

Along the Waterfront

teamer Nell Brings News of Railway Construction in the North.

Tartar Arrives from the Orient—Queen City Salts for West Coast.

Steamer Nell, which arrived yesterday afternoon from northern British Columbia ports, brings news that work has commenced on the construction of the Pacific and Ontario railway.

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A VETERAN STATESMAN.

Senator Vidal of Sarnia, and Party on a Visit to the Coast.

Among recent arrivals in the city is the Hon. Alexander Vidal, one of the oldest Ontario senators.

The venerable senator was visited last night at the Vernon by a Colonist reporter, to whom he expressed his delight, and that of his companions, with the beautiful surroundings of Victoria.

Asked as to the outlook in Dominion politics, Senator Vidal said he had cast all political questions aside during his holiday, "but," said he, "one cannot but be interested and amused by the remarks one hears concerning your local political affairs—it is all quite bewildering to a stranger, unacquainted with the underlying facts."

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Judgment For the Province

Mr. Justice Martin Quashes the Claim of Ludgate to Deadman's Island.

The Title is Declared to Be in the Province of British Columbia.

Mr. Justice Martin handed down a judgment yesterday morning in the case of Ludgate vs. the Attorney-General of Canada, quashing Theodore Ludgate's claim to Deadman's Island.

The judgment was very voluminous, covering some twenty sheets of typewritten manuscript, but in brief it quashes Ludgate's claim and places the ownership of the island in the province of British Columbia.

The case has been going on for several years, since Theodore Ludgate, representing Chicago capitalists endeavored to secure a site for a sawmill on the little island in Vancouver harbor opposite the city front.

The defendant, Ludgate, for whom D. G. Macdonell appeared, and the Dominion government represented by F. Peters, and Vancouver counsel, sought to establish the land in question being part of the military reserve of the province.

Their contention was that the reserve existed prior to the time of the survey made in 1863 by Corporal Turner, E. A. Barratt, and others.

The judge, however, in his judgment given yesterday morning, said that he failed to see that section 109 of the British North America act, the provisions of which are extended to the province of British Columbia, and in perpetual injunction is granted restraining the defendant Ludgate from felling trees on the island.

In concluding the lengthy judgment, he said: "The result is that defendant's case fails, and the title to Deadman's island is hereby declared to be in His Majesty the King, and in the province of British Columbia, and in perpetual injunction is granted restraining the defendant Ludgate from felling trees on the island."

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ASSAULTED THE PRIEST.

Murderer O'Brien Laid His Hands on His Father Confessor.

Mail advices from Dawson contain the news that shortly before his execution George O'Brien assaulted his father confessor in his cell, taking him by the throat and requiring the interference of the guards.

O'Brien refused the last sacred rights of the church, declaring himself to be hopelessly damned to eternal torture. The arguments of Father Gendreau as well as others proved unavailing. It was impossible to shake his conviction that he had been guilty of the great unpardonable sin.

Pressed close as to the sentence for such a Christian belief, his despair blazed in an uncontrollable anger at his interlocutor. It appears that during the interview in question O'Brien's hands were free and Father Gendreau, with the cell key, withdrew to a distance that the reverend gentleman had been overhearing, and he despair blazed in an uncontrollable anger at his interlocutor.

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Towns Now The Champion

Australian Oarsman Easily Defeats Jake Gaudaur at Rat Portage.

Secures Good Lead at the Start and Distances the Veteran.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, Sept. 7.—Jake Gaudaur, champion sculler of the world since 1895, was easily distanced by George Towns, the Australian, in their three-mile match which was pulled off on the Rat Portage course last night.

The lake was in fair condition and was witnessed by a large crowd. Towns secured a good lead when Referee Galt gave the word at 11:40 a.m., and from that time the Australian and English champion was never headed. Towns had a lead of five lengths at the turn, which Gaudaur reduced to three on the home run. But Towns could have easily pulled out and won by a greater distance.

The official time is given at 20:32. Gaudaur was the first to touch the Downs on his victory. The plucky Australian has gained many friends since his arrival at Rat Portage, and clearly out-classed Gaudaur in his previous races.

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Local News.

New School Houses.—The deputy commissioner of lands and works is calling for tenders for the erection of school houses at Ladysmith, and at Armstrong, B. C.

Provincial Exhibition.—The buildings and grounds committee of the British Columbia Agricultural exhibition management report progress being made at Exhibition Park.

Chilliwack Dyke.—Hon. W. C. Wells has returned from an inspecting trip of the dyking works at Chilliwack. The work is progressing satisfactorily, and is of a substantial, permanent nature.

Married at Greenwood.—Garret G. Dalnager, of Greenwood, book-keeper to Mr. Mellor, but formerly of this city, and Miss Jane Elizabeth West, of Greenwood, were recently married in that city by the Rev. J. D. P. Knox, at the residence of the bride's parents, on Gold Street.

The Gun Burst.—Dr. Perry, of Dunsmuir, narrowly escaped serious, or possibly fatal injuries on Friday, when he was driving along in a buggy and stopped to fire at a grouse which flew across the road. His gun exploded, knocking him out of the trap, but fortunately the only injury he suffered was a slight scratch on the cheek and a few trifling bruises.

Many Years Service.—Quartermaster Sergeant G. Reeve, foreman of works of the Royal Engineers, after eight years service on this station, and 32 in the service, has been retained on a pension, and left for England to take up his residence at Godmanchester, Huntingdonshire, with his aged mother.

Inspecting Public Works.—F. C. Gamble, of the department of lands and works, has gone to Revelstoke and Kamloops to inspect the public works under contract. From Revelstoke he will go over the Big Bend road, which is approaching completion, and at Kamloops will inspect the new bridge over the Thompson river, which is expected to be finished in time for the Kamloops exhibition.

Moore Case Settled.—The famous and bitterly fought Skagway townsite contest has been settled by compromise after a three-years' fight. Bernard Moore, the claimant for the land, business and residence, on which the Lynn canal metropolis is situated, has agreed to accept one-fourth of the assessed valuation of all the real estate, including the improvements thereon, on the basis of the 1900 assessment. The terms of the compromise were definitely agreed upon September 1.

Struck Pay.—A letter received from Mr. C. H. Dickie, M. P. F., who is working for the forks of the Sooke and Leech rivers, states that they struck gravel at the bottom of the pool which they had pumped out, but that the one pump could not keep the water down sufficiently to work the ground to advantage. The company is now considering whether they will take in another pump, or if they will wait until next spring before continuing the work. The gravel taken out gave every satisfaction being very rich.

Death of Mrs. Redon.—At an early hour yesterday morning the death occurred of Mrs. Redon, widow of the late Louis Redon, of the Hotel Diard. The deceased had been ailing but a few days, and she died on Sunday.

Thought that there was any danger. A family of three sons and three daughters survive her. They are Mr. G. Hartnagle, of the Diard, Dr. Hartnagle, of Redon, who is completing his education in Europe; Dr. O. Hartnagle, V. S., who is practicing in Seattle; Miss Hartnagle, Mrs. G. J. Ballentyne of Honolulu, who has been visiting in the city for some time, and Miss R. Hartnagle. Her father Mr. A. Beck, also survives her. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2:30 from the late Mrs. Redon's residence at 3:30 at the Reformed Episcopal church.

To Bring Remains Here.—A few days ago Superintendent Huesey received three photographs of victims of the Islander disaster from Juneau, having no other means of identifying the bodies. The photographs were posted at Frank Campbell's cigar store for identification. Yesterday Mrs. Barkholder, mother of the lost child, Claude Barkholder, identified one of these pictures as that of her son, W. H. Barkholder, father of the victim, in his way out from Dawson, and is expected at any time. He was at Dawson when the news of the wreck was received there, and when the photos were printed in the Dawson News he identified one as that of his son. When he identified the picture in the Dawson paper he started for Juneau to claim the remains, and if he finds that they are those of his lost son, he will bring the body to Victoria for burial. Mr. Barkholder has been engaged as carpenter at Dawson.

TEN THOUSAND SUBSCRIBED

Company Formed to Develop Cowichan Lake Silver-Ledge Mine.

Smith, Wood & Co., of Duncan, the lucky discoverers of a big ledge of silver-lead ore on Cowichan lake, have formed a joint stock company to be known as the Cowichan Mining & Development Company.

The company controls four claims, but it is reported that the mine is rich in silver-lead ore.

Provincial Press.

BONDED.

From Kamloops Sentinel.

The annual general meeting of the Tenderfoot Mining & Development Co. Ltd., was held in J. T. Robinson's office on Tuesday afternoon.

From Nelson Tribune.

Mayor Carlson of Kaslo is in Nelson on a visit.