MISSIONARY FROM CHANGSHA

Tells of Escape from Howling Mob Which Looted Missions, Fired City and Threatened Lives of Foreigners

Many refugees from Changsha had reached Shanghai via Hankow before the Empress of China, which reached port Saturday left the Orient. A missionary, who escaped from Changsha, said: "The trouble arose on account of the scarcity and high price of rice. The people appealed to the governor to have the public granaries opened and the price lowered, but he was unwilling to do it, so there has been quite a little unrest, and for 2 or 3 days they have been congregating outside the South Gate. At last on April 13th, they surrounded the Governor's Yamen and declared they would kill him. They succeeded in breaking down the front part of the Yamen, but did not get in to the governor. Next night another attempt was made, and failing again in this, they attacked the missions. Report is, they said if one or two foreigners could be killed the foreign guards would take up the matter and the governor's life would be forfeited, and so they would gain their end. This report we did not hear till after our place was destroyed.

Attack Missions

"The first place attacked was the Norwegian premises at 1 a. m., where they broke up everything the missionary making his escape just as the mob got in. Two of the soldiers of the guard room opposite our place saw the attack on the Norwegian mission, and came over to urge us to get out as quickly as possible. It was then, 1.30 o'clock. We arose and dressed as rapidly as we could, gathered together some money and ran out at the back door. Just as we went out, the rioters came in at the front entrance. A crowd had also gathered at the back, and as we passed through they called out 'Catch them and kill them.' One of the crowd had also suggested that there were others inside, so, happily for us, their attention was turned away for the moment, and we were able to escape. The soldiers led us to a Yamen or jail; (the place, by the way, where Chow Han is imprisoned), and we stayed there till 6 a. m. Up till about 4 o'clock we could hear the shouting and yelling. Then things quieted down.

took us up on the wall, and round to the West Gate, from where we came on board the steamer Siang-tan, which had been held over by the British Consul. When we came on board we found the Liebenzell Friends there with many others. The Wesleyan missionaries had had to escape about 2 a.m. and their premises were partly destroyed. Several others had also been in hiding all night. Shortly after we reached the steamer we could see the Norwegian million building in flames, later on our place and the Governor's Yamen. About 5 o'clock our party was divided, and some came on board the steamer Chong Wo, which in the meantime had come from Hankow, and which was to be the first to leave for Hankow.

Place in Flames

Changsha was in flames before the steamer sailed. We all dressed quickly. The vessel was lying at anchor some three or four miles from Changsha; beside us was one of Butterfield's boats, the Kian. Very soon launches arrived with scores of Japanese refugees and the Japanese Consul; we went on board the Kian. Mr. Wilson, of the London Mission, was on this ship; he had been back two days. His house is wrecked. The German C.I.M. station and their new chapel have been burnt. Dr. Keller's hospital is standing, but all the C.I.M. houses have been burnt or wrecked. The Consulate is standing because it is leased from Chinese. Mr. Hewlett, the British Consul, and all the foreigners are on the Siangtan. I have just paid a visit to it in a sampan. We can see huge clouds of smoke rolling upwards. We hear that the rioters intend attacking the Japanese settlement this afternoon and the foreign houses on the island. Everybody, however, is in a good humor, notwithstanding that all their possessions, with the exception of a few clothes, have been burnt or destroyed. One boatload of foreigners has been dispatched to Yochow to make room for others. We are anxious about the Siangtan folk, as we fear riots might break out there too, and perhaps Hengshow will be disturbed. You remember I told you I was upset before we left. Three weeks ago, two rice shops were broken in.

"Two policemen who fired on the crown in Changsha were beheaded by the officials and also a petty officer and soldiers, their heads being hung up as warnings. The whole thing is led by a band of 30 men and originated in the high price of rice, which is entirely owing to the officials keeping back the granaries to raise the price. The Governor, an old gentleman, whom I saw on my down voyage has been killed, so they say. He was warned to lower the price or there would be serious trouble. A paper was taken to him to sign to that effect and he wouldn't sign it. The soldiers stand by at present and neither protect nor fight us but they protected the British Consulate. It seems that it is not anti-foreign, but that they hope by destroying the foreign houses to get redress and make rice cheaper.

"Last night a junk, the woodwork of which was saturated with petroleum, was set on fire and floated down the river, in the hope, apparently, that it would set fire to our steamers, but the river was too broad for their purpose. All day we are watching the blaze at Changsha, the smoke rising up from one spot after another like a furnace."

HIGHER INSURANCE RATES TO ALASKA

Underwriters Make Raise, But Owners Do Not Take Kindly to the Change.

SEATTLE, May 16.—Having announced an advance in rates on all business to Alaska, owing to heavy marine losses in Northern waters last year, underwriters are asking increased premiums from owners and shippers. It is difficult to state what percentage of advance has been made on hulls as the rate varies with classification and in individual cases. However, the insurance men are certain that if they stand together they can secure better figures and place the business on a paying basis. On the other hand the owners are not taking kindly to higher rates and they are attempting to secure the best figures possible. One great objection of the underwriters was the practice of sending large steel steamers through the inside passage. They claim that no vessel of more than 1,600 tons should attempt the tortuous course through the inside. The Alaska Steamship company is now sending its large steamers Northwestern and Alameda outside to Valdez and ports. Cargo rates on business going via the inside passage have advanced from 3-4 to 1 per cent., which was in effect last year to 1 per cent., while that shipped outside is advanced from 1-2 to 3-4 of 1 per cent. Owners who send their vessels outside and take every precaution are expected to get the most favorable rates.

TRUNK ROAD REPAIRS

Bituminous Macadam Suggested As Pavement for Outlying Portions of Main Arteries.

Only the outlying portions of those trunk roads which carry the heaviest traffic will be permanently repaired at present, according to a report to be submitted tonight by City Engineer Smith to the streets, bridges and sewers committee of the city council. The pavement which it is suggested should be used is bituminous macadam. Among the roads outlined in the plan are Bay street as far as Point Ellice Bridge. Repairs from that point to the city boundary along the Esquimalt Road will be of a temporary character. Another road to be dealt with is Belleville street as far as the outer wharf. On Douglas street it is proposed to lay a bituminous tar pavement from Fisguard as far as the fountain, and carry out temporary repairs from that point to the city boundary. Government street will have a permanent bituminous macadam laid from Discovery street to the fountain. On the foregoing roads the council will decide what rate of assessment will be levied, if any, on the property owners for the improvement to be effected.

On Fort street it is proposed to lay a permanent pavement from Cook street to Oak Bay Junction, the city paying 30 per cent. of the cost and the property owners the balance; from the junction to Richmond avenue, the city paying 50 per cent. of the cost and the property owners the balance; and from Richmond avenue to the city limits the city paying the entire cost.

LOST SIGHT HERE

Professor Cooper the Phrenologist Revisits City After Lengthy Absence.

Professor V. F. Cooper, the blind phrenologist, will lecture in one of the local churches in a few days' time. Professor Cooper is a native born Victorian; the son of Captain James O. Cooper, of the Hudson's Bay service. In 1876, while ill of brain fever, Mr. Cooper lost his eyesight.

He then studied phrenology under the Fowler-Wells systems of New York and at the Paddock school in San Francisco.

Mr. Cooper's lecture is an interesting one. It is not a humorous one, but goes into the educational value of the study of the art.

Mr. Cooper yesterday was busy renewing acquaintance with many former friends. His list of testimonials from clergymen and others details he was present in glowing terms with the interest attached to his work in various places.

MATRICULATION EXAMS

Time Table of Entrance Exams. to University is Published.

The timetable of the matriculation examinations for McGill University, to be held in the High School from Monday, June 13, until June 21, is announced as follows:

Monday, June 13

Morning: 9-10.45—English grammar. 10.45-12.45—English composition.
Afternoon: 2.30-4.30—English literature.

Tuesday, June 14

Morning: 9-11—Geometry, Part I.
Afternoon: 2-4—French.

Wednesday, June 15

Morning: 9-11—Arithmetic. 11-12.30—Physics.
Afternoon: 2-4—History and geography. 4-5.30—Chemistry.

Thursday, June 16

Morning: 9-11—Latin authors.
Afternoon: 2-4—Latin composition and translation at sight.

Friday, June 17.

Morning: 9-11—Algebra Part I.
Afternoon: 2-4—German. 4-5.30—Physiography.

Monday, June 20

Morning: 9-10.45—Algebra Part II. 10.45-12.15—Botany.
Afternoon: 2-3.45—Geometry, Part II.

Tuesday, June 22

Morning: 9-10.30—Trigonometry. 10.30-12.30—Greek authors.
Afternoon: 2.30-4.30—Greek composition and translation at sight.

Police Magistrate Suffocated

COBOURG, Ont., May 18.—Henry S. Holland, police magistrate of this town, was suffocated last night in a fire which destroyed the house of Kenyon Lett, his son-in-law. Fearing that some of his grandchildren were burning in the house, Holland entered the building, but the children had made their escape. It was thought Holland had emerged safely from the building, but the firemen found his body in the ruins. He was 69 years old.

Desert Their Homes

DULUTH, Minn., May 18.—A temporary general exodus took place today from Minnesota point, a long narrow strip of land containing the homes of several thousand people, located between the finger of Lake Superior and St. Louis Bay, reaching between Duluth and Superior, Wis. The more timid declared that the point, situated at the apex of Lake Superior, and not more than a dozen feet above the lake level would easily be submerged should the comet, forming a vacuum in its flight, drag a tidal wave up the lake and sweep on into St. Louis Bay. Therefore the timid ones came up town today and waited developments.

Duly Takes Oath.

Hon. Thomas Taylor, Minister of Public Works, who has just returned from an extended tour, was yesterday morning duly sworn in by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, being the last of the provincial cabinet to declare allegiance to the new sovereign, His Majesty George V.

PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

There are 55,000 fruit trees planted in the vicinity of Salmon Arm.

A tourist hotel is being built at the sulphur springs near Blairmore.

A wagon road is being built between New Denver and Rosebery.

Irrigation projects are numerous around Kelowna.

The rate of taxation in Penticton is fifteen mills.

Last month's payroll of the St. Eugene mine at Moyie amounted to $30,000.

A bad bush fire seriously threatened the town of Beaton on Monday last.

The lid has been put on in Hazelton and all gambling places closed.

Capt. W. H. Duncan Smellies is establishing a thoroughly up-to-date canning factory plant at Proctor.

Nelson is agitating for the establishmene of a nursery in or near the city, but as yet without results.

S. A. Kelly has been elected treasurer of the Nelson board of trade, vice H. G. Goudeye, who is leaving the city.

The C. P. R. hotel at Balfour will be ready for partial occupancy this autumn.

Sawdust dumped into the Kootenay lakes is reported to be killing the trout by thousands.

Many Southern California folk are planning to spend the summer in British Columbia.

Cory Menhenick has lost his hotel license at Camborne for disobedience to the license law.

An undressed fox skin from British Columbia recently sold in London, England for $2,500.

Registered Guernsey cattle are being shipped from Chilliwack to Linden, Wash.

The Ladysmith hospital committee met last evening to decide between two sets of favored plans.

The annual Chilcotin race meeting is to be held at Riske Creek on the 14th and 15th of June.

The contract for the new Presbyterian church at Merritt has been let to Hyland & McLean.

May 7 was the anniversary of the first landing upon Prince Rupert townsite four years ago.

Stewart will shortly have a Roman Catholic church, lots have been purchased for the purpose.

Prince Rupert board of trade is waging active warfare on the rats which infest that port.

The Otis Staples Lumber company is erecting ten model cottages for its employees at Wycliffe.

Twenty tenders have been received for the proposed new electric lighting plant for Prince Rupert.

A sash and door factory will be started at Chemainus shortly. The factory will be the largest of its kind on Vancouver Island.

Temporary arrangements have been made with the Prince Rupert postmaster wherby Stewart gets a more frequent mail service.

The C. P. R. steamer Rossland is again running on the Arrow lakes in place of the Minto, which took the winter service.

M. Gozork, a C. P. R. employee, dropped dead at Genelle a few days ago while carrying a pail of water from a service tap to the sleeping car.

Cranbrook's corporation laborers are striking for an advance of 25 cents per diem. They demand $2.75 for 10-hour day.

A 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. McKinchy, was accidentally drowned in St. Joseph's creek, near Cranbrook on Tuesday last.

Deep snow in the Devil's Canyon, Cariboo, is greatly delaying mail and express matter. Snow six feet deep on the 6th of May is a distinct novelty for British Columbia.

Alex. Pollick, a rope-rider at the mines of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke company, received injuries in the works last week which will necessitate the loss of a leg.

A company holding the charter to install a lighting system in Prince Rupert started work a few days ago, having been refused an extension of time.

The Ottawa museum has purchased a war canoe from the Indians of Masset. It is fifty-two feet in length and is a work of art that will be a creditable addition to the museum to which it is consigned.

The Dominion government has constituted Yale and Cariboo a separate public works department district in charge of Hon. Hon. F. W. Aylmer, who will probably make his headquarters at Revelstoke.

Jack Griffiths received fatal injuries at Phoenix on Sunday last by the accidental discharge of a 22-calibre target rifle. The weapon was on the ground, loaded and locked, and a man named McCreath was in the act of picking it up when it was in some unaccountable manner discharged, the bullet entering Griffith's brain above the left eye.

Hosmer has now a phone service.

Cranbrook barbers have formed a local union.

Rossland has fixed the transient realty agent's license at $100.

A heavy crop of strawberries is promised this season for the Kootenay valley.

Trout Lake, constituents last week banquetted Mr. N. F. Mackay, M. P. P.

A new jail is needed at Nelson according to the grand jury's presentment.

There are now 75 ordained Presbyterian ministers at work in this province.

Over 160 men are now engaged at the whaling station at Page's Lagoon, Queen Charlotte Islands.

Nelson has defeated by 13 a bylaw to give the Y. M. C. A. free water and exemption from taxation.

Mr. and Mrs. John McLeod, of Kaslo, last week celebrated their golden wedding.

Another drowning occurred at New Westminster on Monday, when Pat Joe, an Indian, lost his life by falling overboard from the steamer Beaver.

Cranbrook's municipal building bylaw has been endorsed by the interested ratepayers, and the C. P. R. and Y. M. C. A. bylaws completely snowed under.

The Dominion government has definitely arranged to use the Nelson smelter for its experiments in connection with the zinc industry.

Salmon Arm's board of trade has offered prizes for a series of essays dealing with the area, progress and possibilities of the district.

Fire at the Wattsburg lumber yard last Monday destroyed 100,000 feet of lumber. The mill buildings escaped damage.

The associated boards of trade of East Kootenay are petitioning for a daily mail service for the towns along the Crow's Nest Pass line.

E. C. Senkler, of Vancouver, formerly legal adviser to the Yukon territorial government, has been appointed a stipendiary magistrate for the Northwest Territory.

A vigorous campaign to raise an endowment fund of $100,000 in aid of Westminster Hall, the only Presbyterian college west of Winnipeg, opens this morning at Vancouver, and will close on Tuesday next.

Property of the Great Northern at Nelson was last week attached by three section men in connection with a suit for wages. The men had been absent from their section ten days and the company deducted from their time checks accordingly.

John G. Tait has left Phoenix for Juneau, Alaska, to accept a position with a mining company. On the evening prior to his departure he was presented with a gold watch-chain and locket mounted with the triple-link emblem, by the Snowshoe lodge I. O. O. F.

Violent deaths, mysterious disappearances and suicides have been many in New Westminster city and district this year. There have been seven cases in which the actual cause of death is unknown. Of these three bodies have been found floating in the river; another has been found floating in the slough near the asylum, and one body was picked up in a ditch alongside the Lulu Island dyke, a broken neck being responsible for death. An old man walked away from Pitt Meadows and has not been seen since. There have been four cases of fatal accident one man has met death at the hands of others, and there have been two cases of suicide.

The railway right-of-way gangs have practically completed the work of clearing the right-of-way as far as Hazelton and those working beyond will have their work completed to Morricetown, on the Bulkley river by June. Tunnel contracts are progressing favorably. The long approach to the Freeberg and Stone contract, five miles below Hazelton, are completed and work underground is well under way. On the Duncan Ross tunnel, five miles east on the Bulkley river, the contractors have 200 feet of the 300 feet of underground work completed, and are making good progress. Additional contracts have been let for grading on the Bulkley river eight or ten miles east, but there can be little done till the steamers take up further material and provisions for the work, when the grade will be pushed as vigorously forward as the labor supply will permit.

The Queen Mine, Sheep Creek, has sent out another $10,000 gold brick.

J. James and A. Craig, two Coal creek tracklayers, received fatal injuries on Saturday by being struck by moving cars

The formation of a patrol of the Baden-Powell Scouts at Rossland is announced.

It is expected that the railway line from Nanaimo to Alberni will be opened for general traffic next summer.

S. G. Paulin, a practical millman from St. John's, Que., is looking for a millsite and limits in the Kootenay country.

New Westminster's school trustees want the city council to provide a truant officer.

The bachelors of Kitselas announce a first annual ball for the evening of the 24th.

A large tent town is growing up at Fort George. There is a great scarcity of lumber for permanent buildings.

The Fort George Tribune will shortly be issued daily under the control of a nephew of the late John Houston.

Robinson and Mackenzie of Kamidops will build a sawmill on the South Thompson river.

As a result of fishing for minnows in a slough near Revelstoke, two children of that city have had cases of typhoid.

Friends in Vancouver have been advised that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will visit that city early in August.

Charles H. Meechard is stocking his ranch at Crescent valley with pedigreed cattle.

Susan Haynes, a lodging-house jewellery thief, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment at Vancouver.

At a meeting of the Prince Rupert Real Estate Exchange $1,000 was voted toward the publication of a pamphlet advertising that city.

Owing to the rapid rise of the Similkameen river, the builders of the V. V. & E. are experiencing considerable difficulty in the vicinity of Keremeos.

The new Lynn creek line of the B. C. E. R. Co. is proving so popular that a double service was necessary last Sunday.

P. Moran, who has a tie contract with the C. P. R. at Cascade, had a tree fall upon him near that place recently, and died of his injuries half an hour later.

James Thompson, assistant physical director of the Vancouver Y. M. C. A., has been appointed physical director of the Nelson association.

The B. C. E. R. Co. has rejected the suggestions as to union depot facilities at Chilliwack, in association with the G. N. R.

F. H. Mackie and party, from Ottawa have left Vancouver for the North, to resume work on the Alaska boundary survey.

Fifty ship carpenters are at present employed at Sodo Creek constructing boats for transportation service in the part of the interior.

The Greenwood strike has been officially declared off, the miners voting 79 to 13 to return to work upon the advice of the executive of the W. F. M.

Russell and Joseph Davis, of Jedway, have sold the Apex group of mines at Tasso Harbor, Moresby Island, to a New York syndicate for $125,000.

The Fisheries Co. of B. C., Limited, a British company with paid-up capital of $1,500,000, has successfully inaugurated business at the Terminal city.

Frank Jordan, of Fire Valley, was killed last week by the vehicle he was driving slipping owing to a recent slide, and falling over a precipice 200 feet in height.

Maple Ridge municipal council has approved the assessment rate at eight mills on improved lands, 45 on wild lands and 1 1-2 mills for school purposes.

Owing to the large number of bush fires raging in the interior, Fire Warden Chas. Mix has been advised not to issue any more permits and also to cancel permits not as yet acted upon.

Another rich strike of gold on Graham Island is reported. J. Douglas, who has been investigating a claim, recently brought south several samples of high grade ore which he is stated to have taken out with a pick.

The Princess May will make a special trip from Vancouver to Stewart, leaving the south on May 25, calling at Rupert on the 27th, and proceed to Stewart, where she will be up for two days and then return.

The residence of L. Hanson, on the Granite road, near Nelson, was burned on Saturday, two sofas being the only part of the contents saved. The house and contents were partly insured.

An experimental farm and the introduction of a number of deer are two matters which the people of Queen Charlotte Islands are bringing before the provincial and federal governments. A government land office is another of their requirements.

Fishery Licenses

A number of the Skeena river fishermen have recently communicated with the provincial department of fisheries stating that they have secured federal licenses to fish, and thereupon demanding that provincial licenses be issued to them. The provincial department has already announced that it will only issue licenses to fish in connection with operating licenses granted to canneries. This determination on the part of the government was reached in order that the boat rating allowed the various Northern canneries might not be jeopardized. The ratings would be nullified in their effect where fishing licences to be issued indiscriminately as it would then be possible for canneries operating to the limit of their ratings to secure additional fish from fishermen not attached to any cannery. Only the total number of boats—some 850—allotted to the canneries on the Skeena river, will be permitted to fish. Men attempting to operate boats under federal licenses and in defiance of the provincial regulations will be placed under arrest. This ultimatum has been issued by the provincial government.

Mrs. Robert Ritchie and Mrs. David Laughton, of Nelson, are spending a few days in Victoria, both ladies being numbered among the delegates to the Grand Lodge, L. O. T. M.

HIGH OFFICIAL OF LADIES OF MACCABEES

Miss Bina M. West Arrives and Is Welcomed by Local Officials—Tells of Work of Order

There is nothing of the hardness that is supposed to accompany business ability about the genial personality of Miss Bina M. West, the Supreme Record Keeper of the Order of the Ladies of the Maccabees. She is a handsome woman whose bright brown eyes show that she is by no means lacking in a saving sense of humor.

Miss West arrived in Victoria yesterday afternoon, after a very successful tour through Colorado, California, Oregon and Washington. She has spoken at large central gatherings in most of the large cities of those States, and has met and conversed with 5,000 members of the Order and a large number of their friends.

Everywhere she has met with kindness and appreciation. A leading club woman of Portland, Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunnoway, refers to the Order as the Business End of the Woman's Movement, and Miss West accepts the phrase as a compliment.

Eighteen years ago the woman who has acquired a national reputation was an enthusiastic advocate of women's advancement. She has learned since, she says with a pleasant laugh, that women have their limitations and that reforms are not so easily brought about. However, she became convinced that one of the ways of doing good in the world was to induce mothers to provide for the future of their children, or daughters for their mothers. She recognized that women as well as men have those depending on them who should be provided for.

At first she was able to conduct all the business of the office herself, now she has sixty women clerks, some of whom are trained actuaries. Miss West considers this the best answer to the question as to whether women have good business ability.

A talent for detail she considers the secret of success in business. The office has now funds amounting to $5,000,000 and has paid out to beneficiaries $8,000,000. Asked why the Order was a secret one, Miss West said that the fraternal organizations had certain exemptions by law, and in that way business could be more economically carried on. But this was not the only advantage. There was developed in the Order a feeling of mutual helpfulness and a harmony that was absent from purely business organizations. Though non-political and non-sectarian, Miss West looks upon the Order as educational in many ways. Women learn from it to be businesslike and as it is a representative body its proceedings are an excellent training in citizenship. The National Convention meets once in four years in Atlantic City, and Miss West herself is one of the officers chosen there.

Good Literary Work

A great deal of good literary work is done by the Order, courses being published in its organ. Although the greater number of members are found in the Middle States it is strong in the west, and Miss West is quite satisfied with its progress in this Province.

Miss West was taken round the city yesterday afternoon for a motor ride and last evening entertained at a delightful reception at the Alexandra Club. Today will be devoted to the business of the convention. There are delegates down from Rossland, Grand Forks, Phoenix, Revelstoke, Westminster, Vancouver, Cumberland, Nanaimo and a number of other visitors from places where there is as yet no organization.

To Pave Parliament Drives.

The contract has been signed with the Hassam Pavement Co. and work is to begin almost immediately in connection with the modernizing of the parliament square drives. This work, which involves an expenditure of approximately $20,000, being required by the terms of the contract to be completed by the 30th of September next

Sanitation at Stewart

Telegraphic instructions have been sent to Mr. Aviston, the sanitation expert engaged by the Government at Prince Rupert—which now, as an incorporated city, will look after its own affairs of this nature—directing him to proceed to Stewart and act in a similar capacity there. Hon. Dr. Young thus indicating his determination to lose no time in disposing of the matters in this regard referred to him by the executive meeting on Tuesday afternoon. It is estimated by Mr. Harry Smith, who recently interviewed the Premier as a delegate from the citizens of Stewart, that a grant of $20,000 will be required for the establishment of sanitary conditions at the Portland Canal city, as well as $10,000 for temporary sidewalks—for Stewart is to be a true city, and before long will seek incorporation and begin to lay pavements in its own behalf.

Mrs. S. Mainwaring Johnson is visiting with Mrs. J. S. Clute, New Westminster.

MINING NEWS

Metal Markets.

London copper close: Spots 56-2-6 up 2-6. Futures 57, up 1-3.

New York silver, 52⅞. London silver, 24 13-16. Mexican dollars 44 cents.

Standard copper, 12½ to 12⅝.

Lead, $4.35 to $4.35.

Tin, $32.10 to $32.20.

Spelter, 5¼ to 5¼.

The Copper Market

The European copper statistics for the second half of April are disappointing, there having been no reduction in the visible supply. This is somewhat surprising in view of the lightness of exportation from this side in March and April, and is explainable only by a failure of the demand from the consumers on the other side to maintain itself at the rate expected. Statistics due next week will undoubtedly show an increase in the accumulation on this side. Consequently the situation will appear statistically less favorable at the end of April than it did a month previous.

While we are optimistic in a broad view, especially with respect to increasing consumption, it must be recognized that for the moment the prospects for the copper market is inauspicious. Although the world's visible supply is proportionately less than some previous accumulations, the existence of a large stock has created a pessimistic popular impression which apparently cannot be dispelled. Although manufacturers may recognize that copper ought to fetch upwards of 13c., they evidently are not interested in laying in supplies under present conditions. The outcome will probably be such concession in price by the leading producers as will interest speculators in taking over large blocks of the accumulation with a view to carrying the metal for a long pull. After that the market may be in a position for an upward turn. At what price speculators will be interested remains to be seen.

Prevention of Ankylostomiasis

The ankylostoma, or miner's worm, has been for two years the subject of experiments at the college of medicine, Newcastle, England, by Sir Thomas Oliver and Hermann Beiger. The chief object was to find a way to prevent infection of wet and ill-ventilated mines. On January 21, 1910, Sir Oliver read a paper before the Society of Tropical Medicine. According to the statements in this paper, of the 41 disinfectants tried by Mr. Beiger, the best was sulphate of iron. This costs $39 a ton. A one per cent. solution of it would cover 100,000 square yards of floor 1 cm. deep. It would prevent the development of any eggs that might be present, and kill larvae within a day. Almost equally effective are cinders. Old cinders are better than fresh, because richer in chlorides. Ankylostoma larvae are often found in the grooves at the sides of main entries. These grooves should be filled with cinders. Cinders should be sprinkled round the sanitary pails, both above and below ground. Salt water is a third possible disinfectant; it kills larvae within an hour. Creosote also kills larvae quickly. Hence when the air is moist and there is no danger of fire, the lower end of props should be creosoted to a height of about half a yard. Ankylostoma larvae are fond of climbing, and wooden props easily become reservoirs of them. Managers of collieries and brickfields in cold climates are apt to think that their winter secures them from the ankylostoma, but Oliver and Beiger found that larvae frozen for six days revived and were little the worse. Tenholt found larvae in miners' worn boots, although these had not been in the mud in which the men had been working. This suggests that the larvae may migrate in boots from one mine to another. The interval between the infection of a man (through his mouth or skin) and the appearance of eggs in his feces, is 30 to 35 days.

THE LOCAL MARKETS

Flour.	
Royal Household, a bag	$ 1.30
Lake of the Woods, a bag	1.30
Royal Standard, a bag	1.30
Wild Rose, a bag	1.80
Robin Hood, per sack	2.00
Calgary, a bag	1.75
Snowflake, a bag	1.85
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.75
Three Star, per sack	1.80
Quaker, a bag, per bag	1.85
Feedstuffs.	
Bran, per 100 lbs.	1.50
Shorts, per 100 lbs.	1.60
Middlings, per 100 lbs.	1.70
Oats, per 100 lbs	1.50
Feed Wheat, per 100 lbs.	2.25
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs.	1.65
Barley, per 100 lbs.	1.75
Crushed Barley, per 100 lbs.	1.85
Chop Feed, per 100 lbs.	1.50
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs.	2.00
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs.	2.25
Feed, Cornmeal, per 100 lbs.	2.25
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	22.00@25.00
Hay, prairie	15.00
Eggs.	
Fresh Island, per dozen	.35
Eastern Eggs, per dozen	.30
Cheese.	
Canadian, per lb.	.20
Neufchatel, each	.10
Cream, local, each	.10
Butter.	
Alberta, per lb.	.35
Best Dairy	.35@.30
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	.45
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	.45
Comox Creamery, per lb.	.40
Salt Spring Is. Creamery, lb.	.45
Meats.	
Beef, per lb.	.08@.20
Mutton, per lb.	.15@.20
Mutton, Australian	.15@.20
Veal, dressed, per lb.	.15@.20
Geese, dressed, per lb.	.30@.24
Chickens, per lb.	.25@.30
Chickens, per lb., live weight	.13½@.15
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	.20@.25
Hams, per lb.	.18@.25
Pork	.15@.20
Fruit.	
Figs, table, per lb.	.25
Lemons, per dozen	.30
Oranges, Naval	.30@.50
Bananas	.35@.40
Apples, per box	.25
Grape Fruit, (Cal.)	2.50@3.50
Grape fruit (Florida)	.15@.12½
Strawberries (Cal.) box	.15
	.20
Vegetables.	
Onions, 6 lbs for	.25
Sweet Potatoes, 3 lbs.	.25
Beets, per lb.	.05
Carrots, per lb.	.05
Parsley, per bunch	.05
Celery, per bunch	.10
Cucumbers	.25
Potatoes, local, per sack	1.00
Potatoes, Ashcroft, per sack	2.00
Potatoes, new per lb.	.2
Cauliflower, each	.20
Cabbage, new, per lb.	.04
Lettuce, a head	.05
Garlic, per lb.	.20
Rhubarb, per lb.	.2
Asparagus, (local)	.12½@.15
Green Peas, 2 lbs.	.25
Spinach, 5 lbs.	.25
Onions (Australian) 3 lbs.	.25
Tomatoes (Florida), per lb.	.25
Artichokes, (Globe), each	.10
Artichokes, Jerusalem, lb	.5

Births Marriages, Deaths

MARRIED.

BENNETT-CALDER — At Trinity church, Seattle, Wash., on the 11th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Gowen, Harry Cecil Bennett of Stewart, B. C., to Gladys Mabel, only child of the late Jeffrey Calder, of London, England.

CONSER-THOMPSON—At San Jose, on April 3rd, 1910, by Rev. Father McNally, of St. Mary's church, Wm. Penn Conser of Lindsay, Pa., to Mae Victoria, daughter of Capt. John Thompson, of this city.

DIED.

GILMORE—At his residence, 515 Ellice street, Alexander Gilmore, a native of County Derry, Ireland, aged 86 years.

NEWBURY—At 136 Government street, on the 12th inst., Wm. Newbury, a native of Hanslope, Bucks, aged 72.

ANDERNACH—On March 16th, 1910, drowned in the Straits, near Victoria, B. C., Otto Eberhard Andernach, aged 23 years, and a native of London, England.

MINISTER RETURNS FROM THE INTE

Hon. Thomas Taylor of W Department Convinced Trunk Road Is Practi Through to Alberta

After three weeks of almost co traveling through the Similk part of Yale, and the several di of the Kootenay, observing all tions as they relate to the imp works coming within the extensiv its of his departmental responsib Hon. Thomas Taylor, minister of works, reached Victoria by N evening's steamer, forty-eight ahead of the schedule which hi freres had blocked out for him trip, although, arduous, apparent agreed with the minister, and presses himself with enthusiasm conditions as he observed them in part of the province visited.

"Throughout the interior, evi of prosperity are everywhere," s to the Colonist yesterday, "and trial development and business s show that prosperity rests on a foundation. I was particularly pressed with the satisfactory cond in the section of which Creston population centre. It is a fruit ing region that is coming to the with truly remarkable rapidity, its growth and prosperity are ob ly substantial. At Grand Forks conditions with the fruit growe all that could be desired, and I s signs and heard no complaints o frosts referred to in newspapers coast. It seems like going from to hear the news in this case.

Through Trunk Road.

"As to the through inter-prov trunk road, my tour has convinc that there are no engineering di ties to prevent the complete and factory consummation of the which we have in development. A as I return from Prince Rupert which city and Stewart I am le about the end of the month, I p to inaugurate a thorough investi of the road conditions from the s of Roach river (the strip over the mountains) to a connection wit Princeton-Nicola wagon road. T the one link in the big highway s which is not yet thoroughly stood.

"When this inter-provincial road scheme has been carried to pletion and linked with the A road system at the border, we have a first-class highway comp across British Columbia from W ver to Alberta—a road suitable f classes of traffic—riding, drivin motoring—from 750 to 800 mil length on the Mainland; while with this, by an inevitable ferriage be the new Mill Bay road and the trunk road system higher up the giving an additional 150 miles or abouts, so that there will be pract one continuous and magnificent road stretching through Vanco Island and all the way to Alber a thousand miles in length, by tra which the visitor may enjoy an u passed opportunity to become acqu ed with British Columbia in its va phases and characteristics."

HEAVY DOCKET AT WESTMINSTER ASS

Five Indictments for Mu and the Strange Case o Infatuated Chinaman Down for Trial

It is expected that the various c included in the docket for the n nalmo court of assize will be disp of this week, thus permitting de attorney-general to also represent crown at the New Westminster size, arranged to open on Tue next, the 24th instant, or (this t Empire Day) the 25th. Hon Justice Murphy is announced to side, and the docket is an exte one, containing a variety of e serious indictments. Of these are for murder, in the cases of three Wilcox brothers, the In August Charlie, and the Japa Kenzo Ichimaru; while Simon Ge another Indian, is charged with sh ing with intent, a Pitt Mead rancher named Ford with unlaw wounding, and a Chinaman, J. Johnnie, with having indicted a ter containing threats of death.

This latter case is likely to at considerable amusement for c room habitues, arising out of the welcome and strongly resented fatuation of the accused, a Chi gardener, for Miss Lydia Stickle, white schoolmistress at Pitt r The Chinaman with sundry f souvenirs of his interest, is state have sent the lady a gold watch also emblematic of his undying d tion. To this he makes referenc the curious epistle, the writing which has brought him to a prison cell. As a weird example of epi ary love-making, as well as a c osity of literature, is it is worth interest.

The only other item on the Westminster assize docket is Re Dedul, arson, a case standing from the autumnal assize.

LAUNCH IS BURNED

Fears Are Entertained That Ov May Have Been Drowned

VANCOUVER, May 17.—On beach just south of Siwash roc the hull of the gasoline launch T burned to the water line and pra cally a total loss, and the owne man whose name is given as Bar has not been seen since he left Co slip in the boat on Saturday n The wreck of the Tyee was dis cered yesterday, and if Barrow been saved he would have been s around Andy Linton's float or Co slip, where he made his headquart