

Bridging The Fraser

Work on the Approaches and Piers to Begin This Week. Mr. Waddell Gives His Reason For Not Using Portland Cement.

He Leaves Tomorrow Night For Westminster to Supervise Inception of Work.

J. A. L. Waddell, consulting engineer for the Fraser river bridge, at New Westminster, arrived from the South coast on Saturday evening, and is staying at the Driard hotel. Seen yesterday by a Colonist representative, Mr. Waddell said the plans for the structure were now fully completed, and the work of construction would be commenced with all possible speed.

The substructure contractors have all their elaborate plant assembled and will begin work at once on the approaches and piers. The Dominion Bridge company of Montreal, which has the workshop at Victoria, has completed or well under way, and has started work in getting out the metal. Asked as to the force of cement criticisms which have recently appeared in the local press regarding the cement used as the piers are to be mainly of concrete, it is of the utmost importance that the quality obtainable. The very best quality of cement is to be used, and called for a strong, slow-setting cement, which would insure the strength and permanency of the substructure.

Although Mr. Waddell had every desire to use British manufactured cement in the work, he was forced to acknowledge that the German samples were much superior to the English samples submitted. The Portland cement of which was accepted as the standard of the world for many years for the simple reason that no better had been known, and he brought to the notice of the building world, but the fact is now established beyond a reasonable doubt, that a superior to the English, where a slow setting cement is required, a good deal of the fault lies in the method of manufacture, and English makers in all lines are proverbially averse to adopting innovations in their establishments, and hence the fact that foreigners are successfully competing with them even in their own market.

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Against Combining His Position

French Government Will Protect Its Marine Interests.

New York, Aug. 4.—The officers of the French line in this city have just received the news that the French government in view of the organization of a Trans-Atlantic steamship combination, has fully decided, as a result of the Chamber of Deputies to use the means in its power to protect French commerce, and the interests of its merchant marine against any disintegration which may be made against it by the combination.

YOUNG VAN HORNE ILL. Sent to Hospital on His Arrival From Cuba. New York, Aug. 4.—Richard Van Horne, son of Sir Wm. Van Horne, chairman of the Canadian Pacific railway, who arrived here last night from Cuba on the steamer Gurituba, has been sent to hospital on his arrival from Cuba on the steamer Gurituba, has been sent to hospital on his arrival from Cuba on the steamer Gurituba, has been sent to hospital on his arrival from Cuba on the steamer Gurituba.

Fernie Strike Is Settled

Agreement Reached By The Company and Men to Resume Work.

Fernie, B. C., August 4.—The strike at the Fernie mines has been settled. The strike commenced owing to the men in the mine objecting to a new rule that a day should consist of eight and a half hours underground, including half an hour off for lunch. The accepted agreement is that the underground day will consist of the 8 1/2 hours, and the day to begin at 6 o'clock and end at 3:30 p. m., the only condition insisted on being that if this system is adopted, the men must be allowed to work for the full eight hours on the surface.

ARGONAUTS WIN. Winnipeg Lost Four-Oar Race by a Mistake. Brockville, Ont., Aug. 4.—The C. A. O. regatta concluded this afternoon, the principal event being the senior four-oar race.

MURDER SUSPECTED. Young Man Found Dead With Bullet Wounds in Body. St. John's, Que., Aug. 4.—(Special)—A boy gathering berries in the park this afternoon found the body of a young man, covered over with bushes. The body was found on a hillside, and was identified as William Donnelly, aged 19, missing since Friday. All indications point to murder, as there was a hole in his side, a bullet wound, and also a hole in the head. His father, home Friday to carry dinner to his father, and had not been seen since.

Fraser River Salmon Run

Fish on Sunday Night Averaged a Hundred and Fifty to the Boat. Vancouver, Aug. 4.—The salmon run on the Fraser river averaged 150 to the boat last night, the top liner was 700. Another boat is reported stolen on the river.

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Has Resigned His Position

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Public Works Of Province

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City Council In Session

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