted for some cities, where he was employed as waite: