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GREAT TIMBER WORK.

Million Feet to Be Floated Down Kootenay River This Year.

ing the present year over 8,000,000 feet of timber will be floated down Kootenay river and Sheep creek and Skookum-Chuck, and there her small camps located at various on the Kootenay and its tributaries, says the Fort Steel Prospector. are about 350 men employed in camps.

the St. Mary's river there are lo- three large camps, employing from 200 men. Some six to eight mil- et will go down the St. Mary's to Kootenay river this season. It is ed that the Crow's Nest Lumber ny will boom not less than 20,000 feet of logs at Wardner this

CELEBRATED REBATE CASE.

Can Iron Firm Declared Not Guilty of Receiving Refund.

Philadelphia, April 2.—Walter Wood Stuart Wood, members of the of R. D. Wood and company iron facturers of this city were found guilty in the United States court today of accepting a rebate on a shipment of water pipes to the ation of Winnipeg. The rebate, alleged, was given by the Mutual it company, of Buffalo, and the Northern railway. The amount alleged rebate was $1,320.59. The has been on trial since last Tues- The Great Northern railway and tional Transit company are under ment charged with giving the re-

Mutual Transit company and its agent are under indictment for g a rebate to the National Essence ffee company. It is not known er these cases will be pressed. prosecution against the members of rm of Wood & Co., was brought the Elkins anti-rebate law. Dur- e trial the Wood firm admitted that shipped the iron pipe to Winnipeg as agents for the Camden, N. d Florence Iron companies, and eceived no benefit from the rebate d to have been given.

SEEDING IN NORTHWEST.

Operations Now General in Two Prairie Provinces.

Moncton, April 3.—Seeding operations are general all over northern Alberta today and in the Saskatchewan district from the boundary line of Saskatchewan to the limit of settlement on the west. The crop is going in rapidly under favorable conditions. Some reports that long spells of dry weather has made the ground rather hard, but this is a matter that may be remedied safely enough when rains come. A good snow storm at this particular season would help wonderfully in some parts but in others it is thought not really needed.

WRECK ON GRAND TRUNK.

Midland, Ont., April 3.—Engineer Hart was injured and Fireman Grand Trunk at Port Robinson today. The engines and other rolling stock are somewhat damaged.

a Cure for Whooping Cough

medicine that will cure whooping can certainly be relied upon to ome all ordinary coughs and This is about the severest test, ne to which Dr. Chase's Syrup of ed and Turpentine has frequent- en put with the most satisfactory s. John Chesney, Innerkip, Ont., :—"We have used a dozen bot- f Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed Turpentine. It cured my little f whooping cough when the doctor given her up, and since then we s keep it in the house as a treat- for coughs and colds. It is the medicine we ever used." ite of imitations and substi- the sales of Dr. Chase's Syrup of ed and Turpentine keep right on asing, and this is, we believe, the substantial evidence that can be d as to the reliability of this known medicine as a cure for , bronchitis, whooping cough and ed ailments; 25 cents a bottle, at ealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Toronto.

LIVES OF PIONEERS OF OLD CARIBOO

William Brown Fitchie Had a Varied and Interesting Career.

The Ashcroft Journal, continuing its interesting series of sketches of the lives of the pioneers of old Cariboo, has in its issue of Saturday last the following respecting the career of William Brown Fitchie:

This is a life sketch of Curlie, whose parents supposed they had named him when they called him Wm. Brown Fitchie. Curlie admits with no seeming regret that he was born at Killinchy, near Belfast, Ireland, July 15, 1821. He learned that Ireland was a good place to emigrate from, and went to New York in 1850. During the next two years he worked in several of the Eastern States. His natural ambition at the time was "to get rich quick, and get married," and the enticing stories of sudden wealth to be gained in California seemed to point the way. While working in Ohio city—which for fifty years or so has been a part of Cleveland, Ohio—he mentioned the California part of his plans to a man named West, who said: "You don't have to go to California to get rich; buy those lots over there for $100 a piece." As Curlie tells this now he remarks, ruefully: "Man! if I'd only done it!" But fortune ever lures to distant places, and, in the spring of '53 Curlie was in California. The Panama railway was building at the time, and here was where he last saw a railway. His first mining was at Cold Springs, near Hangtown (now Placerville), and when the Fraser river excitement broke out he was on half-ounce diggings at Dry creek, near Fiddle town. He came to Bellingham Bay on the steamer Pacific in June, '58, and with his Missourian partners, George Stumpff and Andrew Jackson Davis, built a dory and went up the Fraser to Texas Bar, where they rocked out from $6 to $10 per day per man. His partners decided to go back to the States and urged Curlie to go with them, offering as inducement to buy him a new suit of clothes. Curlie has long regarded his refusal as one of his errors, and to this day speaks of those partners with regret. When they came to the Fraser the size of claims was 25 feet square; a miner's license, $5 per month. They were asked to pay a $5 tax on their little dory, but avoided payment. In the spring of '59 Curlie went to Emory's Bar and worked that summer with Pete Stevens, who afterward was the discoverer of Stevens creek. The next spring Curlie went to Quesnel Forks and prospected round there without finding what was regarded as pay diggings. The winter of 60-'61 was passed at Emory's Bar; Dick Willoughby was also there that winter. Curlie stayed on the Bar until the spring of '62, when he came to Williams creek, and went to work at $10 per day. He used to winter at Emory's Bar every winter, but since coming up in the spring of '62 has not been down country further than Quesnel. In 1863 Curlie took up a claim on Cunningham creek, which turned out no good. He then worked for wages in the Deadbroke, on Williams creek, until the claim was supposed to be worked out, when it was given to him. He and Harry Cline worked here and found a top-streak which paid them from $100 to $150 per week each. At this time also he was in a claim on Peters creek. He bought into the Reid, on Conklin gulch, and spent seven profitless years there. In '78 or '79 he, with Lewis Morgan, Watkin Price, Jim Bibby, and others, located $10 diggings on Antler creek. Later he, with Morgan and others, sunk a number of shafts near the mouth of Canadian creek, but got no pay. His last mining was on Conklin gulch, where he worked ground with Johnny Allers for six or seven years. Curlie enjoys excellent health, and, if he quits flirting, is likely to round a full hundred years.

Here are two stories of him: About eleven years ago a stranger mounted on a buckskin-pinto cayuse was coming along the road at Barkerville. Curlie and Pat McGovern were working on the road by Jack O'Club's lake. The stranger stopped to talk a few minutes with these oldtimers, and one of the questions he asked was about Barkerville hotels. Curlie told of them all, and of the proprietor of one said: "He's an American, too"—and added shrewdly—"I don't know what you are." The stranger laughed at this manner of fooling, and owned to being a Yank. Said Curlie: "Well, I thought so; I'm not, but I'm pretty near it; I was born in Ireland."

Curlie is a man with decided opinions; no matter what the mooted subject—be it election, prize fight, horse race, yacht race—he has decided views thereon, and blithely backs his opinion with money. One time he and Mattice were in Joe Mason's store and engaged in a hot argument over religion. Finally Mattice said with large contempt: "What do you know about religion? I'll bet a dollar you can't repeat the Lord's Prayer." "I'll bet ye," said Curlie. The money was put up. "Go ahead," said Mattice. Promptly and with fine confidence—as if winning this bet was his specialty—Curlie began the words of a well known hymn!

He got no further. Mattice saw his finish, and, intent on cutting short a painful situation, broke in with: "Hold on! That's enough—take the money; damned if I thought you could do it."

WHALERS' POOR SUCCESS.

Poor Results on the St. Lawrence Last Season.

The steam whaling companies operating in the Gulf of St. Lawrence have not all been so successful as the Pacific Steam Whaling company, the only concern of the kind on this coast. The Cabot Whaling company, the pioneer in the whaling industry, at the annual meeting decided that it was unable to declare any dividend, having to pay $3,000 for licenses for its two factories. It operates the whaler Cabot and the factories at Balena and Snook's Arm, and the scarcity of whales the past year caused it to secure only 62 for both stations. The St. Mary's Whaling company, operating the whaler Avalon, and the factory at Riverhead, St. Mary's, met to find, as a result of its two season's workings, it was $10,000 in debt. It was decided to go into voluntary liquidation, and the company will probably be reconstructed by the same shareholders, with a small capital, in the hope of better fortune elsewhere.

The Micmac Whaling company, which operated the whaler of that name and factories at Dublin Cove and Lance au Loup, but which had to voluntarily liquidate and reconstruct, being $27,000 in debt, met last week and decided to amalgamate with the Safe Harbor Whaling company, this concern, formed by Capt. C. Dawe and Mr. A. S. Rendell, having purchased the whaler Fin and the plant at that harbor from the Atlantic company. The Phenix will likely sell the Micmac and work Dublin Cove and Safe Harbor, with the Fin, closing up Lance au Loup.

The Newfoundland Whaling company which operates the steamers Puma, and Lynx and the factories at Rosarne, reported at its annual meeting that the operations for the last season were affected by the short catch of whales and the poor price of oil and bone; and the company did not pay any dividend, as $4,500 had to be paid to the government for licenses for the three factories.

NEW OLD MEN'S HOME.

Building Near "The Willows" Will Be Completed in a Few Days.

The work of constructing the Old Men's Home building is now all but complete and within the next few days will have been entirely completed. So far as the building itself is concerned very little remains to be done, the greater part of the remaining work being largely extras.

The building as it now stands presents a very attractive appearance and will make an ideal home for the old men

The site selected is in keeping with the building and the outside as well as the inside is very homelike. With a foundation of stone and the first story of brick the building will be very warm and the occupants will have no cause of complaint.

The building is reached by double steps leading to the main entrance, which faces the north. On reaching the veranda the first glance shows a fine entrance opening into a large hallway on either side of which are rooms which will be used as offices.

Proceeding down the main hallway enters the large corridor running the entire length of the building from east to west, from which all the sleeping rooms open.

On the East corridor there are, 11 bedrooms all of which are well lighted, having each a large window.

At the end of the corridor a door opens into the yard which will make an easy exit instead of having to climb the stairway.

The west wing has only 10 rooms, the remainder being taken up with a linen closet and there are also bath rooms and lavatories on both wings.

Almost immediately at the end of the main hallway is a large reception room and to the rear of this, connected with another hallway, is the dining room. This is well lighted. With this department is connected a well arranged kitchen with pantry attached.

From the kitchen one enters the cellar where are located four large store rooms all of which have concrete floors where goods will be stored without fear of dampness.

Returning to the entrance of the building, one is enabled to reach the caretaker's rooms by a neat staircase. Two large front rooms gives a fine view of the country to the north, while a bedroom and dining room to the east and south, furnish a similar scenic view.

The upstairs is also fitted with a kitchen and pantry, both being complete in every respect. A bath room and lavatory completes the upstairs. Over all the building one is struck by the well arranged supply of light and in the whole building there is not a room that has not some means of admitting light.

At present there only remains a few addions to the plumbing and some fencing; and it is expected that the home will be in readiness to be handed over to the authorities about May 1st. The building was designed by Hooper & Watkins and the contract was carried out by H. J. Knott.

WRANGEL IS RISING FROM ASHES OF FIRE

New Buildings are Going up all About the Burned Alaskan Town.

Mail advices from Wrangel received yesterday of the disastrous fire which swept the Alaskan town on March 24, state that the damage will not exceed $150,000, the majority of the losers being business men. New buildings are going up in all parts of the town. The sawmill is working day and night, and temporary shelters are being put up as rapidly as possible. Many of the people are still living in tents, and one of the restaurants is doing business under canvas covering. Two stores and two saloons are still doing business, although others are preparing to refit their places as soon as goods can be secured. Gangs of men have been employed clearing away the debris and placing the foundations of buildings in the still smoking ruins.

Following is a complete list of losses sustained:

John Soles, post office building; J. E. Warden, household effects, post office fixtures and residence on Crow alley; F. W. Carlyon, stock of general merchandise; R. Reid, two warehouses and office; A. V. R. Snyder, printing equipment; George Snyder, printing equipment and household effects; L. J. Cole, building; J. G. Grant, Wrangell hotel, residence, coal and wood shed and house; Lynch & Grant, Pioneer hotel; P. C. Jensen, restaurant; L. C. Panaud, barber shop and residence; H. D. Campbell, hardware store and residence; L. R. Milligan, general merchandise store; Dr. William Hughes, office, household effects, surgical instruments and medicines; U. S. saloon; J. H. Wheeler, stock of drugs, household effects; M. Haley, stock of general merchandise; several buildings of the McKinnon estate; Donald Sinclair, stock of goods and household effects; Edward Ludecke, shoe shop; Mamie Fletcher, residence; J. Schuler, residence; C. M. Coulter, household goods and shop damaged; E. Weber, residence; J. Birdsall, store building; C. P. Cole, theatre; Pat Luftus, residence; J. Boatman, residence; H. Lemieaux, residence; several houses with unknown owners.

The entire stock of the St. Michael Trading company was removed, and about $1,000 worth stolen by the Indians, part of which was recovered. About a dozen of the siwashes were caught and sentenced to serve six months.

BATTLESHIP OREGON

In Need of Much Repair Work Before She Is Serviceable.

The United States battleship Oregon is at San Francisco en route to the Bremerton naval dock, and is discharging defective ammunition from Cavite before proceeding to Puget Sound. The Oregon is to go out of commission, and extensive repairs have to be made to the vessel. Her forward 13-inch guns cannot be fired for fear that they would wreck the flooring of the turret and cause other damage. The cause of the condition of the vessel is thought to have originated about four years ago, when she was caught in a severe typhoon while bound from Honolulu to Yokohama. The vessel was so badly used up in that storm that immediate repairs costing about $60,000 had to be made to her. It is thought that she was otherwise so damaged in that storm as to have made necessary the repairs that she will ultimately receive after reaching Bremerton.

RUSSIAN ELECTIONS.

Moscow, April 2.—The elections in the Moscow district outside the city resulted in a complete victory for the constitutional democrats, who polled twice as many votes as their opponents.

THE FIRST ANNUAL EXHIBIT OF ROSES

A Special Event Arranged For June by the Victoria Horticultural Society.

The prize list of the first annual rose show under the auspices of the Victoria Horticultural society has just been issued. The exhibit will be held on June 22 next and promises to be an exceptionally attractive event. The prize list and rules for the exhibitors are as follows:

Class A—Professionals

Hybrid Perpetuals, 12 varieties, 1 bloom each, named, shown singly; 1st prize, $5.

Hybrid Teas, 6 varieties, 1 bloom each. Teas, 6 varieties, 1 bloom each, named, shown singly; 1st prize, $5.

Best decorative exhibit of roses; 1st prize, $5.

Vase of greenhouse roses, 24 blooms; 1st prize, $5.

Hybrid Perpetual, red, 6 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st prize, $1.

Hybrid Perpetual, white, 6 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st prize, $1.

Hybrid Perpetual, pink, 6 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st prize, $1.

Hybrid Perpetual, dark, 6 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st prize, $1.

Hybrid Tea, red, 6 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st prize, $1.

Hybrid Tea, white, 6 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st prize, $1.

Hybrid Tea, dark pink, 6 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st prize, $1.

Hybrid Tea, salmon, 6 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st prize, $1.

Hybrid Tea, flesh, 6 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st prize, $1.

Tea, white, 6 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st prize, $1.

Tea, pink, 6 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st prize, $1.

Tea, yellow, 6 blooms, 1 variety; named; 1st prize.

Tea, red, 6 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st prize, $1.

Tea, copper, 6 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st prize, $1.

Class B—Amateurs

Collection of roses, 18 varieties, 1 bloom each, named; 1st, $7.50; 2nd, $5.

Hybrid Perpetuals, 12 varieties, 1 bloom each, named, shown singly; 1st, $5; 2nd, $2.50.

Hybrid Teas, 6 varieties, 1 bloom each. Teas, 6 varieties, 1 bloom each, named, shown singly; 1st, $5; 2nd $2.50.

Best decorative exhibit, first prize, presented by Major C. T. Dupont; 1st, $5; 2nd, $2.50.

Hybrid Perpetuals, 6 varieties, 1 bloom each, named, shown singly; 1st, $2; 2nd, $1.

Hybrid Teas, 6 varieties, 1 bloom each, named, shown singly; 1st, $2; 2nd, $1.

Teas, 6 varieties, 1 bloom each, named, shown singly; 1st, $2; 2nd, $1.

Best decorative basket of roses, prize presented by Mr. W. Fernie; 1st, $2.50.

Best vase or bowl of roses, own foliage, prize presented by Mr. W. Fernie; 1st, $2.50.

Gloire de Dijon, 3 blooms; 1st, 50c.

Papa Gontier, 3 blooms; 1st, 50c.

General Jacqueminot, 3 blooms; 1st, 50c.

La France, 3 blooms; 1st, 50c.

Hybrid Perpetual, 3 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st, 50c.

Hybrid Perpetual, white, 3 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st, 50c.

Hybrid Perpetuals, pink, 3 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st, 50c.

Hybrid Perpetuals, dark, 3 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st, 50c.

Hybrid Tea, dark pink, 3 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st, 50c.

Hybrid Tea, white, 3 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st, 50c.

Hybrid Tea, salmon, 3 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st, 50c.

Hybrid Tea, flesh, 3 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st, 50c.

Tea, white, 3 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st, 50c.

Tea, dark pink, 3 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st, 50c.

Tea, yellow, 3 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st, 50c.

Tea, flesh, 3 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st, 50c.

Tea, copper, 3 blooms, 1 variety, named; 1st, 50c.

Best bloom in show (amateurs). Silver medal, V. H. S.

Note.—The roses should be exhibited with as long stems as possible (other things being equal, length of stem will count), and when neither in the bud state nor overbloomed.

All exhibits (except where otherwise mentioned) should be shown in vases.

Rules for Exhibitors

1. All objects for competition must be entered at least two days before the show.

2. Cards corresponding with the entries will be furnished on the morning of the show by the secretary.

3. Exhibitors will be responsible for the proper placing of these cards, and they are requested to satisfy themselves that the cards correctly describe the objects exhibited.

4. Objects for competition will be received on the morning of the show up to 1 p. m., at which hour the doors will be closed.

5. All specimens (except those for arrangement only) must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. Any prize obtained contrary to this regulation will be forfeited, and the exhibitor excluded from future shows.

6. Exhibitors not being members will be charged 10 cents for each entry and will have to pay for their admission to the show.

7. Exhibits must not be removed until after 10 o'clock on the evening of the show, and all exhibits must be cleared away by noon on the following day.

8. The directors will appoint competent judges, whose decision shall be final.

9. Entry forms may be obtained from the secretary or from Messrs. Hibben & Co.

10. Trade exhibits will be received if space permits, entries to be in at least one week before the show.

JAMES A. BLAND,
Secretary.
115 Toronto street, Victoria, B. C.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

Death of Hermit Farmer Believed to Have Been a Murder.

Flesherton, Ont., March 31.—Further investigation proves that Allan Parks, the old bachelor farmer, who lived alone in his hut near here, whose charred body was found in ruins of his abode last Tuesday, was first murdered. The body when found was lying on its back with the head crushed in as if from a frightful blow. The kitchen had the only door entering the house, and its latch lock was fastened from the outside.

CAPTAIN ARRESTED.

Charged With Not Having Sufficient Space for Passengers.

A Honolulu despatch says: Capt. Going of the Japanese steamer America Maru, was arrested on Saturday on complaint of United States District Attorney Breckons charging a violation of the act to regulate the carrying of passengers. Capt. Going was released on $25,000 bail, and later sailed for San Francisco.

It is charged that the America brought 488 Japanese passengers in the steerage from Yokohama to Honolulu, and that the steerage was not provided with the requisite accommodations required by the statute, which provides a minimum fine of $5 for each passenger thus carried. It is stated that other transpacific steamship captains will be arrested on a similar charge.

RATED FOREMOST SOPRANO.

A Victoria Girl Who Has Gained Fame as a Vocalist at Coast Points.

After an absence of several years, during which she has obediently trodden the toilsome path of study which all musical geniuses must follow in order to achieve the fullest mastery of technique, Mrs. Anne Beatrice Sheldon, now rated the foremost soprano of the Pacific Coast cities, is paying a brief visit to Victoria, in which her earliest vocal triumphs were achieved and where her ambition budded and blossomed into a determination to win a more than local recognition in her well-loved art. The distinguished soprano arrived as a passenger by the Indianapolis yesterday afternoon, and is today the guest of her sister, Mrs. N. P. Gowen, of MacGregor avenue. She has but a single day available for the renewing of pleasant Victoria acquaintanceships, professional engagements recalling her south this evening.

Mrs. Sheldon, although the Portland newspapers refer to her as "the soprano whom Portland is proud to call her own," in strict reality made her debut in this Canadian city, which was then her home, appearing in a minor part in a local production of "Erminie," but investing it with such charm of

Both Voice and Dramatic Action

as to make it stand out distinct and eminent—a true star part. Later her services were in demand for concert and operatic engagements, and then her withdrawal to Portland upon her marriage, bereft Victoria of one of its favorite singers. Since then she has returned here upon several occasions to assist in the success of local musical events, achieving one memorable triumph as "Azucena" in a pretentious production of "Il Trovatore."

During the past few years Mrs. Sheldon has been studying in Paris and in Germany, completing the musical education in which she had previously shown herself so eager and so industrious a pupil. Her professional career was inaugurated a month or so ago in her present home-city, Portland, her concert at the Marquam Grand being a protracted ovation. The Portland Telegram's verdict on that occasion was that "she possesses a voice of rare power and beauty, rich in tone, quality and expression. She is gifted also with excellent dramatic temperament, which was most admirably displayed."

LONDON GIRL ASSAULTED.

Victim Almost Killed in Centre of Business District.

London, Ont., March 31.—An attempted assault upon the 11-year-old daughter of a prominent citizen, right in the heart of the business district of London, Thursday night, almost resulted in the death of the victim. The little girl is now confined to her home, with marks of the scoundrel's fingers around her throat and with several ugly bruises on the head and shoulders. No arrest has been made.

SERVICES TO NEW YORK VIA TEHUANTAPEC ROAD

Inner and Outer Breakwater Is Necessary to Make Harbor at Pacific End.

Interest is being felt by local shipping men in the establishment of the new steamship service between New York and Puget sound, via the isthmus of Tehuantanec. The American-Hawaiian line, whose steamers have been running from New York to Puget sound, rounding Cape Horn, have decided to inaugurate a service by way of the new Mexican railway which crosses the narrow neck of land between the two great oceans on July 1st. The Tehuantapec railway is now completed and ready for business, and as soon as the two new steamers which are building in San Francisco are finished the service will start.

The isthmus of Temuantapec itself is about 125 miles wide, but the railroad has been forced to pursue a course which makes it [illegible] miles long. A natural harbor is formed on the Atlantic side by the Coatzacoalcos river, which runs through the town which bears its name.

The problem of harbor on the Pacific side at Salinas Cruz was difficult. In order to afford perfect safety to ships it was necessary to construct an outer and inner harbor; the outer where ships could lie at anchor, and an inner, where vessels could

Lie in Safety at Docks

and also drydocks for repairing and cleaning ships. The two breakwaters have been constructed at great expense. The east, or inner, breakwater, according to the report of Special United States Agent Pepper, extends out for 1,200 feet, in a straight line from the shore, then bends for 825 feet in a curve with a radius of 1,900 feet, and continues in a straight line for 1,200 feet more.

The outer, or west, breakwater is about 1,900 feet long, and affords ample protection to ships. The water at the dock will be thirty-three feet deep, which will be enough to float any ordinary steamer.

The Atlantic terminal and harbor was a simpler undertaking. The plan made use of by Capt. James B. Eads at the mouth of the Mississippi river was used here. Two converging jetties were built at the mouth of the Coatzacoalcos river and the current being confined scours the river bed. The channel has been deepened to thirty-three feet and is 328 feet wide. There will be one and one-fourth miles of wharfage and nine warehouses, each 400 feet long, when the plans are complete.

The road and the harbors were built by the Mexican government and the contracting firm of Persons & Sons. Both parties supplied part of the working capital under the agreement that the road was to be operated jointly for fifty-one years. Work was begun in 1902. It is estimated that the total cost has been $35,000,000.

The steamship company has arranged a service of two weeks from coast ports to Salinas Cruz, the Pacific coast terminal, and a weekly service from New York to the Atlantic terminal.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Chicago, April 2.—The desirability of municipal ownership of street railways will be submitted to the popular vote tomorrow, and the result is awaited with great interest.

WITHDRAW STATEMENT RE NANAIMO MINES

Fernie Ledger Holds Its Correspondent Responsible for Story Published.

The Nanaimo Free Press says: Readers of the Free Press will remember some time ago the article copied from the Fernie Ledger, re the reports circulating about the overabundance of gas in the Nanaimo mines. Since that time the attention of Mr. Stockett, manager of the Western Fuel company, was evidently drawn to the article, as the following, taken from the Fernie Ledger, would show and which is quite self-explanatory, needing no comment:

Nanaimo, March 12th.

The Fernie Ledger—Dear Mr. Mott: I believe you are the proprietor, manager and editor, or perhaps all three, of the Fernie Ledger. If my surmise is correct, you have permitted yourself to be grossly imposed upon.

In a recent issue of the Ledger appeared an article upon the condition of this company's Nanaimo mines. The telegraphic information from Victoria that you based your article upon and the comments made by you thereon are both entirely false and so vicious in nature as to permit of only one construction, i. e., the intention not only to injure this company's interests, but this community.

Our legal advisers state that the article is libelous.

The workmen here were so wrought up by the article that to place the matter before the public in a true light a committee of workmen examined the mine, and their signed report was handed to me and also to the local press, and a signed copy sent to the minister of mines. I am sending you a true copy. Will you be good enough to publish the report with the same prominence you did your article, sending me a copy of the issue in which it appears.

With kind regards, I am, yours very truly,

THOS. R. STOCKETT,
Manager.

Following this the Ledger published the miners' report in full, and in commenting on the same says:

The Ledger takes great pleasure in laying before its readers a letter from our former townsman, Mr. T. R. Stockett, now manager of the Western Fuel company, of Nanaimo, B. C., and who while a resident of our city, occupying a similar position with the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, won the confidence and respect of our citizens to a marked degree.

Mr. Stockett's letter and the report of the examining committee of miners which accompanies it constitute a complete refutation of the statements contained in the communication from Victoria, published in the Ledger on the 7th inst. Mr. Stockett is, however, mistaken in stating that the editor of the Ledger commented upon the telegram. The article as it appeared was communicated in full by our Victoria correspondent. It would appear from this article that it was based upon statements made in the provincial house by the member for Nanaimo, Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, and if he has been misquoted then the Ledger's apology extends out and includes that gentleman. But if Mr. Hawthornthwaite made such statements as are credited to him by our Victoria correspondent, and which, according to the report of the examining committee of miners, are without foundation, then these men who Mr. Hawthornthwaite pretends to look after with the tender regard of a foster mother, should see to it that he is relieved of his onerous duties at the earliest possible moment. The Ledger hopes that the miners of Nanaimo, who are so deeply interested in the proper care of their lives and [illegible] company which Mr. Stockett represents, will accept the above apology of the Ledger in the spirit in which it is made, and that Mr. Hawthornthwaite may be able to satisfy his constituents and the public generally that he was not to blame in any way for the statement out of which much harm may have grown.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

Proposed Change in Opening Hour of Church Services Is Endorsed.

Considerable business of interest was transacted at yesterday morning's meeting of the Ministerial association, held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. The motion of Rev. Dr. Campbell in favor of the opening of Sunday evening services in the various churches at 7:30 instead of at 7 o'clock was taken up. It was decided unanimously to refer the matter to the different churches in order to see if concerted action might not be taken. It was also decided to bring the matter to the attention of Bishop Perrin in order to ascertain if something could not be done to have the Anglican churches co-operate in this movement. It is the intention to try and have this take effect June 1.

The Japanese famine fund was brought to the attention of the association by Rev. S. J. Thompson. It was decided by the meeting to recommend the fund to the favorable consideration of the different churches of the city.

The association approved of the letter written by the secretary to the Colonist with respect to the orphanage election, in which he had stated that the association took no action in the election of the board of management. It was further decided that the secretary should be authorized to make it clear to the public through the papers that the Ministerial association makes any connection with the result of the election, and that there was no concerted arrangement by members of that body looking to the election of any persons on the board.

The question of a Hospital Sunday was called to the attention of the meeting in a letter from Mrs. Hazell, representing the Woman's Auxiliary of the hospital. The association agreed with the proposition to make May 20 Hospital Sunday. The special object in view at this time is equipping of a maternity ward by a fund to be known as the Queen Victoria memorial fund.

The secretary of the local branch of the Y. M. C. A. attended the meeting and brought to the attention of the association the visit of Messrs. Marshall and Parsons. The latter is the traveling secretary of the society in the Canadian Northwest, and the former is making a tour of the Dominion from the West to the East, having come from Australia. The association promised to co-operate in the meetings to be held April 20, 21 and 22.

ALIEN LABOR LAWS.

American Officials Enforce Act Against Canadian Workmen.

Port Frances, Ont., April 2.—Americans are enforcing alien labor law strictly at international falls power dam here, and Canadian workmen who attempt to cross to assist in work on American side are charged $2 per trip. Great indignation has been aroused.

MINING IN THE INTERIOR.

Weekly Summary of Shipments From the Various Camps.

Nelson, March 31.—The shipments for the mines of Yale-Kootenay for the week were 33,175 tons, and for the year to date 429,072 tons, made up as follows: Boundary, 25,675 tons; Rossland, 6,108 tons; Slocan-Kootenay, 1,390 tons. Boundary shippers were: Granby, Mother Lode, Brooklyn, Sunset, Ora Denoro, Emma and Rawhide. Rossland shippers were: Centre Star, Le Roi and Le Roi No. 2; while those of the Slocan-Kootenay were: St. Eugene, Sullivan, Hunter V., Ottawa, Lorna Doone, Broadview and Mountain Boomer. Ores received at the various smelters were: Granby, 16,51[illegible] tons; Dominion Copper, 4,459 tons; B. C. Copper, 4,507 tons; Trail, 7,[illegible]5 tons; Hall Mines, 594 tons; Marysville, 500 tons; while the total shipments to date to the zinc plant and concentrator at Frank and Pilot Bay were 3,500 tons, from the following mines: Goodenough, Lone Bachelor, Wakefield, Giant (Lardeau), Aurora, Emilie, Edith, Charleston, Mammoth, Hartney, Silver Cup and Bluebell, the last three shipping to Pilot Bay, where 100 tons daily are now being concentrated and separated of lead-zinc ores, which otherwise would remain in their mines.

News of Rossland Camp

Rossland, March 31.—The Le Roi strike continues to attract a great deal of public attention drifting is still in progress on the 800 foot level west of the big Josie dike and the ore body has been drifted on for about 140 feet. The ore is said to maintain good high values throughout. The intention is said to be to drift for at least another 100 feet before the further development of the new find is commenced. The Velvet—Portland, which has been shut down for a year is to be restarted in a few days. The members of the local management visited the mines of the company this week and surveying and other preliminary work is in progress since the mine ceased operations the company has been reorganized and is now on a good financial basis and able to carry on extensive development work. Following are the shipments for the week ending tonight: Centre Star, 3,300; Le Roi, 2,490; Le Roi, 2,490; Le Roi two, 490, total for week, 6,280 and for the year, 78,925 tons.

Mining in the Boundary

Phoenix, March 31.—Three thousand tons more ore were shipped this week from Boundary mines than for the previous seven days, the figures for the week being as follows: Granby mines to Granby smelter, 16,366 tons; Mother Lode to B. C. Copper smelter, 4,30[illegible] tons; Brooklyn Stemwinder to Dominion Copper smelter, 3,235 tons; Rawhide to Dominion smelter, 264 tons; Sunset to Dominion smelter, 960 tons; Emma to Nelson and B. C. Copper smelters, 400 tons; Oro Denora to Granby smelters, 150 tons; total for the week, 25,675 tons; total for the year 313,365 tons.

The three district smelters have treated this week as follows: Granby smelter 17,887 tons; Dominion Copper smelter, 4,468 tons; B. C. Copper smelter, 4,429 tons; total treatment for the week, 26,775 tons. Total for year to date, 326,716 tons.

CORN HUSKER.

One Which Prevents the Wrist From Becoming Sprained.

In the husking season the corn husker has a great deal of work to do of the one variety, bringing muscles of the hand and arm into constant use—muscles which are idle at other seasons. Naturally, this causes spraining of the wrist and great

fatigue at the joint. To overcome this two Illinois farmers have devised the corn husker illustrated here, designed primarily to form a rigid support for the wrist. The support extends from a point slightly in advance of the ball of the thumb to a point considerably above or in the rear of the wrist joint. It affords free play of the fingers and thumb to allow the operator when the hook has pulled the husks away from the ear to grasp the latter without making an extra motion of the hand or arm.

MINISTERIAL TRANSFERS.

Toronto, April 2.—The transfer committee of the Methodist Church, composed of presidents of the annual conferences, met in Wesley building, with Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent, in the chair. Of the twelve presidents, the following ten were present: Revs. J. J. Redditt, D. D., Toronto; Joseph Philp, B. D., London; J. H. Robinson, Hamilton; W. J. Joliffe, B. C. L., Bay of Quinte; W. H. Sparling, B. A., Montreal; W. W. Lodge, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island; J. W. Saunby, B. A., Manitoba; John McDougall, D. D., Alberta; J. W. Dickinson, Assiniboia; and J. A. Wood, British Columbia. Dr. Redditt was appointed secretary.

Among the transfers made were the following: Rev. E. M. Burwash, B. A., Toronto, to British Columbia, forthwith; Rev. W. Armstrong, B. A., Manitoba, to Toronto, June 7; Rev. S. P. Rose, D. D., Hamilton, to Manitoba, June 1; Rev. W. Nicholson, Hamilton, to Alberta, forthwith; Rev. J. G. Faills, London, to Assiniboia, May 31; Rev. R. J. Edmiston, Manitoba, to Assiniboia, forthwith; Rev. W. A. Lewis, Manitoba, to Alberta, June 7; Rev. O. D. Austin, Manitoba, to Alberta, forthwith; Rev. C. G. Corneille, Alberta, to Manitoba, June 7; Rev. W. E. Abeggien, Alberta, to Manitoba, forthwith; Rev. E. B. Glass, Assiniboia, to British Columbia, forthwith.

THE HEATHEN CHINEE.

Eastern John Dead as Result of a Rough House Stunt.

Rome, N. Y., April 2.—Wing Sing, the laundryman who was shot on Friday by Wong Sing, also a laundryman, died today. Wun Pen, who was shot at the same time by Wong Sing, is believed to be dying.

PRINCE ARTHUR TRIES SHUSWAP LAKE TROUT

His Royal Highness Has Poor Sport at Sicamous Junction.

RIDING IN THE ENGINE CAB

Garter Mission Thoroughly Enjoying Its Trip Across the Continent.

Field, B. C., April 2.—At 7 o'clock this morning the Garter mission party was astir, and for two hours fished Shuswap lake at Sicamous. The fish did not bite well, but the Prince succeeded in hooking a large silver trout, which he would have landed had not his tackle broke. Several medium sized fish were caught. The train left Sicamous at 9:45 a. m.

Revelstoke was reached at 11:25 a. m. The buildings of the town were gaily decorated, and a large crowd of citizens had assembled to greet the royal representative. His Royal Highness, dressed in a grey suit, walked among the people and chatted with members of the party. "All aboard!" was called at 11:45 and the train again sped on its way eastward through the famous scenic Albert canyon. At Ross peak His Royal Highness mounted the engine cab, while Admiral Seymour, Gen. Kelly-Kenny, Lord Redesdale and Mr. Lampson took seats on the pilot. The ride was safely made, and the Prince, as he descended from the cab, remarked that he was delighted with the experience.

There were short stops to view Mount Sir Donald and the great glacier and also at Stony creek bridge. The cheers of lumbermen greeted the Prince at Golden. A short stop was made at the natural rock bridge, and the train pulled into Field at 9 p. m., where the party stays over night.

The Start From Vancouver

Sharp at the scheduled hour, 6 o'clock Sunday morning, the special C. P. R. royal train, consisting of two baggage cars, dining car Chandeboye, sleeping cars Andover and Canada, and the magnificent special cars Cornwall and York, bearing His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught and party, took its departure from Vancouver and followed its winding way up the weird and magnificent valleys of the Fraser and Thompson rivers. The weather was fine