PROVINCIAL NEWS

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Sept. 6.—James H. Hamilton, superintendent of the Lilly K and Twins, North Fork of Kettle river, has returned from the Perry Creek district, East Kootenay, where he examined a number of properties at the request of Spokane capitalists. Perry creek is a tributary of the St. Mary's river. It empties into the larger stream twelve miles from Fort Steele. The claims examined by Mr. Hamilton comprise the Antelope, Roy, Standard, O.K., Smuggler, Centre Star, Aspen and the Black Cat fraction. He found them to be good looking free milling gold prospects, with small ledges. Further development work he considers will probably make them paying properties.

"We were greatly impressed with the improvement of the town during the past twelve months," said Mr. Long. Development work is being pushed in every direction. Number four cross-cut tunnel on drift is now being run to the main ledge within two months. The ledge in the cross-cut on the Surprise is four feet wide and averages $35 per ton. The tunnel in the Lone Pine has cross-cut two ledges and a drift is now going run to the main ledge running north and south. The future of Republic is bright. A custom mill will soon be a reality, and during our stay there we heard that the contracts for the lumber for the Mountain Lion mill had been awarded." In the early days both visitors did assay work for the War Eagle in Rossland.

George Linsley, of Spokane, is here after paying his first visit to Republic, which he considers a great camp. He was in the employ of Marcus Daly for eighteen years.

Chas. Robbins and Geo. H. Long, of Spokane, are here for a few days. The Republic mine won them fame and fortune. In 1896 they grubstaked Thomas Ryan and Phillip Creasor, who made the rich locations. They stocked the proposition, and it was not until a later date that Patrick Clark acquired the interests of Creasor and Ryan, as well as the control of the treasury stock. Since then the mine has paid $270,000 in dividends. Messrs. Long and Robbins still retain large holdings in the Republic, Lone Pine and Surprise. They are returning from a visit to the camp after a year's absence.

Alex. Dick, M.E., the well known Rossland mining operator, is in town. "I have been looking over Republic camp in a general way," he says. "The Flag Bill recently came under my control and I have increased the number of men with a view to pushing development work. A new vein six feet wide and four feet of quartz has just been discovered on the property. It gives average assay values of $38 per ton. As a result of my observations I am of the opinion that there will be a big movement in the camp within the next three months. To an outsider, the development there has not been as great as would have been expected considering the length of time that has elapsed since the camp was discovered. The R. Bell in Summit camp in which I am interested is being developed by a force of 16 men. The shaft is down 76 feet, and the drifting comprises 94 feet. The ore at the surface assays 15 to 20 per cent. copper, 30 to 40 oz. in silver per ton, and small gold values. The work now being prosecuted is under the direction of Olaus Jeldness. I am also interested in the Greenwood Mines, Ltd., which own the Pinhook, World's Fair and Missing Link No. 3, adjoining the War Eagle in Greenwood camp. We are now doing prospecting work, including surface stripping, on the properties. On my way from Republic I visited the Zela M in Sheridan camp. It is looking well. The new plant, including a compressor, will be in operation within ten days. A tunnel is being driven in 520 feet to intersect the ledge at a depth of 300 feet. It has already traversed nearly one-third of the distance." In conclusion Mr. Dick said that the advent of the railway at Grand Forks, thus affording shipping facilities, will greatly aid Republic.

G. R. White, a well known prospector, has purchased the Tiger claim, which is said to be the first location on Pathfinder mountain, north fork of Kettle river, twelve miles from Grand Forks. The property has several fine surface showings. It is situated northeast of the Pathfinder mine, and, it is claimed, possesses the same ledge. The bottom of an eighteen foot shaft is in ore. The ledge has been cross-cut on the surface in five different places. The late owner was G. W. Walters. Mr. White purposes sinking to the hundred foot level and then cross-cutting. He is the locator of the Phil Sheridan, Chicago, Oregon, New Last Chance, Earthquake, Brooklyn, and other well known north fork claims.

The Loyal Canadian group on the west side of the north fork of Kettle river comprises five claims. Four of them are located on the ledge of the famous Seattle. The tunnel, which is now in 35 feet, will be run 65 feet further to tap the ledge at a depth of 35 feet.

NELSON.

John McAlman, who has been acting as convict guard at the provincial gaol, is again in charge of provincial prisoners. The frequency with which prisoners made their escape from the chain gang while under McAlman led the warden to refuse to turn the men over to him, but an arrangement has been arrived at whereby the number of prisoners in the gang will be reduced to six. Another amendment which might well be made in prison rules would be a regulation prohibiting prisoners from begging tobacco while passing through the city streets.

There were three changes yesterday in the firms doing business upon Baker street. The Exchequer saloon passed from the joint ownership of A. H. Clemments and James Neelands to the latter partner singly. Angus Shaw retired from the grocery business, having sold his stock to George Bell & Co., of Revelstoke and Enderby, who will continue the business. The third transfer was the purchase of Mills & Lotts' fruit business by J. A. McDonald, who will continue the business at the corner of Baker and Ward streets.—Tribune.

THE END IN SIGHT.

Probable Resumption of Mining in the Slocan—A Meeting of the Owners.

A New Denver special to the Spokane Spokesman-Review reads:

"At last the end of the labor trouble is in view. A caucus of the Slocan mine owners was held in Sandon Saturday, and, while no definite move was taken, the question was virtually settled, and it only waits the combined action of the mine managers of this and Nelson districts to arrive at a settlement of the difficulty that has caused the inaction in mining circles for three months past. The general meeting will be held in Sandon Tuesday evening, but most of the mine managers passed through New Denver to-day, and will probably hold a semi-official meeting at Sandon to-night.

"The decision arrived at in the caucus Saturday was to resume operations at once, with the wage scale of $3.50 for miners and $3 for muckers for the 8-hour shift. This is the old scale, but the mine managers will refuse to recognize the union, and non-union men will be given the preference.

"This action is taken with a view to weakening the unions, and it is generally understood that when the back of the union is broken, another attempt will be made to reduce the wage scale, if the Eight-hour law is not repealed by the next provincial parliament.

"All this, however, is based upon the utterances of a few mine owners, and when work is once more resumed it is not probable the union men will be interfered with, so long as they keep within the bounds of reason.

"Already the influence of the revival is felt in all lines of business, and in a few weeks' time, certainly before October 1, the mines of the Slocan will be producing ore on the old basis of about $300,000 per month.

"The Marion Company has just completed the purchase of the Merrimac, a claim situated just below the Marion. The purchase price is reported to be $20,000 on a bond. The force on the Marion is being increased regularly. The standard wage scale is being paid. Saturday they had 10 inches of clean ore in the face of No. 2 tunnel. No. 3 has been started on the Merrimac ground.

"When the mine owners finally get down to business again, Silver Mountain will lead them all in the production of ore. It would not be surprising if in two months' time New Denver's payroll would have 1,000 miners on it. The California, Mountain Chief, Fidelity-Bosun and Marion are in the hands of large companies, and have thousands of tons of ore in sight ready for stoping. On the Fidelity-Bosun alone it is estimated there is not less than $100,000 worth of ore in sight. The Bosun will probably employ from 100 to 150 men."

THE NEWEST ALLAN LINER.

Bavarian a Model of Comfort For All Classes of Travellers.

From Liverpool Daily Post, Aug. 21.

The latest addition to the Allan fleet is the twin-screw steamer Bavarian, a vessel which marks in point of size, speed and passenger accommodation, a distinct advance on the shipping voyaging between Liverpool and Canada. The Bavarian is 520 feet long, 60 feet beam and 43 feet deep, with a gross tonnage of 10,200. Like most modern large steamers, the Bavarian has one funnel—a huge cylindrical structure, and two masts, to which are fitted the derricks necessary for working the cargo. The after-mast is of wood, and half way up its height is a fixed compass, which, being removed from the influence of the vessel's hull and other iron work, will at all times be absolutely reliable and above all suspicion. Though a big cargo carrier, the Bavarian is essentially a passenger vessel. At her trials she averaged 17.95 knots as the mean of several runs over the Skelmorlie measured mile. The distance from Liverpool to Quebec is 2,629 miles. Thus, assuming that she averaged 17 knots only, she would, by leaving Liverpool at 5 p. m. on the Thursday, be able to land her passengers at Quebec early on the following Thursday morning. At the same time, Messrs. Allan have never been advocates for record-breaking, and their instructions to their captains are to run no risks, and subordinate everything to safety.

Luxurious as are the first-class quarters, and in a lesser degree the second also, it is in the matter of third-class accommodation that Messrs. Allan have made the most striking improvements. Permanent berth and dining space is provided for 200 passengers in commodious, well-lighted, four-berthed rooms, while should occasion require, an extended steerage can be readily equipped, which will provide for 800 additional passengers, or 1,000 in all. The lavatory and bath, ordinary and shower, equipment leaves nothing to be desired. It is duplicated for male and female passengers, and is certainly not inferior to that provided but a few years back for first-class passengers. A smoking-room is provided, the walls being panelled in pitch-pine, the tables being sycamore, while a similar apartment, styled "reading room," affords a welcome means of retirement and rest for "lady thirds." Messrs. Allan have endeavored in planning the Bavarian to secure as far as is possible accommodation which is wholly distinct for each of the three classes of voyagers, and that they have succeeded is shown by the fact that each class of passengers have their separate promenades, etc. One feature of the third-class accommodation deserves special mention. Hot water is provided and is always on tap, so that "lady thirds" who wish to dispense the kindly cup of afternoon tea to their fellow-voyagers have always the means of doing so. Needless to say, the Bavarian is fitted throughout with electric light. She has large refrigerating space for perishable cargoes. She will be commanded by Capt. Macnicol, who has achieved a well-deserved reputation as a careful and popular navigator. In the days when Messrs. Allan ran sailing vessels to Canada he was a captain in their employ. Since then he has had control of the Numidian and the Californian, and by reason of his unique experience is thoroughly au fait with Canadian navigation in all its methods and phases.

The Bavarian left the Landing-stage shortly after 10 o'clock with a large company on board, who were taken out on a pleasant expedition down the channel towards Point Lynas.

A recherche luncheon was served on board when the Bavarian was off the Welsh coast, Mr. J. Ennis presiding.

The chairman having given the toast, "The Builders of the Ship," and this being duly honored, Mr. William Denny responded. He said he had not the least doubt in saying that if Messrs. Allan gave his firm another order tomorrow they would do even better. (Laughter and applause). He thought he could say without fear of contradiction that the success of Canada was entirely due to Messrs. Allan. (Hear, hear). It was true there was at present a little difference of opinion between the Canadian government and Messrs. Allan with reference to the mail contract, but he hoped and believed that would soon be settled, and that Messrs. Allan would again get the contract. (Hear, hear). He believed they were the only people who should get the contract, for if there was one company more than another which could fill the conditions the government wanted, it was the Messrs. Allan. (Applause). They had the vessels, and if they were not up to the speed the government wanted, well all the government had to do was to pay them more, and the Allans would provide what was wanted. (Hear, hear). A shipowner was not a philanthropist, and no person could reasonably expect it. If the Canadian government would produce a sufficient subsidy, the Messrs. Allan would give them either 17, 18, 19 or 20 knot boats (hear, hear), and Messrs. Denny would be glad to build them. (Laughter and applause).

Envelopes can be rapidly moistened and sealed by a new device, having a tray of the shape of the gummed portion of the envelope, filled with an absorbent to hold water for wetting the flap, with a sliding pad which presses the flap into the tray and then seals it.

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Why Troops Are There.

an enlightened man, whose name if disclosed would cause surprise. "Don't worry," he said, "we've licked the English twice already, and we will give them such a flogging this time as they never got."

Boer Forces Gathering.

The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Johannesburg: "It is reliably reported from Pretoria that a special military train with a body of armed men was despatched to the Natal border on Tuesday night with an equipment of several heavy field guns and a quantity of ammunition."

A special despatch to the Morning Post from Pietermaritzburg says that the 800 Boers who left Pretoria for Standerton, about 50 miles from the frontier, pushed on to Volksrast, close to the Natal border, where they are now encamped. The same correspondent says that the arrangements for the defence of Newcastle, in Natal, are now practically complete.

Capetown, Sept. 8.—The Boers, it is positively stated, are concentrating on the border.

Short of Supplies.

Johannesburg, Sept. 8.—Groceries generally have advanced 10 to 15 per cent. here, and supplies from the East are anxiously awaited.

The burgomaster announces that the government will help the municipality to continue its preparations for hostilities.

Pretoria, Sept. 8.—The proposed conference mentioned in the Transvaal's last despatch is the one mentioned by the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, of July 29. It is declared officially that the Transvaal Republic will accept such a conference as soon as informed of the place, date, and the names of the members who are to take part in it.

Capetown, Sept. 8.—A large meeting of the colored residents of this place held yesterday evening passed resolutions expressing confidence in Sir Alfred Milner, the governor of Cape Colony, and "sympathy for our brothers in the Transvaal who are denied all rights."

Kruger's Reasoning.

Manchester, Sept. 8.—The special correspondent of the Guardian at Pretoria, a well-known writer on social economics and of anti-Imperialistic tendencies, cables to his paper an interview he has had with President Kruger. He quotes him as saying that he had always sought to induce foreigners in the Transvaal to undertake citizenship, but that they had tried to get its privileges without accepting its burdens. Continuing President Kruger says in 1881, when numbers could have taken burghership if they chose to register as British subjects, Protesting in 1895 against then being commandered for the Kaffir war, Sir Henry Loch, now Baron Henry Loch, who was governor of Cape Colony and High Commissioner of South Africa in 1885-93, represented that they did not wish to become burghers, so that the raad exempted them."

The correspondent adds that he also interviewed General Joubert, commander-in-chief of the Transvaal forces, and vice-president of the Republic, who took a gloomy view of the situation, expressing his conviction that Mr. Chamberlain had chosen the franchise issue, believing that while the Boers might concede other matters, they would stand out on this, and furnish the casus belli which Mr. Chamberlain wanted.

Troops for Africa.

Aldershot, Sept. 8.—The Aldershot News issues what it claims to be an authoritative statement of the composition of the home force for service in South Africa in the event of war. This force consists of two cavalry brigades and six infantry brigades, the latter including four battalions of the Guards and one Irish and one Highland brigade. All the troops indicated are now at or near Aldershot. The force would have quite a national character, and would mobilize here under supreme command of General Sir Redvers Buller.

WEEKLY TRADE REPORT.

Canadian Cities Present No Material Change—Pacific Coast Points Satisfied.

reports do not indicate any material change in the course of business. The country trade at St. John shows more

New York, Sept. 8.—Dun's: Canadian activity in groceries, but city trade is quiet; the hardware business is fair, and collections are fairly good. General business at Halifax is fair, with good prospects, and prices of staples are well maintained. Shoe manufacturers at Quebec are busy, and in all lines wholesale trade is good. At Montreal dry-goods payments on the 4th were satisfactorily made, and the trade outlook for the fall continues promising. Trade at Hamilton in dry goods, men's furnishings and clothing is quiet, with good prospects in other lines; and good yield and prices for fruit. Wholesale trade at Vancouver is active, and especially for Northern points, where retail trade is brisk and collections average. Wholesale trade at Victoria is quite satisfactory, with collections good.

FARMERS' LOAN DIVIDEND.

Fifty Cents on Dollar Paid by Liquidators, and Thirty More in Sight.

Toronto, Sept. 8.—(Special)—The sum of $742,870.76 was paid out yesterday to creditors of the Farmers' Savings and Loan Company by the liquidators, the Toronto General Trusts Corporation.

The company went into liquidation in November, 1897, and the first dividend, of 55 cents on the dollar, was paid yesterday. It is considered likely that a second dividend of 30 cents on the dollar will eventually be payable. This is much better than at first expected, 50 cents on the dollar being all the liquidators originally looked for.

WHEAT CROP MOVING.

This Season's Manitoba Product Now on Way to Seaboard.

Winnipeg, Sept. 8.—(Special)—Wheat is all cut along the N. P. line. The new wheat is now beginning to move on C. P. R. cars, being loaded at Gretna, Morris, Rosefield, Altona and other stations between Winnipeg and Morden. Between fifty and sixty cars are now on the road, and will reach Winnipeg this evening. Thus far, only twenty cars of new wheat have been forwarded east of Winnipeg to Fort William.

The wreck of an old ore-boat will delay navigation on the Soo canal for ten days, and it will be a great loss to shippers. The C. P. R. steamers cannot pass the place.

TRAGEDY AT ANACORTES.

Prominent Attorney Shot Without Provocation by a Tough Defying the Sheriff.

Anacortes, Sept. 7.—D. M. Woodbury, a prominent attorney and one of the most enterprising men of this region, was shot by Al Hamilton at about 3 o'clock this afternoon, and now lies at the point of death.

Hamilton had a quarrel with Billy Londerville, and, it is said, had threatened to kill him. Londerville, who was once on trial at Tacoma for shooting Miles Brotten, a policeman, complained to City Marshal Becker of the threats, and Becker had intended locking up Hamilton until he cooled off. Hamilton objected to arrest, however, and as he was armed with a revolver and showed fight, Becker concluded to delay the arrest until a less dangerous moment.

reached the Bank building, in which City Attorney Allison has is office, and went making threats. Finally the Marshal

The Marshal started up the street for help, and Hamilton followed, meanwhile upstairs to see the attorney, Hamilton continuing to follow. In this building are several offices, including those of D. M. Woodbury, Miss Trolson, the telephone agent, and Douglass Allmond. Allmond heard loud talking in the hall, and finally heard some one say: "You ——, if you move, I'll blow your head off!"

At this he rushed out of his office and found Hamilton covering Becker with a revolver, the distance between the two being perhaps 15 feet.

Allmond advanced to within about 10 feet of Hamilton, when the revolver was levelled at him, and Hamilton said: "If you move, I'll kill you."

This situation lasted several seconds, when Woodbury came out of his office, and said: "What is this all about?" Hamilton told Woodbury to throw up his hands, punctuating his remarks by oaths.

Woodbury started to speak further when Hamilton swung his revolver from Allmond to Woodbury and fired, the distance between the two men being 18 or 20 feet, and Woodbury fell instantly.

Allmond started forward to close on Hamilton, as the latter turned his revolver towards Woodbury, but after the shot was fired Hamilton quickly covered Allmond again.

Woodbury, who had fallen, cried: "Boys, I'm shot! He has killed me!"

In a few seconds Woodbury again called, and Allmond started towards him, when Hamilton said: "You ——, if you move again I'll kill you."

After a few seconds more, Hamilton glanced towards where Woodbury lay and Allmond jumped backward through a door and to an open window, where he called to people in the street below to send for a physician; that Woodbury was shot.

When he returned to the hall Hamilton had started to run down stairs, Becker following. At the top he collided with H. D. Allison. Half way down he met E. Kasch, pointed the revolver at him and ordered him to get out of the way. As he passed, Kasch tripped him, and he fell down stairs.

At the bottom Becker jumped upon him, and at this point Martin McDonald came in from the outside and grabbed Hamilton's right arm, and the revolver was taken away. Hamilton was then lodged in the city jail, and later taken to Mount Vernon by Sheriff Wells.

Allison and Will A. Lowman were the first to reach the injured man, who was carried to his office and attended by physicians, Dr. Butler and Dr. Smith, Dr. Appleby, of La Conner, and Dr. Eagleson, of Seattle, also having been sent for.

When Hamilton was searched at the jail, $995.25, mostly in paper, was taken from him; also a five-shot revolver, with one shell empty.

Woodbury's wounds are dangerous. The ball entered about 3 inches directly above the heart, ranging for the spine, where it is supposed to be imbedded. The lower part of the body is paralyzed, and death seems almost certain. He is attorney for the Seattle & Northern Railway, a prominent Mason, and one of the most enterprising and generous men in the county.

Hamilton is also known by the name of Hawkins.

DEWEY'S WELCOME HOME.

Elaborate Preparations in New York—Ten Thousand Visiting Troops.

New York, Sept. 8.—The National Sculpture Society to-day submitted plans to Commissioner Brady of the building department for the erection at Broadway and Fifth avenue of the Dewey arch and colonnade. Architect Charles R. Lambe gives the cost at $26,500. Sections of the columns which form a part of the Dewey arch were put in place this morning, and one of the colonnades is half up.

The top of the arch will be in place in a few days. The figures of the admirals for the arch are now practically completed, and the first of them will be taken up to the arch Monday. They average about 12 feet in height, and weight approximately 700 pounds.

Frank W. Sanger, of the music committee, had a conference to-day with President Weinacht of the Arion Society and President Mittendorff of the Liederkranz Society. It was decided that a united chorus of 250 voices from the two organizations shall go on the float "Peace" and accompany the Olympia up the harbor and sing hymns and songs of welcome.

Gen. Roe has received applications for places in the land parade from a brigade of New Jersey militia from 1,500 to 2,000 strong. From Connecticut he has learned of a thousand soldiers coming, and Col. Sein of West Point has announced his intention of marching in the parade at the head of 300 West Point cadets. The indications are that the visiting troops will exceed 10,000 in number.

VOLUNTEERS GETTING HOME

San Francisco, Sept. 7.—The transport Sheridan, which left Manila on August 10 with the Minnesota and South Dakota volunteers on board, arrived here to-night.

DUNDEE OPERATIVES' STRIKE.

Dundee, Sept. 8.—The cotton and jute workers' strike here has assumed serious proportions. Ten mills were closed today and 16,000 mill workers are now idle. Slight disturbances have occurred, but have been quelled by the police.

TRADES UNION CONGRESS.

Plymouth, Eng., Sept. 8.—The trades union congress in session here has elected J. Harlam, of the Derbyshire Miners' Association, and A. Wilkie, for the Shipwrights' Association of Newcastle, delegates to the trades union congress to be held at Detroit, Michigan.

MANITOBA FRUIT MARKET.

British Columbia Plums Could Now Command a Good Price.

Winnipeg, Sept. 5.—During the past week shipments of fruit from California have fallen off very considerably, and only one car has come in from Washington, consequently prices have advanced. The Washington car consisted principally of Yellow Egg and Italian prunes. They were in fair shape as to quality, but the packing was inferior to the fruit coming from California, and I noticed a certain amount of brown rot. Besides this they were deficient in weight. I had some put on the scales and compared with a few from British Columbia. While the latter went 29 pounds gross, those from Washington only weighed 24 pounds gross. There are scarcely any Ontario plums on the market, not enough to seriously affect the price, besides which their bad method of packing tends to keep down the price of the Ontario product. There is still a large demand for plums for preserving purposes, and many are holding their orders to get our Western fruit.

I append quotations for California and Washington plums, prunes and pears: California plums and prunes, $1.75 per case; California pears, $3 per case; Washington plums and prunes, $1.35 per case; Washington pears, $2.25 per case.

British Columbia fruit will, if in good shape on arrival, command the same price as Washington.

THROUGH THRESHING MACHINE

The Terrible Ending of a Farm Hand in Ontario.

Lindsay, Sept. 8—A threshing machine accident happened last night on the farm of E. Costello, who lives a few miles east of town, by which Michael Powers, a lad 19 years old, lost his life. He was employed on the thresher, and at the close of the day's work was cleaning up the machinery, when part of the woodwork on which he was standing gave way. He fell into the machinery, went through it, and was passed out to his fellow-laborers on the top of the stack in a horribly mangled and torn condition. He lived a few hours.

YUKON LIQUOR PERMITS.

How They Are Awarded By the Government, and Peddled By the Recipients.

From the Vancouver News-Advertiser.

The following case of peddling a Yukon liquor permit and consequently putting a large profit in the pockets of the favored original grantees and any associates of theirs, reaches the News-Advertiser on undoubted authority.

Some time since Commissioner Ogilvie of Dawson granted to Messrs. Adams & Burns, well known liquor men of Toronto, permit calling for the import into the Yukon of 5,000 gallons of spirits. Messrs. Adams & Burns, knowing that they had a very good thing in the permit, sought to dispose of it on a bonus of $5 a gallon to licensed victuallers or others in British Columbia, themselves, however, to supply the spirits at usual wholesale rates. They found some little difficulty in getting their big bonus price of $5 a gallon, but at last secured this or figures approaching it from an enterprising Vancouver syndicate organized by Mr. William Quann. The permit thus realized its "increment" of about $25,000 for the lucky men interested in it, the Quann syndicate expecting to make only the further considerable business profit realisable by liquor jobbers in the Yukon's land of liquor import prohibition subject to exemption by favor. The deal with the syndicate was made so late in the day that Messrs. Adams & Burns could not get the liquor hither in time to ship promptly, so it was arranged to get the 5,000 gallons from Mr. Max Leiser of Victoria, who will, it is understood, reciprocate by obtaining a like quantity of liquor for his business purposes in due course from the Toronto firm. The 5,000 gallons of liquor goes north by the Danube to-day, representing, if the $25,000 of bonus on the transfer of the liquor permit be added, cash of about $54,000. The Dominion authorities not only gave the original permit, but on August 31st last sanctioned the transfer of it to the Vancouver syndicate.

The transaction, in which the British Columbian participants act in the way of their respective businesses, sheds as regards its beginning in the Yukon, a flood of light on the strange methods of government that are practised in the Yukon.

EXPLOITATION OF CHINA.

Pritchard Morgan Requested to Proceed Under His Valuable Concessions.

Pekin, Sept. 8.—The Dowager Empress of China yesterday caused a telegram to be sent to Mr. Pritchard Morgan, M. P., to proceed immediately to China and commence his mining and commercial operations in the province of Sze-Chuen. Mr. Morgan has replied that he will leave Genoa September 19, reaching Pekin at the end of October, and bring with him a large staff and American capitalists who are interested in the Morgan enterprises.

DESTITUTE PROSPECTORS.

Dominion Government Helps Them to Reach Homes From Vancouver.

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—(Special)—At its last session parliament voted $25,000 to render assistance to prospectors and others who had gone into the Liard and Dease river districts and were unable to get out. Ten persons have reached Vancouver in a destitute condition, and have telegraphed the interior department for assistance in reaching their respective homes. Although the principal object of the vote was to bring the destitute out of the unexplored regions to civilization, still the department has telegraphed to give the necessary aid.

HIGH-TONED INDIANS.

Treaty Commissioners Impressed With Style of Those of Far North.

Regina, Sept. 8.—(Special)—J. H. Ross, one of the Indian treaty commissioners, accompanied by Secretary McKenna, returned from the North last week, having concluded his share of the commission. Commissioner Laird and Major Walker are expected out next week.

Mr. Ross says the commission treated with about 2,500 Indians, representing about 70 per cent. of the red population of the Far North. The Northern Indians are a different class altogether from those we are familiar with. They are not "blanket" Indians. They dress like white people, and it is not uncommon to see a buck with a pair of $6 pants and $5 hat. The squaws are fond of finery, and even children are dressed up in the finest that money can buy.

THE LOCAL NEWS.

A New Lodge Promised.—So steady and substantial has been the growth of the A. O. U. W. in this city during recent months, that the organization of yet another Victoria lodge is now in formation. It will start with a large and influential membership.

Physical Training.—Members of the public school teaching staff had the pleasure yesterday afternoon of listening to a well-considered and decidedly practical address by Miss Merritt on the advantage of physical education for well-formed children. The lecture was given at the Girls' Central school.

Presbytery Meeting.—The Presbytery of Victoria will meet in the First Presbyterian church on Tuesday next at 2 p.m. A conference by members of the Presbytery will be held in the same place on Monday, beginning at 2 p. m., on questions affecting church life and work, to which the public are invited.

Miss Ladell's Entertainment—On Monday evening at 8:15 in the Institute hall Miss M. Ladell will give one of her celebrated entertainments. Miss Ladell is an elocutionist of exceptional talents, and will be assisted on Monday by Mr. F. Victor Austin (violinist), Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Mr. W. H. Barton and Mr. A. Goward, vocalists, who are well known in Victoria, so that there should be a large audience.

Inebriates.—Three whiskey cases only came up for hearing in the police court yesterday. Two of the offenders, who made their first bow to the court, were fined only $2.50. The third was an Indian, who had not yet finished a few bottles of liquor when found by an officer, and who was charged with having it in his possession, not internally. He was fined $25. The party who supplied the liquor it was impossible to apprehend.

A Pleasing Programme.—As all who have "dropped in" during the week will attest, the Savoy is presenting a splendid programme during this first part of September, there being no fewer than sixteen numbers, and every one first-class. Beatrice Lorne, who had been seriously contemplating a trip to the Klondike, has decided not to leave at present, and her ballads will continue a feature of next week's show. Blanche Cametta, who appeared for some time with her sister, leaves for the North on the return sailing of the Cottage City.

A Study in Muscles.—To the student of physical development the equilibrist, Arneldo, now performing nightly at the Trilby, presents a fascinating object lesson. His arms and shoulders are magnificently formed. They are what his work necessitates shall be superlatively strong. His legs are not in proportion. If they were, Arneldo would be a second Sandow. His "act" is one of the most unique and wonderful ever seen on a vaudeville stage in the province, and besides it, the house is giving a full show this week, in which the Peri sisters are taking a prominent part.

Day of Atonement.—Services, marking the Day of Atonement, are now being held in the Temple Emanu-el. Rev. Dr. M. Klinhowstein, late of Manchester, England, is officiating. The first of the services was held last evening, the second will be held this evening, the third on Wednesday evening, and the fourth on Thursday, commencing each day at 7:30 o'clock sharp, except on the last day, when they will be held an hour later. A memorial service for the dead will be offered on the last date at noon, when a card bearing the name of the departed and any offering donated will be handed to the officiating minister. Sermons suitable to the solemn occasion will be delivered in English.

Association Football.—The Victoria Association Football Club has reorganized, and if organization meetings are any indication, the club will be strong and have a most successful season. The officers of the club are: President, A. E. McPhillips, M.P.P.; vice-president, Chas. Kent; secretary-treasurer, Arthur Davey; club captain, J. W. Lorimer; committee, C. G. Lawson, W. N. Winsby, W. McKeown, W. A. Lorimer and H. Shandley. The club will enter teams for both Senior and Intermediate cups, and make a strong bid for them. An effort will be made to increase the membership of the club and bring the association game to the front. The first practice will be held at Beacon Hill on the 23rd inst., and all members or intending members are requested to attend.

John Weiler's Funeral.—Members of the Pioneer Society, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Masonic Craft, attended in large numbers at the funeral of the late John Weiler, which took place from the family residence, corner of Blanchard and Kane streets, yesterday afternoon. Each society, together with the employees of the firm of Weiler Bros., numbering about sixty, turned out in a body and marched to the graveside, the procession being a very long one. A multitude of flowers testified to the respect in which the deceased had been held, each society of which he had been a member having sent a wreath, as well as a host of friends. The services at the residence and at the grave were simple but impressive. They were conducted by the Masons and other fraternal orders. Those who acted as pallbearers were Messrs. R. B. McMicking, ex-Ald. J. E. Phillips, W. W. Northcott, W. Henderson, E. J. Salmon and B. S. Oddy.

Arthur Wrote It.—He was a busy Victoria lawyer, so busy a member of his profession that he rarely finds time to indite his own correspondence, finding it more expeditious to wheel round in his chair and dictate. The Full court had kept him busy all day, and he discovered shortly after 5 that it would be impossible for him to go home to supper. The stenotypist had just covered up her machine and taken her departure. So the lawyer wheeled round to the typewriter, whisked the cover off, and hammered off the following note, which he forthwith despatched by messenger boy to his waiting wife: "at the Office, @ 5.30 pM DEar MiLLie:a i shlal no tbe xxxxx h0me t his evenuenig until until vrey very xxxxx late do not, wait fr mEa a A clien t w ho Hs HasAclient wthi whoM i haev an apopintment t is xxxxxx is cmoing to encolut sonsult me & it will taKe al all al eqenxxxxx evening your lvoing xxx husband, aRthur?" "I know Arthur wrote it," said his wife—"but he must have been hurried."

The Pacific Cable.—In connection with the proposed Pacific cable, suggestions were recently made by Victoria, New Zealand and Queensland that in place of having two representatives for Australia and one for New Zealand on the proposed board in England to control the cable, each of the four colonies represented should have a representative. The matter has not yet been definitely settled. Mr. Reid states that he does not propose to bring the question of the construction of the cable before parliament until a definite agreement has been come to by all the colonies interested, and until all outside matters with regard to the cable have been arranged.—Sydney Morning Herald.

Junior League Meeting.—All junior clubs for association football are reminded of the Victoria Junior League meeting on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All intending to enter are requested to communicate with the Secretary and send two delegates to the meeting.

General Hutton Coming.—It is understood that Major General Hutton, commanding Her Majesty's forces in Canada, will arrive in British Columbia early in October, to accompany Lieutenant Colonel Peters on a hunting expedition for big game. Towards the end of October the General is expected to formally inspect the First battalion.

The Centennial Parliament.—A meeting of the mock parliament in connection with the Centennial Methodist church will be held this evening, the subject of debate being the Asiatic immigration act, which will be introduced by the minister of trade and commerce, Hon. H. Jacklin. This resolution will be vigorously opposed by the opposition.

Full Court Decisions.—In Richards vs. Beaven, the Full court yesterday dismissed the appeal with costs. A. E. McPhillips and J. P. Walls for the appellant (Richards); Bodwell & Duff for respondents. The appeal in Le Bau vs. Kirk was allowed, with costs. L. P. Duff for plaintiff; E. P. Davis, Q. C., for defendant.

Engagement Announced.—The Canadian Gazette (London) says: "A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place in Victoria, B. C., between Fredrick W. Polehampton, second son of the late Rev. Edward S. W. Polehampton, rector of Hartfield, Sussex, and Mrs. Polehampton, of The Rocks, Buxted, Sussex, and Kate E. Davie, youngest daughter of Dr. John Chapman Davie, of Fairholme, Victoria."

Auction of City Lots.—On Tuesday next, at noon, William T. Hardaker, the auctioneer, will conduct one of the most important auctions of real estate ever held in Victoria. No fewer than sixty-four good building sites will be offered, at the auctioneer's salesrooms on Douglas street.

Hospital Work.—The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Society, Royal Jubilee hospital, will take place on Tuesday next, at 2:30 p. m., in the drawing room of the Driard hotel. All women who have paid the membership fee of $2 are entitled to attend, and are cordially invited to do so.

Voters, Attention.—In consequence of the recent cancellation by the government of the existing provincial voters' lists for this city and New Westminster, and the necessity thereby arising for a fresh registration of every one entitled to exercise the franchise, the city members of the house are arranging for a meeting to be held during the present week, when some scheme for systematizing the work of registration will be considered and adopted. The meeting will probably be held on Wednesday.

Looking For a Son.—Mrs. Sophia Martin, who gives her address as Hanford, King's county, California, has written to the California hotel in this city making inquiries about her son, who, she says, last wrote to her from Victoria in 1895. She states that he comes to this city, she thinks, about once a year, and is well known among sailors. Her message to him particularly is to tell him of the death of his father on the 29th of June, and the burial on July 1.

In Demand.—Chief Deasy and his men are in demand these days, ostensibly for fires, but in reality for all kinds of things. At 11 o'clock yesterday morning an excitable woman saw an excitable team fall in a wood yard on View street, and without a moment's hesitation rushed out on the street and frantically shouted "Fire!" An ex-alderman was passing at the time, and hearing the woman call, pulled the nearest alarm box. A few minutes later engine, chemical, hook and ladder apparatus were on the scene. A hose was attached to the hydrant, when orders were given to return to the station. Apologies were of course forthcoming, but they were insult added to injury.

An Interesting Phase.—The issue between the E. & N. Railway Company and the New Vancouver Coal Company has developed a new phase by the intervention of the provincial government. The question is the right to mine coal under the sea in Nanaimo harbor. The New Vancouver Coal Company claims the right by virtue of its title from the Hudson's Bay Company. The E. & N. railway base their contention upon the grant from the Dominion government. The contention of the Province is that the grant to the Dominion government of the lands afterwards transferred to the railway company does carry with it the right to mine under the sea. This is a skeleton of the case only, which, as the lawyers say, fairly bristles with points. The Attorney-General of Canada is also a party to the suit. Even a layman will see that a lawsuit which involves the old Hudson's Bay title and the effect of the E. & N. grant will be very interesting, quite irrespective of the amount involved, which is understood to be very large.

Monsieur Bureau.—Towards the end of last month, during the early days of the Dreyfus court-martial, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer startled its subscribers, if such a thing could be possible, by one of those brilliantly written interviews which are at times found in its columns. The interview referred to was with a certain Monsieur Leon Bureau, whose home is Versailles, France, then on a visit to Seattle, a young Frenchman having interests in Edmonton. He was made out to be a secretary of Maitre Labori. To this gentleman was attributed the story that he was on a visit to this Coast in search of a suitable place for a family, probably from France, to reside. The P.-I. concluded that this must be the Dreyfus family. Monsieur Bureau is further claimed to have in his possession a letter from the brother of Capt. Dreyfus. It is now authoritatively stated that Monsieur Bureau was never in the employ of Maitre Labori; in fact he never saw him. As regards the letter of M. Mathieu Dreyfus, it was merely to obtain that gentleman's autograph that he wrote to him, Monsieur Bureau being an autograph collector. The story about his looking for a location for the Dreyfus family was purely imaginative.