NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Usefulness of the Nakusp & Slocan Road, as Shown by Value of Shipments.

New Steamers for Mining Traffic—Trail Creek Prosperity—Mr. Haslam in the Field.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, March 18.—Sixteen sailors of the ship Olivebanks refused duty this afternoon, and they were in consequence locked up. The voyage lasted eleven months and the men were not paid off. They asked for a holiday and an instalment of their wages, and were offered $1 each and a day off. They refused the dollar and declined to work unless they were paid more. They will be tried in the police court to-morrow.

The Vancouver Gas Company has been fined $50 for refusing to pay a license to do business.

The provincial government have notified the council that the usual grant to the hospital will be withheld until they repay to the government the moneys advanced to Dr. McGuigan for acting as health inspector during the smallpox trouble. The council declare that they did not hire Dr. McGuigan and will not pay him.

VANCOUVER, March 19.—H. Abbott, divisional superintendent C.P.R., has returned from his annual trip East. Mr. Abbott says that work will be continued this year on the Onderdonk section; substantial construction work, shown to be necessary by the effect of the recent high water on C.P.R. property, will also be carried on.

Rev. Mr. McLaren left for the East yesterday; his mission is to consult the assembly committee of the Presbyterian church with a view of getting more aid for home mission work in this province.

Cassady & Co. have chartered a bark to load lumber for Southern California. Mr. Cassady says that prices were no better in lumber, but that with few exceptions the mills were busy. The C.P.R. had been encouraging the mill owners as much as was in their power by reducing the rate on fir to the East $2 50 per thousand; this put them on the same footing as the Sound, and they were now able to quote the same prices as the Sound lumbermen.

Manager Kent, of the Telephone company, has been engaged for some time in devising a scheme by which a diver could be telephoned to satisfactorily enough to do away with the plan of signalling by rope or writing on a slate. On Sunday diver Llewellyn tried the invention, with the result that the experiment proved fairly successful. Mr. Llewellyn's answers could be heard very distinctly, but as the wire was run down the air pipe the hissing noise occasioned by the air being pumped into the helmet rendered the conversation from above very indistinct.

The St. Patrick's society gave their annual dinner last night. The gathering was large and representative. President J. O'Brien presided.

The International Cold Storage Company have placed an ice-making machine in their premises. They promise to be ready for business by the first of the month.

Saloon keepers may continue to shield their customers from the gaze of the public by blinds and frosted windows; a by-law to compel saloons to give a clear view of the bar from the streets has been defeated by the licensing board. The number of hotel licenses has been reduced from 53 to 48. It was reported at the board meeting yesterday that six retail stores were selling liquor by the glass. The inspector was instructed to "pull" these shops.

The light committee of the council are considering the advisability of charging a license of $25 to electric linemen in answer to the request of several electrical engineers of the city.

Mr. Evan-Thomas, manager of the opera house, waited on the council last night and asked them to in some way assist him in his efforts to keep the opera house open. A committee was appointed to devise some means of enabling Mr. Thomas to keep the opera house open. One hundred and thirty citizens have already guaranteed one dollar a month.

There were forty applications for the position of fireman presented to the council last night owing to a vacancy in the fire department.

The sixteen sailors of the ship Olivebank, who refused duty because they were not allowed a portion of money due on wages, were allowed to go, the punishment of one night in the cells being considered sufficient.

The Court of Revision concluded its labors to-day.

The topic of conversation in military circles is the coming smoker concert. The programme is an exceptionally good one, the chief feature being the tug-of-war between Company 5, Vancouver, and Company 4, Westminster.

In an interview with Mr. Spicer, prominent in shingle circles, the COLONIST correspondent was informed that the shingle business is in much better condition than last year. There are no heavy stocks on hand in the province, the demand for shingles is improving, and there are indications that prices will advance. On the Sound stocks are also very light, but in the East there are yet several heavy stocks of white cedar and pine shingles. The small "Jack knife" mills still continue to worry the big ones; they send out circulars, shaving prices to the lowest notch, and the consumers quoting these shaved prices to the large manufacturers, write "send us shingles at these prices or none at all." It is the small concerns that hold the whip hand in the shingle business, as they do in the lumber business to a less extent.

The B. C. Cooperage Company have not been very busy for months past, but they claim that the spring trade is opening up nicely, and the indications are that they will have all the business they can attend to during the coming summer. The company are now supplying firms in the Orient with tea chests, one thousand going forward by the last boat.

The C.P.R. cement works are running full time, manufacturing cement for use in building culverts, etc. along the line. The manager, Mr. Warsup, who has had a life experience in making cement, tested an inch block to ascertain the power of resistance, the block did not part until 500 pounds strain was put upon it; the same cement when newly manufactured parted at 400 pounds, so that it rapidly improves with age. Mr. Warsup says there is no finer clay in the world than is found in this province; that in the vicinity of Victoria there is prime pottery clay, and even small quantities of china clay, while the brick clay is of the very finest quality. Plaster of paris, he said, could be manufactured here at $1 a barrel—while $5 a barrel is now being paid for an imported article not a bit better than could be made here. He could guarantee good profits from a cement, plaster of paris and brick manufactory established in Victoria, where all the materials are so handy, with a capital of $50,000, provided suitable machinery necessary for the treatment of B. C. clay and limestone were put in.

Mr. Foreman and Capt. Anderson are candidates for school trustee.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, March 19.—On Monday next Crane and Russell the two men who obstructed the special river police in their duties, will come up for trial; the charge is threatening to assault. The men were fishing for sturgeon with illegal gear and objected to the interference of the police. Besides those mentioned, Stead, Chalk and Kearley were also caught. They were fishing with gear that had before been seized and locked up, the warehouse having been broken into and the gear stolen.

Warden Moresby, of the jail has written to the council that Victoria supplies its jail with water very much cheaper than Westminster charges, and asking for a reduction.

A committee has been appointed by the council to devise some way of decreasing the fire limits so that idle property may be brought into use.

The river is now dotted with boats, owing to the removal of the mesh restrictions.

Mr. Forin has passed 60 recruits for the new B.C.B.G.A. company. Considerable enthusiasm prevails, and it is expected there will be great rivalry in the future between the Vancouver and Westminster companies.

The inspector of fisheries has issued 110 licenses to fish for salmon; the old nets with seven and eleven-sixteenth inch mesh are being used.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, March 18.—Andrew Haslam, M.P., will seek re-election to the House of Commons, having come to this decision after careful consideration and at the request of a great number of his constituents.

Frank Smith, charged with stealing dry goods from Stevenson & Co.'s store, came before Judge Harrison to-day and elected speedy trial.

Burglars tried to effect an entrance to A. R. Johnson's store. Night watchman Trounce heard them at work and on his approach they found safety in flight.

A special assize opens to-morrow with Hon. Mr. Justice Drake on the bench. It is understood that the Planta case will go over until May. Hon. A. N. Richards, Q.C., will represent the Crown at this assize.

NANAIMO, March 19.—In the special assize to-day the grand jury threw out the Veare elopement case. The case against McInnes & McInnes, for compounding a qui tam action against J. P. Planta, occupied all day. In the evening the jury retired. At the end of one and one-half hours they reported six for and six against, and were sent back by Justice Drake. There seemed but little chance of an agreement.

DUNCAN.

DUNCAN, March 18.—A large meeting of Cowichan electors was held at the Agricultural hall on Saturday evening last, Reeve S. Horace Davie in the chair, to select a candidate to represent Cowichan-Alberni district in the place of the late Premier, Hon. Theodore Davie, resigned. Mr. Thomas Anthony Wood, of Quamichan Lake, a supporter of the government, was unanimously chosen as a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy. Mr. Wood started for Alberni to-day, and will address the electors of that settlement on Thursday next.

Mr. G. T. Wake brought down on Saturday a panther over 8 feet in length, which he had shot at Sahtlam. This makes five panthers destroyed by Mr. Wake within as many weeks.

Mr. Ashdown Green returned to Victoria by this morning's train.

PLUMPER PASS.

PLUMPER PASS, March 18.—The Liberals of Nanaimo are sending around circulars asking that the islands may be represented at their convention, to be held on the 22nd inst., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the forthcoming Dominion election in place of Ralph Smith, retired. The government supporters here are in the majority, and should Mr. Haslam stand again he will be accorded a hearty support from the islands.

The Newport wharf on Galiano Island will be completed by the end of next week, when the regular steamer will be able to land passengers and freight with safety.

Mr. Stephen Hoskins, whilst crossing the Pass on Thursday in a small dingy, had the misfortune to lose one of the oars. The strong flood tide running at the time made it rather uncomfortable for the occupant of the boat who was in peril of being carried into the gulf. He managed, however, to steer clear of the tide rips until picked up by a passing sloop.

The steamer Maude called in at Newport wharf on Thursday; among the freight landed was a horse and buggy, the property of Mr. H. Clapham, who intends surprising the island inhabitants with the new "turn out."

Residents of Galiano island have petitioned the government for the establishment of a post office on the island. The petition was numerously signed and was forwarded to Ottawa on the 14th inst.

Mr. Robert Grubb, of Galiano island, has recently been appointed a justice of the peace for the Galiano island district. Mr. Grubb will enter upon his magisterial duties with the support and good will of the community.

ALBERNI.

ALBERNI, March 13.—Mr. Andrew Ohlson and Mr. R. M. Palmer, from the Provincial Board of Horticulture visited Alberni this week and held a meeting in the Alberni hotel on Monday forenoon. Although only short notice had been given of the meeting over twenty were present to hear what these gentlemen had to say on fruit growing. Mr. H. Guillod, J.A., was called to the chair. Mr. Ohlson spoke on fruit growing generally, urging strongly the necessity of under-draining the land as he believed much of the non-success in fruit growing arose from the cold and wet condition of the soil where the trees were planted. He also spoke on the necessity of seeing that good healthy trees were got to start with, as much worthless rubbish was sold by itinerating tree pedlars. Pruning was next dealt with. He explained how young trees especially should be treated, and after the meeting was over gave object lessons in pruning in some of the orchards near by, which was much appreciated by those present. Mr. Palmer, Inspector of fruit pests, confined himself to that topic principally in his address, prefacing with some remarks with regard to mistaken ideas prevailing as to the functions of the Board of Horticulture, and explaining that its main object was to help fruit growers to help themselves by educating them as to the various pests that have to be combatted, and furnishing all the necessary information as to spraying, etc., etc. He described the various pests to which fruit trees were subject, and gave particulars of the washes recommended by the board and the time and mode of application. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the gentlemen for their addresses. It was arranged by those present that another meeting should be held in about a fortnight, and all those interested in fruit culture invited, that the formation of a local association might be discussed, the benefit of such an association being strongly urged by Mr. Palmer. Several orchards were afterwards visited, the delegates leaving the following morning.

NAKUSP.

(From the Ledge.)

The building of a large steamer by the C. & K. N. Co., to replace the ill-fated Columbia, is now a surety. Comodore Troup, who has been on the coast for the past three weeks, has let the contract for the vessel, which will be the largest and finest boat ever floated on interior waters. It will be 160 feet long, 33 feet wide, six feet hull, will have 30 staterooms, and will carry 300 tons of ore. It will be thoroughly modern in equipment, being lighted by electricity and having a powerful search light. The frame is now being built at New Westminster, and the boat will be put on the ways here. It will cost $40,000, and is intended for the Revelstoke Northport route. Capt. Troup expects to have it finished by the end of June. This will make six boats owned by the company on Kootenay waters. The Nelson and Spokane will look after the Kootenay lake traffic, while the Lytton, Kootenai, Illecillewaet and the new boat will tend to this route. Capt. Troup expects a big season's business.

NEW DENVER.

(From the Nakusp Ledge.)

Bad roads, as a result of the early spring, have interrupted the shipments of ore all over the district. The N. & S. railway has again been blocked this week by land slides. It has been in bad shape for three weeks, causing the ore to pile up at the concentrator and Three Forks. There are 1,000 tons up there at present, and the owners are doing some tall kicking. One hundred and fifty-two tons were shipped out before the slide occurred. This all went to Omaha. From the initial shipment on September 13, 1894, till January 1, 1895, the Slocan mines sent out over the Nakusp and Slocan railway 2,151 tons of ore, valued at $215,000; and in January and February the shipments were 947 tons, valued at $94,700.

Three good properties were disposed of last week at Trail Creek. They were the Poorman, Novelty and California, and $20,000 was paid for them. The purchasers were all prominent mining men of Butte, viz.: I. Silverman, Gen. Warren, J. A. Coram and C. H. Palmer. The money was paid over in Spokane. It is purposed by the owners to organize a powerful company, and stock the properties for a big sum. Development work will be pushed on an extensive scale.

REVELSTOKE.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)

The new boat which Tom Horne, with the assistance of Raymond Allan, has been building this winter, called the Big Bend, is ready for launching. The calking was going on last week and other finishing touches have all been put on. It is a splendid craft and is intended principally for the up-river Big Bend trade. The boat is 41 feet long, 8½ feet beam and 3½ feet depth of hold. It is of very light draft, and is longer than the steamer Arrow. It will carry about ten tons, and will take seven or eight men to handle her in the currents of the river. Should the trade of the Big Bend be sufficient to pay steamer machinery could be put into her with very little trouble.

Mrs. George Laforme died on March 14, after five days' illness. Mrs. Laforme was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stone, sister to Mrs. C. Abrahamson and Albert Stone, and was a dear and much cherished member of the circle.

The Revelstoke Amateur Dramatic Society have two farces in rehearsal which they will produce about a month hence to aid the building fund of the Church of England.

Thomas G. Earl, one of the most successful fruit-growers in the province, whose orchards are at Lytton, was in town Thursday. He is making an effort to get the C. P. R. to give a low rate of freight on fruit and vegetables from the orchards and gardens further west into this section of B. C., and to furnish a special car to be run on special days to accommodate the demand.

The weather at Revelstoke this winter, we venture to assert, is unlike that of any other place in North America. The total snowfall has been fully ten feet, and after settling by soft weather and rain, was nearly four feet deep on the level. Not a storm, no drifting wind, not even a zephyr sufficient to disturb a descending snowflake, has occurred during the entire winter.

ROSSLAND.

(From the Miner.)

The appointment of J. Kirkup as mining recorder and constable at Rossland is a popular one. He is a zealous servant of the government, but contrives not to make himself universally offensive to the people. He has enemies, but a man who has not is no good on general principles.

A remarkable specimen of gold ore is to be seen at the O K mine, weighing about 200 pounds and literally full of gold. Throw water over the rock and the gold shows up clear in seams all through the rock. The owners of the O K are in doubt whether to ship the chunk for exhibition or run it through the mill. The one course would advertise the country, but the other would line their pockets.

The Trail Creek camp is rapidly assuming very large proportions and the air is full of talk about smelters and reduction works. It is reported that the Butte & Boston company, of Butte, have in view the erection of a very large plant, capable of handling all the ore produced or likely to be produced for some time to come in the Trail Creek camp. Whether this project is carried out or not it is certain that reduction works will be built to handle the ore of the camp.

VERNON.

(From the News.)

Notwithstanding that an opinion has been received from the Attorney-General's office which would warrant the three aldermen in retaining their seats, they have decided to "take no chances" and will offer for re-election.

Under an execution held by parties in the East, a sheriff's sale was held on Tuesday afternoon at Ochsner's brewery. Sheriff Pemberton conducted the sale and offered a quantity of beer, hops and brewing appliances. The crowd in attendance was not large and the bidding anything but spirited. The beer was sold to local hotel men for $1 per dozen, a cayuse brought $7, and a few other articles were disposed of at small prices. The balance of the stuff was then withdrawn as no bids could be obtained.

A meeting was held in the Benvoulin school house last Saturday afternoon, to decide upon a location for the English church shortly to be erected for Okanagan Mission. Over thirty persons were present, Mr. Thos. Stirling being chosen chairman, with Mr. W. D Hobson secretary. It was decided to vote by ballot, and Messrs. Davies, Boyce and Pridham were appointed scrutineers. Mr. Atwood proposed that all adherents of the Church of England present should vote, which was carried. The result of the ballot was sixteen in favor of Kelowna and twelve in favor of Benvoulin; while the proxies were eight to one in favor of Kelowna, making a total of twenty-four to thirteen for the latter place. A subscription list was then opened and over $1,200 was subscribed, most of it in cash, and some who offered their services gratis during the erection of the edifice. Mr. Thos. Stirling heads the list with $500, while some members of his family follow with $250 more, and a friend of Rev. Mr. Green, of Penticton, subscribed $125. The rest of the amount is composed of smaller sums, from fifty dollars down. There are also promised liberal amounts from some ladies in England and from the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge. It is the intention to have the church free from debt from the beginning. The building committee are Messrs. Stirling, Hobson and Bailey.

GOLDEN.

(From the Era.)

The firm of Hull Bros. & Co. has decided to separate its Alberta interests from those in British Columbia, the firm being dissolved. Mr. W. R. Hull in future will have the entire Northwest interests and also the Donald and Golden branches, and Mr. J. R. Hull, the Kamloops and Revelstoke houses with all other British Columbia houses. The firm has had a remarkably successful career, and no doubt both branches will continue to prosper as they have in the past, although now divided.

TRAIL CREEK.

(From the Spokane Miner.)

At the Josie a strike of two feet of rich ore is reported.

Sufficient work is being done on the St. Lawrence and Jack of Spades to enable the owners to take out crown grants.

The Nickle Plate is widening out and yielding $70 to $120 ore, justifying its earned reputation as one of the best properties in camp.

The road between Rossland and Trail Landing is now very soft, and no ore is coming out from the War Eagle or Le Roi at present, but mining and development are going on as briskly as ever, and the ore is being piled for shipment when the road opens.

On the face of the west drift at the War Eagle three parties of drillers are at work, from which the width of the body of ore can be inferred. The new tunnel on the 112 foot level is in 30 feet and follows the cropping of the lead. An offer of $1,000,000 is said to have recently been made for this mine and refused.

At the O. K. quite a new development has taken place. About thirty feet from the end of the tunnel a big chamber has been blown out, and has yielded an immense block of free gold quartz. An uprise is being driven in two feet of this ore and the mill is running continuously stamping out the gold.

Dan Hughes of the O. K. mine has some rare specimens of gold ore. One lump is estimated to carry the precious metal at the rate of $150,000 to the ton. Of course it is not contended that these are samples of the lead, but Mr. Hughes states that in the breast of the tunnel, in a steep hill, and 145 feet below the surface, they have 14 inches to three feet of good milling ore, along the full length of the tunnel. The owners have a five-stamp mill and every few weeks send down a brick to the Spokane market, Mr. Hughes having brought on his last trip one that weighed $3,000. Miners regard the O. K. as one of the most promising mines in the Trail creek district.

The concentrator of the Slocan milling company, located about one and one-half miles below Three Forks, has been running for the past three weeks and now works like a charm, except for the scarcity of water, a drawback which is being remedied. In the experimental run 500 tons of Alamo ore was run through, yielding 200 tons of concentrates, averaging 160 ounces of silver and 72 per cent. lead. In less than a year since the arrival of Captain N. W. Moore, who is at the head of all the Duluth syndicates operating here, they have acquired title to over $500,000 worth of mining property, consisting in part of the Ivanhoe and Elgin, the Idaho mines of which George W. Hughes owns one-third, the Alamo and St. John, and last the Cumberland. Outside of this is the magnificent new concentrator of 100 tons daily capacity, which cost, for superstructure, machinery, etc., $30,000.

KOREA AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Yee Heun Gik, Korean Charge d' Affaires, who has been confined to the legation in this city by serious illness for the past three months, has been recalled by his government at his own request and will leave to-morrow for San Francisco, where he will take the steamer China on the 26th inst. for home. Until another minister reaches here from Seoul the legation will be in the hands of Pak Yong Kin, who was educated at the University of Pennsylvania and who has been secretary of the legation since the close of the World's Fair at Chicago, where he was Korean commissioner. Considerable significance is attached to this latest change in Korean representation here, as it demonstrates that Korean independence of Japan as well as China is to be maintained in the relations of the Hermit Kingdom with the United States. The Korean legation at Washington occupies a handsome residence owned by the Korean kingdom. It is now the only legation of that country outside of Tokio. Intimations have reached the state department from the American legation in Seoul that the Japanese advisers of the King of Korea had suggested the desirability of placing Korean relations temporarily in the hands of Japanese ministers in various countries, but on account of the existing friendship of the United States, which is the only nation except Japan maintaining diplomatic representation in Seoul, the King of Korea declined to agree to the proposition, and insisted on continuing control of the channels of communication with the United States, which the Korean nation has had every reason to consider its warmest friend.

A Prompt Cure.

DEAR SIRS,—One bottle of B.B.B. cured me of Constipation, and I think there is no better medicine made.

MISS D. PARENT, Farnham, Que.

BOLD JAIL DELIVERY.

Murderer Blanck Lassoes His Guard and Opens the Doors of the Penitentiary.

A Hundred Men in Pursuit of the Prisoners But Desperadoes Still at Large.

SEATTLE, March 18.—Another of the escaped prisoners from the county jail was caught this afternoon at 4 o'clock, he being Williams, the horse thief. This makes three so far taken, Rutton and Cosgrove being the others. Murderer Blanck, who so cleverly got out of the way this morning, is believed to be surrounded by deputies near Orillia, twelve miles south of Seattle on the Northern Pacific. A cordon of officers is about him, and it is thought that he must be taken dead or alive, probably dead. Helmes, another murderer, is reported to have been seen this morning by two men who passed on the railroad track, hear Auburn, making southwards. People to-day are inclined to blame jailor Yerbury severely for want of nerve in allowing himself to be held up by a fake pistol and issued by Blanck, his own taken and then locked up in a cell. It is also stated, but the report lacks authenticity, that the jailer was bribed to act as he did. In this connection, it is said that Blanck was arrested at Fairhaven four years ago for burglary and that he was released by City Marshal Parker, who afterwards absconded. Blanck, in making his escape from Fairhaven jail, fired at Officer Bruhn, but missed him. Bruhn some time ago recognized Blanck as a burglar who had shot at him. Upwards of a hundred men are out on the trail of the fugitives and every avenue of escape is guarded as closely as possible.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

TORONTO, March 16.—William Terry, a Grand Trunk brakeman, is under arrest charged with stealing examination question papers for the fellowship of Trinity medical college. It is alleged that Terry disposed of the papers to candidates for fellowships for about $275. John F. Holden is also under arrest, charged with being implicated with Terry.

CHARLOTTETOWN, March 16.—L. H. Davies and William Welsh, present members for Queens county, have been nominated again by the Liberals.

ST. THOMAS, Ont.—It is learned that the crown was in possession of all the facts attending the killing of Wm. Henry Hendershott. They were obtained from a man to whom young Weller confessed the whole crime, and were obtained on condition that the informant should not be brought into the witness box. According to this testimony, Hendershott was murdered in a most cold-blooded manner. Deceased had knelt down to drink out of a pool, when he received a blow from an axe on the right temple from Welter. He was not stunned, but rose and attempted to run. The men having begun their bloody work followed it up. The uncle grabbed him by the wrists while the other struck him again and again with the axe. When the deed of blood was done the body was placed where it was when found by those to whom Welter first brought the news. The murderers then washed themselves and the axe in the pool, and hid the instrument with which they had murdered their victim.

MONTREAL, March 16.—Grand Trunk detective Flynn has been found guilty of perjury, with a strong recommendation to mercy.

WINNIPEG, March 16.—A serious fire occurred at Brandon this morning at Herritt's furniture store and Honeyman's restaurant. The former was totally and the latter partially destroyed. The building was owned by the Massey-Harris Co. Merritt's stock was worth about $7,000 and was insured in Caledonian for $1,000, London and Lancashire $1,000, Atlas $1,000, Norwich Union $1,000, British American $500.

MONTREAL, March 18.—The Gazette has cut its price from three to two cents, owing to the reduction in the price of the Herald.

HAMILTON, March 18.—Bishop Dowling, preaching yesterday, spoke strongly on the school question, holding that the Catholic church has never interfered with other denominations in Canada, and should not be interfered with in its right to educate its children.

CORNWALL, March 18.—The trial of Frank Easterbrook and Carpenter, charged with shooting the Indian Oak, is now on and will probably last two weeks.

WINNIPEG, March 18.—Mrs. Laura Langton has, on appeal, been granted a decree absolute in divorce proceedings against her husband in the Chicago courts. Her application on first hearing was refused on the ground that she and defendant were both British subjects and should seek a remedy in their own courts. She now secures the custody of their child. The husband is now a resident of Vancouver.

TORONTO, March 18.—The Hyams murder case was resumed in the police court to-day. The World says that B. B. Osler's eloquent tongue will not again be heard pleading for the acquittal of persons accused of murder, as the Ontario Government has permanently retained this master of jury rhetoric to prosecute in all murder cases.

MONTREAL, March 18.—C.P.R. traffic receipts for week ending March 14th were $271,000 In the same week last year they were $319,000. Mileage, 6,791.

MONTREAL, March 18.—Ex-Senator Warner Miller, of New York, is in Montreal for the purpose of discussing with Canadian capitalists the ship canal scheme to connect the port of New York with the great lakes. He considers that the proposed canal is a necessity, as if the wheat growers of Minnesota and the Dakotas and of the Canadian Northwest are going to compete successfully with Russia and India, they must have the cheapest possible freight to the seaboard. He does not think that such a canal would injure the railroads.

THE PORTE ACCOMMODATING.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 18.—The Porte has consented to provide an escort and a special interpreter for the foreign representatives with the Armenian commission of inquiry and has sent instructions to this effect to the local officials.

The Daily Telegraph has a Mouch dispatch sub-dated from Kars yesterday. The dispatch says: "The difficulties placed in the way of witnesses coming to testify before the commission of inquiry are almost insuperable. Every road is patrolled by bands of gens d'armes, who put intending witnesses out of the way.

Persons from villages in Sassoun district and survivors of the massacre are treated as criminals. The Armenians who feed or shelter them are imprisoned and beaten.

The testimony of several witnesses pile horror on horror. For instance, a witness hiding in the oak scrub saw soldiers gouge out the eyes of two priests, who in horrible agony implored their tormentors to kill them, but the soldiers compelled them to dance whilst screaming with pain and presently bayonetted them. The number of witnesses is increasing. The stories are essentially identical. The mass of evidence is so overwhelming that the government may soon admit the massacre has been proved and relieve the commission of further inquiry. When the weather permits the members will go to Sassoun to inspect the four pits filled with mutilated bodies.

BOARD OF HORTICULTURE.

(From the Comox Weekly News.)

Notwithstanding the different notices of time and place for the meeting an excellent audience greeted the members of the Board of Horticulture at Agricultural hall, Courtenay, on the evening of the 7th March. Mr. A. Urquhart was elected chairman and Mr. J. A. Halliday secretary.

Mr. J. R. Anderson, statistician of the department of agriculture and member at large of the society, first addressed the meeting as follows:

"Meetings, such as this," he said, "are being called by the Board with the object of imparting information and instruction by lectures, informal talks and papers, and when possible by practical illustration, on the culture and care of fruit trees and the checking of all those causes which lead to such great loss to the growers; of answering all questions to the best of their ability on all matters appertaining to horticulture, and of meeting the people and getting a more intimate acquaintanceship with them; and by explaining the objects for which the board has been formed and the ends it has in view, it is hoped to win the confidence of the public and make it what is the aspiration of every member of it, not only a means of protecting the growing fruit industry from the invasion of infection from abroad, but one to which our people may always feel that they can appeal for advice and assistance when they need it; and I trust that every one of you will always avail yourselves of the services which I take this opportunity of most cordially offering.

"Whilst the board on its part is anxious and willing to do all in its power to promote your interests in the manner indicated, much lies with you in seconding its efforts, not the least amongst which is when meetings are announced to show by your attendance that you appreciate the efforts made in your behalf, and are ready to avail yourselves of them. I am led to make these remarks from the fact that it is very often the case when an invitation is given to the farming population to meet for the discussion of subjects of most material interest, the attendance is so small that it is most disheartening to the promoters. In the matter also of statistical information which is for reports on the state of the agricultural and horticultural interests of the country and on which to base legislative measures in the interest of the farmer or rancher, I regret to say a most unsatisfactory state of indifference prevails. This should not be. There is a well known saying that 'God helps those who help themselves'; and I tell you, gentlemen, that you cannot afford to be indifferent. In these days the tilling of the soil and the production of fruits and crops are every day getting to be conducted on more scientific principles, and those who neglect the opportunities of acquiring knowledge and instruction on matters of this description are neglecting their most vital interests. The day has gone by when education was not considered necessary for the farmer. Modern science proved by practical lessons, shows us that in order to be a successful tiller of the soil one should be possessed of knowledge of the principles of drainage, of fertilizers, of the constituent parts of the soil, of intelligent and rational ways of planting and care of crops and fruit trees, of a knowledge of the diseases and insect foes which assail his efforts on every side, and of those insects which are the friends of man and without which we should be so overrun with noxious insects that all our efforts would be rendered abortive.

"There are here some copies of the report of the department of agriculture, of the fruit growers association and of the acts, rules and regulations of the board of horticulture, for those desiring copies. I may mention that some amendments to the rules and regulations passed at a meeting of the board just held have not been published, but copies will be sent to you in a few days. Among them is one creating quarantine stations where fruit and fruit trees entering the province must be inspected before distribution. One of these stations is Union and one of our objects is to secure the services of some competent person whose duty it will be to see that no infection reaches your orchards from the sources named.

"I am pleased to be once more in this beautiful district of yours, a district which I have always remembered with pleasure and one which in all my travels through the province I have seen none to surpass; and I trust ere long that all our hopes will be realized in seeing a railroad connecting it with the rest of the world, when I venture to predict Comox will be one of the leading districts of British Columbia. I thank you, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, for your kind attention."

Mr. Ohlson gave an excellent address on the preparing of the land for fruit trees, dwelling very strongly on deep, thorough draining. He explained the manner of planting, trimming, grafting and care of trees. He stated that the difference in temperature of drained and undrained land was 40 degrees, 12 inches below the surface in June, and showed many common errors in planting trees. Many questions were asked and answered most satisfactorily. In every way his address was most instructive, and much good must result from it.

Mr. Palmer dealt with fruit tree pests, and how to destroy them. He urged spraying and gave the necessary mixtures for that purpose. What he had seen of Comox led him to think that fungi were doing more harm here than insects. He advised co-operation in obtaining better spraying pumps, gave much good advice about the farmers uniting as to the lines of fruit they would cultivate, in marketing and obtaining better results, etc.

An Open Letter.

During the winter of 1892-93, I was covered with Pimples on my right leg between the knee and ankle, and sought medical advice, but getting no relief I tried a bottle of B.B.B., applying some of it to my leg as well as using it internally, and the disease disappeared within three weeks, and I am thankful to say has never reappeared.

N. MITCHELL, Carman, Man.