Local News

(From Friday's Daily.)

Indians Leaving.—The large number of Indians who collected in Victoria on the conclusion of the sealing season, left for their homes on the West Coast last night. There were about 60 in the party and they took passage by the steamer Queen City and the tug Pilot.

A Sudden Death.—Just as the steamer Princess Victoria was tying up at the dock at Vancouver yesterday morning, the death of a passenger who had embarked at this city occurred—Miss Lloyd, of Spokane. She had been undergoing treatment here for tonsilitis, and death resulted from heart failure, brought on by a violent attack of coughing.

Hunting Party.—Mr. James Dunsmuir has invited a number of friends to go with him on a hunting trip on the steamer Thistle, which leaves on Monday next. In the party are Messrs. Burton, Jones and Barnard. They expect to be gone about a week.

Horticultural Board.—At the parliament buildings, James Bay, the Provincial Board of Horticulture is now in session. There are in attendance Deputy Minister Anderson, R. M. Palmer; Thomas Cunningham, inspector of fruit pests; T. G. Earle, of Lytton, and W. Scott, of Salt Spring island. The board will be in session for several days.

Winter Is Late.—Passengers just arrived from Skagway say that, notwithstanding that six weeks ago everything indicated an early winter, and such was predicted by the Indians, the cold weather has been much longer than usual in making its appearance. There has been no snow at Skagway and only twice in the fall has the thermometer dropped below the freezing point. The weather has been soft and mild.

Drowning Accident.—News reached the city yesterday, via Vancouver, to the effect that Angus McLeod and Wade Johnson, two old-timers up the coast, were drowned on Sunday in Johnston straits by the capsizing of a sailboat. O'Toole, the third man in the boat, managed to escape by swimming ashore. McLeod sank immediately, and Johnson got part way to land when he became chilled, threw up his hands and went down.

Fish Traps.—It is expected that at least half a dozen new fish traps will be operated on the West Coast of Vancouver island next year. These will include two new ones to be built for Findlay, Durham & Brodie, of this city, in the spring. Another will, in all probability, be worked at Clover point, where some experiments were carried on by Mr. Short, of Vancouver, this year, while still another will, it is understood, be placed at Sheringham point. The parties interested in the last named site are said to be the Anglo-British-American Canning Company, of Vancouver. It is said that Mr. Bell-Irving has been down to Sheringham point, just beyond Otter point, on the steamer Phoenix, looking over the ground.

T. J. Humes Dead.—Judge Thomas J. Humes, formerly mayor of Seattle, and for many years a prominent man in public affairs in Washington state, dropped dead on the street in Fairbanks, Alaska, on Wednesday. The cause of his death was heart disease. According to the despatch, Mr. Humes was walking from a restaurant to his office in Fairbanks when he was seized with an attack of heart disease and expired. The remains will be embalmed and held at Fairbanks until summer, when they will probably be shipped to Seattle for interment. Judge Humes left Seattle for Fairbanks only a short time ago and had only recently formed a law partnership at Fairbanks with Kostin and Nye. A few days after his arrival in Fairbanks he sent a message to his family stating that he was in good health and the news of his death was a great shock to them and his many friends in Seattle.

Comox Anthracite. — Comprehensive tests are now being made of the anthracite and bituminous coal recently discovered at Comox, with the view to its ultimate use on a large scale in the Japanese and British navies. The Dunsmuir steamers are also testing the coal in a special way, a new smokestack having been installed on the steamer Thistle so as to demonstrate in the best fashion the steam-producing qualities of the high-grade fuel.

Shortage at Tanana.—According to a despatch from Fairbanks, the chief city in the Tanana district, owing to a general shortage of supplies, the result of a heavier influx of people than was expected, prices have gone skyward, and while there is probably a sufficient quantity of staples in camp to carry over the winter, it is not unlikely that the old Dawson story of fabulous prices for the more delicate articles will be repeated before spring. At the present time sugar retails at 50 cents a pound, coal oil is $20.00 a case and candles $15.00. There seems to be a shortage of pepper for that commodity commands $2.50 per pound. Fresh canned oysters $5.00 a can, and fresh meats are very high, steaks selling at $3.50 per pound. Eggs are very scarce and sell as high as $75.00 per case.

A Jap's Purchase.—A. G. Mosle, of the Japanese government secret service, who was sojourning in the city for a period a short time ago in the interest of his government, became so infatuated with the smart appearance and the superiority of the rubber-tired vehicles in such general use in Victoria that he left an order at T. M. Brayshaw's carriage works for a set of high-grade rubber-tired wheels, which were sent to his address in Japan by the last Empress leaving Victoria. Mr. Mosle said that while this might be the first trade in this department done with Victoria, it would certainly not be the last. And, in fact, might be the opening up of quite a trade in this direction between Japan and Victoria. He also purchased a fine bay mare, a roadster, from Dr. Hamilton, which will cost him $500 laid down in Japan.

Yukon Freight.—The indications are that there will be more freight than usual go down the Yukon river to Dawson, via the White Pass & Yukon railway stage lines. Notwithstanding that the stage line is now being operated for passengers and mail only, freight is being received by the traffic department for shipment as soon as the river shall freeze at Yukon Crossing so as to permit the stages to cross at that place, and the snow shall be sufficient to permit the use of sleighs instead of wagons. At the present time the wagon stages leave each end of the line weekly and do not take freight. They meet at the Yukon river and exchange passengers and mail by means of small boats and double back to the place of beginning. The rates on the stage line this winter will be the same as they were last winter, $100 for passengers and 20 cents a pound for freight.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Tyee Smelter. — Octoner was a very successful month, according to the returns from the Tyee smelter. The smelter ran 27 days, and during that time 5,979 tons of Tyee ore was smelted, giving a return, after deducting freight and refining charges, of $83,547.

A Dry Fall. — Farmers in adjacent island districts and particularly in the vicinity of Duncans, are complaining of the exceedingly dry fall. The lack of rain has interfered with the crops and the ranchers are afraid that if the present state of affairs continues the results will be serious.

Lumber for Navy. — C. Harris, naval store officer, is calling for tenders for the supply of lumber to His Majesty's naval yard during the ensuing twelve months. These tenders will be received up to noon of the 18th inst. Forms of tender and particulars may be obtained on application to the naval store officer.

C. P. R. Plans. — The destruction of the sheds on the Humboldt street property acquired by the C. P. R. Company will be commenced at once. This does not include the premises occupied by Mr. Pendray, who is entitled to a certain time in which to secure other quarters. The intention of the C. P. R. is to make Humboldt street the northern boundary of the hotel square.

Local Grown Grapes. — Mr. John Braden, Jr., of Gorge Road, has handed into the Tourist Association rooms a splendid bunch of grapes grown in the open air at his residence. He stated that last year he had quite a good crop, and that by cutting them about this time of year and keeping them a few weeks they ripen beautifully. This year he will have about eighty pounds, which will keep, if packed in good shape most of the winter.

Nanaimo's Fair. — The next annual show of the Nanaimo Horticultural Society will be held during September, 1905. This was decided on at a meeting at the Coal City on Thursday evening, when the following officers were elected: President, J. H. Cocking; vice president, A. C. Wilson; treasurer, J. Booth; secretary, A. E. Planta. Directors, G. L. Schetkey, James Young, John Shaw, V. F. Norris, E. C. Cook, E. Shakespeare, John Stewart, D. H. Beckley, H. Aitken, Walter Akenhead, T. Weeks, V. Watchorn, W. H. Kelley and J. Wilson. It was decided to make a thorough canvas for funds for fitting up the new grounds given by James Dunsmuir to the society. This will include the necessary buildings and race course.

Official Count.—At Nanaimo on Thursday the official count in the late election for Nanaimo constituency was made. It gives the Liberal candidate a plurality of 286 votes. The exact vote was as follows: Ralph Smith (Liberal), 1,392 votes; Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley (Conservative), 1,106; Wm. Fenton (Socialist), 717. There were 20 spoiled ballots and 13 rejected.

Kennel Club. — The effect anticipated is resulting from the reduction of the Victoria Kennel Club membership fee from $2 to $1 a year. It has not yet been definitely decided when the winter parlor shows under the auspices of the local club will be inaugurated. The probability, however, is that they will be commenced at an early date. Victoria fanciers are making forward with some interest to the clash expected between the Western Kennel League and the American Kennel Association in the spring.

Coming to B. C.—Messrs. Edwards Bros., photgraphers of Vancouver, have received a letter from R. Bladen Taylor, of Kikuya, Uganda, British East Africa, who is considering coming out to British Columbia, and asking to be placed in communication with some reliable agent here who will furnish him with the price of good land adjacent to Victoria or Nanaimo, or of a ranch on Vancouver island. His intention is to take up poultry farming, if a suitable property can be obtained and the price asked therefor is reasonable.

Shoot For Prizes.—This year the usual Thanksgiving shoot for prizes donated by the merchants of the city will not be held. There will be company teams' competitions on that date, however, for the Gregory cup and Bankers' trophy. Both these cups were won outright some years ago, but for want of something new they are called on for further service. Entries for the cups, with names of teams, must be made to the secretary of the Rifle Association before shooting commence, at 500 yards. The usual markers' fees will be charged all who shoot.

Promising Property.—One of the most promising mining properties in the vicinity of Ladysmith is that controlled by a Victoria syndicate, at the head of which is H. Cecil. Mr. Cecil, who is now in the city, reports having struck an exceedingly rich vein of bornite ore several days ago. It is about seven feet wide and runs through the whole property. Mr. Cecil estimates that it will assay at least $40 to the ton. He brought down with him some splendid specimens. As a result of this discovery operations have been extended. Already three or four large shipments have been made to the smelter, and it is expected that a modern compressor and other necessary machinery will be installed within a few weeks.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Arrested at Seattle.—On the charge of robbery, Georgie Griswold whose parents are said to be respectable Seattle people, residing at 1810½ Terry avenue, was arrested yesterday morning by City Detectives Dappenstein, Adams and Corbett on a telegraphic warrant from Vancouver, B. C., says Saturday's Post-Intelligencer. Miss Griswold, who is an attractive and well-educated girl of 23, is accused of having relieved a landlady in a boarding house in Vancouver of diamond rings valued at $150, cash to the extent of $165 and some silk dresses. An officer from Vancouver is now on his way to Seattle to take Miss Griswold back to Canada.

Sell Packing Plant.—A despatch from Bellingham, Wash., says: Prominent men of the salmon canning industry from all over the Pacific coast, and brokers from the East, are now here to attend the sale of the Pacific Packing Navigation and Pacific American Fisheries property at auction. It is impossible to forecast probable purchasers, since no one will admit that he expects to bid. Receiver T. B. McGovern, of New York, is reported to represent Eastern creditors in a plan to buy the holdings and reorganize the concern. He refused to discuss the subject. The property may be sold in groups, or all together, depending on the method bringing the greater returns. The upset price fixed on the property is $750,000. This represents only a fraction of the value.

A Big Hoax.—The Seattle Post-Intelligencer on Friday received the following message from Victoria: "A private message received here from Bamfield, terminus Pacific cable, indicates that some Seattle parties have been lost. A bottle was picked up with note enclosed, dated Oct. 9, and containing the following: 'Josephine Cameron, Jessie Leslie and Jas. Bronlette, lost. Notify Mrs. H. W. Ward, 515 Sixth avenue, Seattle.' At the Sixth avenue address last night, says the Post-Intelligencer in its yesterday's issue, Mrs. Ward stated that the message had been placed in a beer bottle by Miss Cameron and Miss Leslie as a joke. Both the young women live in this city. They have returned from a trip to Victoria and two days ago informed Mrs. Ward of the message sent.

Passenger Agents.—The coming week Victoria will probably be visited by a big party of Northern Pacific passenger officials. With the coming of the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland next year, the travel to the Northwest promises to be the heaviest yet experienced by the Northern transcontinental lines, and it is the aim of the Northern Pacific that its representatives shall thoroughly understand the needs and possibilities of the cities and states through which the road runs. For this reason the itinerary was arranged by General Passenger Agent A. M. Cleland. Mr. Cleland believes that, after seeing for themselves the resources, wealth and development of the West, and particularly of this section of it, his agents will return home equipped in a way to handle the approaching business which they could not otherwise do.

Action for Slander.—J. D. Taylor, managing editor of the New Westminster Columbian, who was the Conservative candidate for New Westminster district at the federal general elections, has instituted an action for slander against James Anderson. The amount claimed is $10,000. The writ in the case has been issued.

Special Train Service.—As already mentioned a special train service will be given on the E. & N. railway on Thursday next, Thanksgiving Day. The afternoon trains will be on the same time as the regular Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon trains. A large number of sportsmen and others will no doubt avail themselves of this opportunity of spending the day at different points on the line.

STOLEN.

On Sunday, November 6th, a black curly hunting dog, tan paws, white chest; when last seen, wore brass collar. Return to Mrs. Seeley, 98 Yates street, and receive reward.

At Signal Hill.—An important stage of the work in progress at Signal Hill has been reached. More rock has to be blasted, but the bulk of that in the way has already been removed and the laying of concrete is about to be commenced. Some six thousand square feet of concrete is to be laid before the big guns, now lying detached at the foot of the hill, have been mounted. The amount of rock that has been blasted out of where the entrenchments are to be placed can in a manner be approximated when it is stated that all that contained in the new roadway leading to the crest of the hill, plus 6,000 square feet which has been crushed, came out of the hole.

Work Point.—Regarding the rumors respecting contemplated changes at Work Point barracks Lieut.-Colonel English says the force now stationed there is larger than usual. A detachment of 100 men, which arrived here some weeks ago, had been sent on from Halifax sooner than was expected. Therefore, there are now 450 men in barracks, while the regular force was 350. In consequence almost all available accommodation was taken up, and the colonel said he did not think room could be made for more than ten or twenty additional soldiers. The fact that there is now a larger force at Work Point than has been stationed there in the past effectually disposes of the rumor that the strength is to be reduced.

Pilotage Enquiry.—H. E. A. Courtenay, who has been appointed secretary to the commission which is to enquire into pilotage affairs, gives notice that, under and by virtue of a commission issued under authority bearing date the 28th day of September, and authorizing, empowering and directing R. T. Elliott, of Victoria, the commissioner to conduct an investigation into and to report on the state and management of the business pertaining to or connected with the Victoria and Esquimalt pilotage district, the commissioner will open the investigation on Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock in the board room in the Board of Trade building, Bastion street, and will then and there hear all persons desiring to be heard in reference to any matter coming within the scope of said commission.

Herring Packing.—J. E. Cowie, the Scotch expert in herring packing, was, according to the Nanaimo Free Press of Friday evening, pleased with the product of the Nanaimo Fisheries Limited. Only the early run of herring has been received, and he was not in consequence able to see the capabilities of the industry. Interviewed, Mr. Cowie said that the methods employed at Nanaimo were far superior to those which he had found in use on the Atlantic coast. The package in which the salt fish were put was a better package in every way, and the fish were better cured. The quality, too, was good. The fish were not quite so large as on the Atlantic, but that was so much the better, as when they got too large they became coarse. As for the Nanaimo kipper, it was fully equal to the Scotch article. He saw no reason why an enormous business should not be done as, if he could credit the reports, there was an ample supply of fish, and the local packers were certainly going the right way to work.

THE LUMBER QUESTION.

The lumber question is coming prominently to the fore again, and now that the elections are over and the Liberals safely seated for five years, the hesitation of the Government to deal with it on account of the settlers of the Northwest will not be so great. The Winnipeg Commercial, which was on the fence on the question, is now fairly out in opposition to the present one-sided arrangement and in favor of the principle of protection being adhered to in this as in the case of all other industries. A correspondent writes a long letter on the subject, and, commenting on the letter, the Commercial remarks that: "From what our correspondent says, a comparison with Eastern values shows that Western prices are not unduly high, while better discrimination in buying would enable farmers to purchase more cheaply. But whether the admission of rough lumber from across the border be an advantage or not, we are reliably informed that in several instances Canadian manufacturers have not received even the protection to which they are entitled by law. It appears that evasion of the customs regulations is by no means uncommon, and that large quantities of dressed lumber have been imported free of duty. If the law imposing the duty is worth having, it is worth enforcing, and particularly at such a time as this, when the whole industry is in such an unsatisfactory condition, at least nothing should be allowed which can make matters worse."

Ragged clothes quickly—that's what common soaps with "premiums" cost; but SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

At Work Now On Oak Bay Hotel

Contractor Mesher Broke Ground for the Structure Yesterday Morning.

Will Be Completed and Ready for Business About May 1st.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Corroborative of an announcement in the Colonist on previous occasions to the effect that Oak Bay is once again to have a fine tourist hotel to replace the one destroyed by fire some three years ago, workmen yesterday broke ground for the new structure, and it is expected that the new hostelry will be in full running order for the reception of guests about May 1st next.

F. J. Mesher has been awarded the contract for the building, plans for which were drawn by the noted hotel architect, F. M. Rattenbury, and the owner and manager of the new hostelry will be Mr. J. A. Virtue, who established an enviable reputation for himself when conducting the Mount Baker hotel.

Completed and furnished for business the new hotel will represent an expenditure of approximately $31,000. It will be three stories in height, of a picturesque architectural design, based on the style of Old English homesteads, and is expected to be one of the best structures of its kind in the West, in point of beauty of appearance and comfort of internal arrangement.

The structure will occupy a site where stood the old waiting rooms of the tramway company, at a point a little west of the place where stood the old Mount Baker hotel, and will be admirably situated to command the best view of the scenic surroundings.

Mr. Mesher, though he has a great quantity of other work in hand, expects to have the new hotel building completed by March 15th. As indicative of the progress which Victoria is making in the building line, Mr. Mesher reports that he has now under construction a residence for Mrs. Stirling, on Belcher avenue, which will cost in the neighborhood of $4,400. S. Maclure is the architect for this building. Next week he will commence work on a handsome bungalow residence for N. B. Scott at Victoria West. This will cost $2,300. He has just finished building a row of cottages for F. Astel on Burnside road the approximate price being $1,800.

A very important piece of work which Mr. Mesher has just completed was the remodeling of the residence at 119 Menzies street owned by F. H. Wollaston, the contract price for this work was approximately $4,000; and the job was a unique one in the history of building operations in this city, because of the fact that a large new roof was put on, while the old one remained in position. Altogether the job was the most extensive remodeling one ever done here.

WORK IN CASSIAR.

Just Returned Mining Man Gives Account of Operations in District.

J. W. Haskins, of Cassiar, manager of the Rosella Hydraulic Development Company, Limited, in an interview yesterday afternoon gave the following interesting details of the work being done at Rosella creek. The men are busily engaged in preparing for the installation of the plant. Part of it is at Rosella creek and the remainder will be there as soon as Dease river opens and permits scows to navigate. Last summer the company was building a large ditch which has a capacity of 1,200 miner inches of water. The ditch is now about complete and lumber for flumes and blocks is being cut.

If everything goes well, water will be running through the pipes by the middle of July. The ground at the creek has been well prospected and surveyed and it will only take a very short time to complete all the dead work. Two months of a run next season is expected, when it is hoped a large quantity of gold will be taken out. The ground averages at least 75 cents per yard for a width of 100 feet. Nothing definite can be said as to the depth, although a depth of eight feet has already been tested. The creek leases are five in number and part of the gravel, in fact, is from rim to rim.

TRACES OF RUSSIAN MINING IN YUKON

An Interesting Discovery Just Reported From the Alsek District.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Evidences of the presence of old Russian placer workings, it is believed, have been discovered on Boutillier creek, in the Yukon districts, reports of which have just been received. Boutillier creek is a tributary of Christmas creek, entering the latter six miles from Kluahne lake, into which Christmas debouches.

The discovery was made early in the summer. It was not until June 18 that the extraordinary formation existing on the creek was reported to the mining inspector of the district. At the suggestion of Boutillier, one of the discoverers, both Mr. Burwash and Mr. Reid visited the creek, making a thorough examination of its peculiarities, likewise taking a number of photographs. Discovery on the creek is located two miles from timber in a particularly desolate spot. Bedrock was found at a depth of 31 feet, which in itself is surprising in view of the shallowness of all the other creeks so far located. The gold was very coarse, running as high as a dollar to the pan.

What attracted the attention of the discoverers to the creek in the first place is an odd depression about 20 feet wide and 300 feet long that extends diagonally across the creek valley. A close examination of which reveals the fact that it resembles nothing so much as an old abandoned cut. On the other side is a high bank of gravel, while on the other is one equally high of muck, fully twenty feet in thickness and looking as though it had been piled or thrown up by human hands.

Both Boutillier and his partner think they have stumbled upon the ancient workings of the Russian miners who penetrated the wilderness fastnesses many decades before the beginning of Yukon history. Sitka one hundred years ago was a flourishing city under Russian rule; of 10,000 inhabitants with shipyards, iron foundries and varied industries, and that many of the hardier explorers visited the interior is known from monuments and other evidences of their crude workmanship found to this day scattered about the country. What adds to the belief is the discovery of traces of an old road about two miles distant, the grades in places being more ore less intact and four or five feet wide.

PAINTER DEAD.

London, Nov. 12.—Valentine Cameron Prinsep, professor of painting to the Royal Academy, died yesterday from the effects of an operation. He was born in 1838.

News Notes Of The Dominion

A McGill Professor Wins Great Honor From the Royal Society.

Manitoba Settler Is Set Upon by Wolves and Has Narrow Escape.

Montreal, Nov. 11.—A cable was received here today announcing that the Royal Society of Great Britain had awarded the Rumford medal to S. Rutherford, professor of physics at McGill, for his researches in radio activity. The Rumford medal was instituted by Count Rumford in 1796, and is awarded every second year to the author of the most important discovery or useful improvement during the preceding two years on heat or on light, the preference being given to discoveries that tend most to promote the good of mankind. Prof. Rutherford is the youngest man to ever win the medal, which has been awarded to such famous scientists as Davy, Biot, Faraday, Pasteur, Tyndall and Rontgen. He is a New Zealander by birth. He was one of the leading contributors to the two recent scientific congresses in St. Louis.

PRISONER SUICIDES.

Kingston, Nov. 11.—Justave Mittlestatt, in prison for life for killing an Eganville man with a pick, suicided by hanging himself in the insane ward of the penitentiary this morning.

AN INHUMAN FATHER.

Toronto, Nov. 11.—The jury today brought in a verdict of guilty against Martin, the father of an infant murdered last summer. The mother was acquitted. The child, it was alleged, was done away with because the parents could not support it.

IN NORTH ONTARIO.

Beaverton, Nov. 11.—Official majority of Grant, Liberal, in North Ontario is 1,385.

REGULATING COMPANIES.

Halifax, Nov. 11.—The Nova Scotia branches of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, at a meeting last night, decided to ask the government to place express companies under the jurisdiction of the railway commission.

SETTLER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

St. Catharines, Nov. 11.—Word comes from William Chestney, a young man belonging to this city, who went to Manitoba last summer, that he has had a terrible experience with prairie wolves. As he was ploughing in the field he was set upon by two wolves, which attacked him with great ferocity. Chestney, with the aid of a stick, killed one of the brutes. Timely assistance saved him from probable death, as the other wolf had jumped on Chestney's shoulder. Chestney has terrible bites on his arm and shoulder.

MR. BARR ELECTED.

Orangeville, Nov. 11.—Barr, Conservative, was elected in Dufferin by a majority of 1,286 over Park, Liberal, according to official figures announced today.

NEWS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY

Brief Items of Interest Concerning Both Branches of the Service.

From Our Own Correspondent.

London, Oct. 29.—"Rule Britannia." Were it not for the British fleet, which has the happy knack of being there, or thereabouts, when it is wanted, Russia, would not have climbed down so gracefully to outraged Great Britain. She is still mistress of the seas, and shall be when ever it is brought home to the most unthinking how much we owe to our matchless navy.

Lord Grey will leave here for Canada about the 1st of December to take up the duties of Governor-General. Colonel Hanbury-Williams will leave for Ottawa the 3rd prox. per the steamer Tunisian, on appointment as military secretary.

The cruiser St. George, flying the broad pennant of Commodore Frank Finnis, commanding the South Atlantic squadron, has been ordered home from the West Coast for repairs to her machinery, which has given considerable trouble.

Lieut.-Colonel A. B. Shute, R. G. A., on returning home from Bermuda on promotion, will take over the command of the defences of the Severn, in succession to Colonel Hopkins, retired.

Recruiting for the Irish Guards has been reopened, and it is understood that the long-talked-of second battalion will be added to the regiment. None but genuine "sons of the sod" will be enlisted. It seems rather curious that the army council contemplates adding a battalion to one end of the army whilst Mr. Arnold-Forster is threatening to cut off five garrison battalions at the other. The Russian crisis is giving the latter a reprieve for the present.

Following the order for 50 of the new 18½-pounder quickfiring field guns at Woolwich, orders have been received at the shell foundry for the manufacture of 20,000 shells for that gun, so that the six batteries and reserves will be ready for use as soon as completed. An order for 20,000 shells for the new 12½-pounder quickfirer, with which the Royal Horse Artillery batteries are to be rearmed, has also been put in hand at Woolwich.

It is understood that when the first-class battleship King Edward VII. is completed for sea, she will be commissioned for service with the Mediterranean fleet. The battleships of this type have a displacement of 16,350 tons; engines of 18,000 horse-power; a speed of 18.5 knots per hour and an armament of four 50-ton 12-inch guns, four 9.2-inch guns, ten 6-inch and twenty-eight smaller quickfirers. The crews muster 800 all told.

Earl Fitzwilliam, D. S. O., who recently purchased the Castle liner Harlech Castle and converted her into a yacht, renamed the Veronique, will join her at Panama next month for a lengthened cruise in the Eastern Pacific. His lordship earned his decoration in the late war in South Africa.

SPIRITED ATTACK.

Tuesday Night's Attempt on Japanese Positions Was Repulsed.

General Oku's headquarters, Nov. 10. (4 p. m.), via Fusan, Nov. 11.—A spirited Russian attack on an advanced post Tuesday night was repulsed after a half hour's musketry fire. The scouting for positions is progressing. The birthday of King Edward was celebrated by the military attaches yesterday. The camp was enfete through the hospitality of General Oku. Prince Nashimoto, Field Marshal Oyama and the correspondents participated in the celebration, which was succeeded by primitive dances and wrestling matches. Colonel Tulloch received the congratulations of the British.

A supplement to the Canada Gazette, Ottawa, contains in full the new regulations and orders for the militia of Canada, 1904, which have been brought into effect by proclamation of the Governor-General. To a large extent they were framed by and contain the recommendations of Lord Dundonald.

Particulars Of The Divorce Case

Troubles Surrounding Mrs. Kershaw Thompson and Mr. N. H. Greenway.

Former Well Known Vancouver Vocalist—Said to Be In Victoria.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

From the Vancouver Province of yesterday the following additional particulars are taken respecting the Terminal City divorce sensation, which was briefly mentioned in Colonist despatches.

Mrs. Kershaw Thompson, concert soprano, and well known in Vancouver and Victoria musical circles, was today named as co-respondent in a divorce case instituted in the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

The petition for divorce was filed by Carrie Martha Greenway, wife of Newton Herbert Greenway of Vancouver, but formerly of Winnipeg and Deloraine, Man.

Greenway is a nephew of Thomas Greenway, formerly Premier of Manitoba, and at the recent federal election chose to represent the constituency of Lisgar, Manitoba, in the House of Commons.

Newton Greenway came to Vancouver from Manitoba about a year and a half ago, and has been acting as a broker, holding among other agencies that for a typewriter company.

About six or eight months ago Mrs. Greenway came unexpectedly to Vancouver. On arrival she went to live with her husband. Since coming to Vancouver Mrs. Greenway says she has heard and seen things which led her to the conclusion that married life with Greenway was not all what she desired. She accordingly recently determined to apply to the courts to sever her legal ties to him.

Among other charges made in the petition of the plaintiff and her affidavit supporting the petition it is alleged that yesterday Greenway and Mrs. Kershaw-Thompson eloped to Victoria. It is reported that Mrs. Kershaw-Thompson has a child which she allegedly took with her. Mr. William B. Thompson, husband of the co-respondent, is still a resident of Vancouver.

LABOR LEADERS TO CELEBRATE

Denver, Colo., Nov. 12.—Leaders of organized labor are planning for a day given to the celebration of the election of Governor Peabody. It is proposed to hold services in a large hall and a number of churches.

FIRE AT ANACONDA.

Anaconda, Nov. 12.—This mining town was practically wiped out by fire last night. Fully 100 frame structures were destroyed, the loss being $25,000. No damage was done to the many large and valuable shaft houses of the mines in the town.

KAMLOOPS IS A BUSY CENTRE

Much Building Under Way And Labor Is In Good Demand.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Kamloops, B. C., Nov. 10.—The magnificently fine weather is responsible, in a large degree, for quite a building boom this fall. Contractors and mechanics have their hands full and there is a good demand for skilled labor in the building trades.

Some thirty men are at work on the big mill building of the Kamloops Lumber Company, Limited. The foundations are in and the framework ready to be put up. Manager James C. Shields stated to the correspondent of the Colonist that work is to be rushed so that the mill may start operations early in April.

The brick and stone work on the handsome block for the Canadian Bank of Commerce is nearing completion. This block, as well as the three-storey brick addition to the Hotel Montreal, will be ready for occupancy early in January.

Half a dozen new residences are going up in the east end of town. Neil M'Phee is building on Battle street, and James C. Shields starts the first of the week on the construction of three two-storey frame residences on his lots at the corner of Fourth avenue and St. Paul street.

Among the new buildings that are contemplated at an early date are a new brick convent to replace the present wooden structure owned by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart; a brick block to be built on the corner of Victoria street and Second avenue by P. Burns & Co. for an up-town meat market and office rooms. In this connection it is stated that Kamloops is to be made the headquarters of the company's business in British Columbia. Chief of Provincial Police F. S. Hussey, of Victoria, has in view the erection of a modern brick block on his lots fronting on Victoria street; D. C. McLaren is figuring on building a block on the same street and opposite the Hussey property, and a big departmental store firm has been making enquiries as to the cost of a two-storey brick block with a 50-foot frontage.

Kamloops is certainly making strides in the building line, and from the number of strangers that have recently settled here has arisen a big demand for houses.

Rev. Father LeJeune, O. M. I.; Louis, the chief of the Kamloops Indians, and Chief Johnny Chiliheetza, of the Douglas lake Indians, have returned from their trip to Europe.

A. G. Taylor, who has been operating the South Thompson river sawmill under lease, will leave shortly to take up his residence at Vancouver, where his wife has already preceded him.

Frank C. Jones, who for over fifteen years has kept a general store at Grande Prairie, has sold out, and, with his family, will in future reside in Victoria.

J. Richardson, a telegraph operator in the commercial office of the C. P. R. at Vancouver, is spending a holiday shooting in this vicinity.

Fred. Reith, of New Westminster, is paying a two weeks' visit here with his daughter, Mrs. P. Herod.

Mrs. MacIntosh has gone to Vancouver, where she will enter a hospital to undergo an operation.

Mrs. C. Wentworth Sorel, of Vancouver, and family are staying with S. Walsh Bishop at Ducks.

The local company of the R. M. R. opened the fall social season with an informal dance at the Drill hall on Thursday evening.

TACOMA SMELTER BUSY.

The water shipments to and from the Tacoma smelter during the month of October, compare favorably with those of preceding months, though they are likely to be beaten this month. The figures furnished by Manager Rust of the Tacoma Smelting Company, are: Imports, ore, $383,289.73, lime, $1,970; merchandise, $1,165; exports, furnace products, $314,154.37.—News.

Lumbermen Are Coming Together

Better Feeling Manifest and a Joint Action to Protect Interests Probable.

An Unfortunate Error Causes a Terminal City Barrister Much Annoyance.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 12.—The sawmill men are much more hopeful over the lumber outlook. At the weekly meeting of the Lumber Association, held on Thursday, there was a very decided disposition to stop the ruinous slashing and cutting of lumber prices and to establish a new price list. One of the members of the association present stated that in the month of January the new price lists would be out and the reckless price cutting would cease.

This authority stated that the shingle mills were also to save themselves from a perilous situation by coming together and adopting some plan for their common welfare. The shingle mills are in a worse position than the lumber mills, as they are too numerous for the markets to be supplied.

Ie was also stated that R. G. Macpherson, M. P. for Vancouver, had promised since his election to fight for a duty on lumber, and Mr. Macpherson had stated that the way this would be brought about would be by the appointment of a tariff commission to visit the coast and consider all tariff questions, taking evidence and giving a prompt ruling on all matters before them. This commission would no doubt reach Vancouver early in 1905, and a duty on shingles and lumber coming into Canada would be asked for. At present British Columbia had a reputation of manufacturing a very high grade shingle, and for this reason the Americans would not compete with them. But the result of the manufacture of this high-class article was that an enormous quantity of rough cedar was left in the woods to rot.

One of the means by which the shingle situation could be saved, would be the manufacture of an inferior grade of shingle for the Canadian market, and the shutting out of American competition by a duty, similar to that paid on Canadian shingles.

Lumbermen interviewed this week were far more hopeful than they have been. It is reported that the American mills have nearly reached the end of their tether in regard to surplus stock, and that the dumping of American lumber into the Northwest would not continue much longer. They also state that the Grand Trunk Pacific construction accompanied by a great influx of population will tremendously stimulate the lumber industry as well as the shingle business.

It is believed that during the past week that lumber prices bumped bottom. One prominent lumber man was asked what price rough lumber was selling at, said: "We have no price, we sell at the customer's price if he happens to come to the mill with a reasonable amount of money."

Captain French is building a tug for towing logs which will be the biggest on the Canadian Pacific coast. It will be 157 feet long and cost $56,000.

In a recent issue the name of Stuart Livingston, barrister, was mentioned in an item inadvertently, another barrister named Livingston being the person to whom it was intended to refer. The item was in connection with an alleged $2 suit being brought in the County court and blocking proceedings, and the anger of Judge Henderson at such a small affair taking up the time of the court. Mr. Stuart Livingston had nothing to do with the case whatever.

Tange, who had been described as a claim-jumper, hold-up man and blackmailer, has been up held by the Full court in locating a placer claim below the Lucky Jack mine on Poplar creek. Last year he figured that the debris of the Lucky Jack below the claim would form a placer claim and he staked one. The Lucky Jack claimed that Tange had jumped his claim, and the gold commissioner sided with Lucky Jack. Tange refused to obey the commissioner and give up his claim. Tange was committed to jail by the magistrate. A. H. McNeill, barrister, rescued Tange by habeas corpus, and the case was taken to the Supreme court, Justice Martin deciding that Tange's claim was valid. The matter was taken to the Full court, which upheld Mr. Justice Martin.

ROSSLAND STILL SHORT OF WATER

Mining Operations Hampered by Lack of Supply for Local Mills.

Rossland, B. C., Nov. 12.—The shortage of water for the local mills continues, but otherwise good progress is noticeable in the mining operations for the past week.

The tonnage shows another substantial increase in spite of some annoying but unavoidable delays, the situation being saved by the smooth operations of the Gooderham-Blackstock interests. Le Roi affairs remain unchanged. The management is still in the air concerning concentration facilities and seems likely to remain so until it is relieved from its present policy. The examination of the Snowshoe mine near Phoenix, which is being merged with the Le Roi is about the same as last week. Manager Miller of the Le Roi still wears the mask of silence concerning his plans in this respect and he has not seen fit to make public the suggestion and proposal of Messrs. Bradley and MacKenzie with regard to placing their company on a profitable basis.

Plans for the absorption of what is known as the McMillan interests in the Pack Train mineral claim, which lies south of the Le Roi are also veiled in mystery. The Le Roi itself continues to bear up well and is certain to do great things in the near future or at the first opportunity. The Northport smelter is being overhauled with a view to large operations, but no authoritative reason for this has yet been obtained, although Mr. Goodell, the general manager of the Northport works is endeavoring to secure customs ore. The product of all the other Rossland mines, except the Le Roi continues to go to the Canadian smelters.

The shipments for the week were: Le Roi, 2,052; Centre Star, 1,050; milled, 845; War Eagle, 850; milled, 500; Le Roi No. 2, 420; Jumbo, 550; Velvet-Portland, milled, 35; White Bear, milled, 30. Total for week, 6,347 for year, 300,202 tons.

GREAT YACHT DESIGNER DEAD.

Glasgow, Nov. 12.—George Lennox Watson, the yacht designer, who has for some time past been ill, died of heart disease at his residence in this city at 5:45 this morning. His condition was reported to be better yesterday, but in the night he suffered a relapse and passed away. He was born in 1851.

George L. Watson was the designer of a number of America cup challengers. Shamrock III., which sailed against Reliance last year, was designed by Messrs. Watson & Fife.