

THE GREAT INTERIOR.

Cream of the Week's News From the Upper Country.

AINSWORTH'S REMARKABLE MINE

Kaslo Not Dead But Sleeping—Railway Progress—Pioneers Drooping—The Rush to Marysville—Wonderful Assays.

Nelson Tribune. Wilson & Perdue have over 200 head of sheep on Gold King Mountain, where feed is reported plentiful.

The second payment on the Highland mine was made for the week. Charles Olson, one of the several owners, receiving his portion on Monday.

Seventy-five Italians who had been working for three months on the railroad were paid off for the first time.

The Kootenay Hydraulic Company at the boundary line are now sluicing a clean 50 feet of gravel.

H. Myers and George T. Kane came down on the Nelson Tuesday. Both are sanguine that the Kaslo & Shovel rail road will be built this fall.

Considerable excitement prevails at Eugene's Ferry over the supposed rich diggings on the Moya. It is doubtful if there is anything to justify it as this country was thoroughly prospected for placer in the early sixties.

The red fish that frequent Cottaowood Smith creek each year during the month August can now be found in numbers.

The recent shipment of ore from the Wellington mine to the Tacoma smelter netted the owners of the mine \$2700, and ran \$230 in silver to the ton.

An effort is being made at Kaslo to put in a system of water works. The water is to be taken from a small creek discharging into the town.

The report that Kaslo is a dead town is a mischievous one. The town is dull, and there are too many people engaged in the hotel and saloon business.

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The ore and silver is reported as running up in the thousands. The steamer Ainsworth calls at Marysville on returning from Kaslo to Nelson.

The boys out in the Vermont creek claim are getting along nicely. They have worked well this summer.

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is probable that the trail will be kept open till the end of the year.

Mr. Jenkins is expected to arrive next week with his complement of men to work the Silver Cup and will probably make several shipments of ore before the close of navigation.

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THE SEAL REGULATIONS.

A Second Interview With Dr. Dawson—The Close Season Wrong.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal Witness sends to that paper the following report of a second interview with Dr. George Dawson.

It should be borne in mind that Dr. Dawson speaks in a spirit of goodwill towards a solution of a question in the settlement of which he has had a hand.

Notwithstanding this Dr. Dawson is completely averse to the 80-mile zone and the close season not only operates harshly against Canadian sealers, but are opposed to common sense and the protection of seal life itself.

"Do you think," he was asked, "that the regulations restrict the Canadian sealers unduly?"

"Yes, I think them too severe. The close season was fixed from May 1st to Aug. 1st throughout Behring Sea and the Pacific coast as far down as the Californian coast, although the United States never pretended to claim a jurisdiction south of the Aleutian islands for the purpose of protecting seals.

The main objection was finally boiled down to a kind of property in the seals chiefly dependent on the Pribilof islands, where they breed. Our proposal was to begin sealing about the 1st or 10th of May and end it about the 1st of October, in the islands south of the extension of the result of the investigations of Sir George Baden Powell and myself on the spot was to establish that more females with young were taken in proportion to the total catch during the time they have fixed as the open season, than during the time they have fixed as a close season, namely, from May 1st to Aug. 1st. In regard, therefore, to the close season they have inverted the idea we had."

"Yes," he replied, "the sealers have seized these facts during the argument?"

"Well," replied Dr. Dawson with a smile, "they had the facts before them so long that perhaps they forgot them. I think myself that the killing on the islands is a heavy weight against the seal, but the sealers began to take seals as early as January and February off the California coast and along the coast of Oregon, though not making any record of the seals they were taking. In the past the sealers began to take seals as early as January and February off the California coast and along the coast of Oregon, though not making any record of the seals they were taking.

In conversation Saturday he seemed, like most Scotchmen, surprised at the long distances traveled here and has just returned from the Canadian Northwest, where he reports evidences of thrift on every hand.

For mixed farming and fruit growing British Columbia, he said, was a grand country, but the arable areas are small and the unbroken forest is extensive because of the main stumps of the primeval giants. Wherever clear land is of high value, he continued, and in his opinion too expensive for settlers. Crops were remarkably good about Vancouver and prospects bright elsewhere.

"Retracing," he said, "we stopped at Calgary and went out among the large ranches about McLeod, and to the eye of the Scotchman accustomed to the rich, green grass of the land of his heather, the rolling, grassy seas of prairie lands look remarkably barren and devoid of nutriment. However, on closer examination there seemed a paradox, for on going amongst the cattle and stock they were found in the most thriving condition, showing that however withered and barren the grass looked, it afforded the best of food, and was converted into good feeding hay."

I have an idea that ranches are too large out there, and that none should extend beyond the limit where the owners, whether individuals or stock companies, cannot provide housing and hand feeding during the bitter storms of winter.

In the whole, the crops of the Northwest are not quite up to the average, but when we visited Edmonton it seemed like a new world, and the varied resources for mixed farming seemed illimitable.

We drove most all through the Saskatchewan valley, and I am convinced that this section stands pre-eminent as the farming district par excellence of Canada. We were at Indian Head and Brandon a few days and examined the great wheat districts about the experimental farm. The wheat possibilities are simply grand there, but it is not so good for mixed farming.

Further down the Souris line, away south of Brandon, there are beautiful prairie and stock raising sections, that are ideal resorts for agriculturists."

Through the Courier Mr. Osler intends to give the farming classes of Scotland a good idea of the subject of land culture in America.

"In conclusion," he said, "I made special enquiries about the much talked of cattle disease and am quite satisfied that no such thing exists or has existed, and I shall make it known throughout the kingdom." The delegates left yesterday morning for home.—Montreal Herald.

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CANADIAN DISPATCHES

The News of Eastern Canada in Short Paragraphs. George Bullock, a young Englishman, had his leg taken off by a train at Little York.

The young child of Engineer Robertson of Fort William was drowned in the river.

Cure Jubert, of the Immaculate Conception, was drowned while swimming at Boucherville.

David Warboys, one of the oldest settlers in the neighborhood of Princeton, was found dead in bed.

The Grand Trunk officials deny the report that it is intended to widen the Victoria bridge at Montreal.

W. A. McIntyre has been formally appointed principal of the Manitoba Normal School, to succeed D. J. Goggin.

Mrs. Sincclair, relict of the late Chief Factor William Sincclair, of the Hudson Bay company, is dead at Brockville, aged 89.

Ald. J. Wilson, ledgerkeeper in the Eastern Townships bank at Sherbrooke, was drowned at North Hatley while bathing.

It is currently reported that John McDougall, M.P. for Pictou, will succeed Mr. Smith as deputy minister of marine and fisheries.

J. M. Leyn, principal of the Owen Sound collegiate institute, has been appointed vice-principal of the Ontario School of Pedagogy.

It is announced that G. B. Smith, who has long represented East York in the Ontario Assembly, has decided not to offer himself for re-election.

Captain F. B. Bouchette, at one time commodore of the Dominion line of steamships, died recently at Rock Ferry, near Baden, and attempted to murder a seaman.

Walter Miller, son of a Toronto barrister, was sentenced by Judge Morgan to seven years at Kingston penitentiary for larceny. Miller is only 21 years old.

Several people narrowly escaped death at Deloraine by eating poisoned ice cream. Detective Mackenzie is investigating the case. No deaths have occurred yet.

Samuel Christie was indicted by Coroner McMahon at Montreal on a charge of killing his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Peacock. He will stand his trial at the Queen's Bench.

The connection of the "Soo extension" was made at the boundary line on Saturday afternoon. There still remains a distance of seventy miles between Estevan and Pasqua to be ironed.

A tramp named Ebenhart, who broke into the farm house of Caspar Schenk, near Baden, and attempted to murder him when he tried to capture him, was sentenced for five years to the penitentiary.

The Edison-Pitch company's match splint factory at Quebec was struck by lightning and burned with its contents. Loss \$400,000; insured for \$300,000. The factory was the largest of the kind on the continent.

James Lyle, aged 17, third son of Rev. Samuel Lyle, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church of Hamilton, was drowned at Hamilton beach while bathing. He had been in the water for some time when he was struck by a wave.

The will of the late Charles Gurney of Hamilton has been filed for probate. The deceased leaves personally to the value of \$44,000 and realty worth \$15,000. The property is to be divided between his widow and her children and grandchildren.

The grasshopper plague is very bad in Hamilton's vicinity. The hoppers are swarming through the fields by the thousands, eating newly sprouted fall wheat and everything green. Farmers think it useless to sow any more fall wheat this year.

Captain W. H. Smith, R.N.R., has delivered his decision at Halifax regarding the case of the Donaldson liner Alcides, which ran ashore at Anticosti some weeks ago. The captain is blamed for the accident and his certificate has been withdrawn for two months.

It is estimated that between 400 and 500 pensioners, mostly colored veterans, living in Windsor, Chatham, Amherstburg and vicinity, have had their pensions suspended by the department at Washington under the new interpretation placed upon an act of congress by the pension agent. About 30 pensioners in Manitoba are similarly affected.

Mrs. J. B. Miller, wife of the president of the Parry Sound Lumber company, with two sons, aged 10 and 7, and a body companion, Miss Cunningham, went out rowing at Sloop Island, near Parry Sound. The boys went in bathing. In a few minutes Clouston, the eldest boy, stepped out of his depth. The mother plunged in to save him, when both sank and were drowned before they could be rescued.

Count Mercier and L. O. David have returned to Montreal from the French convention in Chicago. In a letter to the press Mercier says he was surprised and grieved on arriving here to read reports from Chicago relating that he had been the cause of dissension there, and declares that, on the contrary, both himself and David were treated with great politeness and addressed gatherings several times.

At the inquest held on the bodies recovered from the wreck of the steamer Dorcas and the barge Ella Stewart, which foundered near Shut-In Island, Nova Scotia, during the great gale of the 22nd inst., the coroner's jury recommended that the department of marine place bell buoys at all dangerous places outside Shut-In Island, it being directly in the track of vessels and the scene of many wrecks.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Military Rifle League was held at Ottawa, where Gen. Herbert announced that he had made arrangements for a supply of Martini-Methodors, to arrive in Canada within two months, and he hoped it would be the weapon in exclusive use at D.E. A. matches in 1895. Col. Anderson, of Ottawa, was elected president, Col. Gibb, retiring. Captain Sutherland, of Ottawa, was elected secretary, and Col. Prior and J. D. Taylor, of Victoria, with members of the council for British Columbia. In the secretary's report the British Columbia artillery are strongly commended for enterprise in entering seventy men in the simultaneous league matches, and when Corp. Langley went

forward to receive the handsome shield won jointly by the seven British Columbia teams he was loudly cheered.

Samuel Peniston, the well-known jockey who was injured at the butchers' picnic at Montreal, died the next morning.

Miss Maggie Hogg, of McKillop township, was instantly killed by being thrown from a carriage while her horse was running away.

The voting in Toronto on the Sunday street car question on Saturday stood 13,154 for Sunday cars and 14,157 against, leaving a majority of 1,003 against the cars running 14 days a week.

A man named Wood, who lives in Hamilton, and is noted as a high kicker, fell while trying to kick the top of his brother's door in London and was paralyzed. There is no hope of his recovery.

A very fine and rare steel engraving of Simon Fraser, grand master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Masons of Lower Canada in 1760, was recently found by a Canadian in an old print shop in Edinburgh.

At Woodside village, near Windsor, Mrs. David Walker, aged 27, was shot and instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a revolver in the hands of her sixteen-year-old son William. The boy was engaged in cleaning the weapon at the time.

At the Butchers' association races at Montreal Sam Peniston, of Lower Lachine road, one of the best riders on the island, was thrown from his horse in a hurdle race, and the animal falling upon him he was so badly injured that he may not recover.

A circular was read in all the Catholic churches of Montreal on Sunday from Archbishop Fabre, announcing that a collection will be taken up in every public church and chapel once a year for the establishment of Roman Catholic seminaries in India.

A lady who happened to be travelling up west in the same Pullman car as Sir Oliver Mowat was much exercised by the gentle attentions shown him by a couple of men, who it seems were of the parasitical species of office seekers. The lady did not know the titled premier, and at last remarked to her friend, "How sad it is to see that poor maff with his two keepers."

For a brief time on Monday Manitoba was honored with a visit from the foreign commissioners and press representatives to the World's Fair, who are now inspecting the wheat fields of North Dakota as guests of the Great Northern Railway company. Their tour ended at Neche, North Dakota, but they crossed the boundary at Greta, Man., and there benefited the Union Jack of the World's Fair representatives of twenty-seven nations, speaking when at home fifteen languages, heartily cheered Queen Victoria and sang God Save the Queen.

Lawrence Irwell, a well-known Englishman about Toronto, and who has figured for the last year or two as a contributor to the Westminster Review and other English periodicals, was arrested lately, charged with the larceny of a fur cap and various other articles. On his person was found a pawn ticket for a gold medal which he had stolen from his room mate. Irwell is a man of brilliant attainments, is an Oxford University man, and in 1885 contested South Derbyshire in the Gladstonian interest. He has been hard up since he came to Toronto, and this it is supposed has driven him to theft. In the police court Irwell was sentenced to forty days in jail. He made no defence.

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