EWS OF THE PROVINCE

anne Mining Deal Is at Last Put Through for a Big Sum.

rnon Farmers Ask for Cheap Money—Vancouver Wrestling With Smelter Proposals.

ANCOUVER, March 30.—(Special)—The anne mining deal, which has been pend- for some time involving the payment 125,000, has been consummated by which e fourteen properties of the Channe e Co. have been purchased by the dfields of British Columbia Co. Ltd.

. S. Taggart returned from a visit to ada island yesterday and speaks enthu- tically of the magnificent showing on Van Anda, Surprise and Silver Tipe. says that the work done on the island in the hands of very competent former th African men and was being very ctively performed. He believes that ada will be one of the leading camps in province, not alone owing to the fact a wealthy New Yorker is at present on grounds choosing a site for a smelter, many other capitalists are visiting the nds with a view of investment, but be- se the ore is there in place and can be ed and smelted remarkably cheap. he time of the council last night was rly all taken up by smelter propositions. Toronto Smelter Co. asked to submit a proposition, but the council were er of the opinion that they had com- ted themselves already too far with ns & Co., the English syndicate. The onto representative stated that the glish syndicate had put up no guaran- and therefore he should be allowed to mit his proposition, which was to build helter with a capacity of 250 tons a day bonus of $75,000, a money guarantee e deposited that the scheme would be ied out. As soon as the question had placed on the table a communication received from the board of trade smel- ommittee stating that a letter had ar- d from Evans & Co. making virtually proposals. Fifteen years' exemption been asked instead of ten, all the coun- re authorised to grant.

Dibble has been chosen president of phrenological society and G. W. Payne etary. This society is growing in gth and has among its members many ancouver's prominent citizens. Public acter readings are held once a month.

WESTMINSTER.

W WESTMINSTER, March 30.—(Special.) the timber commission statements d for from the B. C. T. and T. Co., the Brunette mills were handed y Mr. Beecher. Mr Jardine, lo- manager, stated that the total unt of timber received from Cran- and Callum was 1,535,468 feet. company bought some timber from M. Brassey, 800,000 feet, in the summer of He was to pay stumpage if any. Ques- d as to why the returns were not filled to the quantity manufactured, witness they had never been in the practice of g in the returns of all the timber cut e mills. They only entered on the re- what they had to pay stumpage on. Lewis, questioned as to why the re- handed in had not given the quantity mber manufactured and the quantity land, said that the reason why their manager had not put this in was be- e the lumber was sold in San Francisco he had not secured returns from that e. He thought the Dominion timber rts were all off their own berths.

GALIANO.

LIANO, March 30.—The severe wind s of last week played havoc with erty, and trees were falling in all tions. No accident of a fatal nature, ever, has been reported.

way of variety a series of athletic s will be held at Plumper Pass on sday next, the chief item on the pro- me being a sailing match for small over a three mile course for a large ; over twenty competitors have en-

eph E. Pocock and Ellen M. Wright, of Galiano, were married at West- ter to-day. After spending a few days nsloops they will proceed East and their future home at Bradwardine, Griswold, Manitoba. The happy e are well known and respected here, leave behind a host of congratulating ds.

VERNON.

NON, March 25.—At a meeting of far- of Okanagan valley, held at Vernon ursday, March 25, Mr. W. C. Ricardo lected chairman, and Mr. J. A. Mc- e, secretary.

following resolutions were unani- y passed:

ved by Mr. Price Ellison, seconded by . J. Tronson, that whereas the rates erest charged farmers on money ob- on mortgages of lands are, at the t low prices of farm produce, impos- o meet; and whereas the companies dividuals advancing the money on mortgages are in many cases obtain- e money at 3 per cent. and loaning it r 12 per cent.; and whereas agricul- suffering so much from this cause not only put increase of settlement duction out of the question, but to the almost total collapse of agri- e in this province within probabilities of the near future: ore it is resolved that the farmers non and vicinity ask our provincial ment to give immediate attention to atter of obtaining money for the s on the security of their lands, with rnment guarantee, at government nd to re-let it to the farmers at the ate, plus a liberal but reasonable al- e for expenses and a sinking fund, ry to pay off the principal in a term s, not exceeding thirty-five. Resolv- a copy of these resolutions be mail- he provincial government, and the e forwarded to the Vernon News, the COLONIST and the Daily World for ation."

My Neighbor Told Me

ood's Sarsaparilla and advised me to his is the kind of advertising which ood's Sarsaparilla the largest sales in ld. Friend tells friend that Hood's illa cures; that it gives strength, vitality and vigor, and whole neighbor- se it as a family medicine.

s Pills act easily and promptly on the l bowels. Cure sick headache.

DIED.

n this city, on the 19th inst., Frederick , a native of Yorkshire, England, aged ars.

s—At Duncan, B.C., on the 24th inst., Ann Williams, a native of Cornwall, and, aged 65 years.

LL—At 23 Burdette Avenue, on the 26th Mrs. L. M. Caldwell, wife of Dr. Wm. s Caldwell, and daughter of the late Mahood, C.E., Deputy Surveyor-Gen- St. Andrews, New Brunswick.

—On the morning of the 29th inst., at family residence, Five Sisters Block, aret Hagarty, beloved wife of Alex- McNiven, a native of North Sydney, Breton, N.S., aged 44 years.

—In this city, on the 29th inst., Agnes el, youngest daughter of C. H. and S. Gibbons.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Third Session of the Seventh Parliament.

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, March 31, 1897.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock.

Prayers by Rev. W. D. Barber.

The clerk read a letter from Mr. R. T. Daniels, secretary to the Trail Water Company, which protested against a petition presented to the house asking that a private bill should not be given to the company. The letter stated that the petition complained of was presented with a view to prejudice the legislature against the company. The company, it was added, did not ask for any exclusive privileges in the bill and had no intention of doing so.

The following bills received their first reading:

An act to amend the "Election Regulation Act"—Mr. Kennedy.

An act to amend the "Wide Tire Act"—Mr. Kellie.

An act to amend the "Tramway Company Incorporation Act, 1895"—Mr. Kellie.

On the motion for the third ing the West Kootenay Power & Light Co. bill, Mr. Forster moved that the order be discharged and the bill recommitted for the purpose of striking out clause 40.

Mr. Kellie said no bill in the house gave so much power as this, and he wanted the bill postponed for a few days. Clause 29, he said, gave the company practically unrestricted power over the whole of Kootenay, and ought never to have been passed.

Mr. Forster's motion was carried, and the bill was recommitted for Friday.

Dr. Walkem, as a question of priviege, called attention to the fact that three departmental reports were not yet down.

The Premier—"Which departments are they?"

Dr. Walkem said the Minister of Agriculture had not sent down his report, and the report of the Superintendent of the Insane was not down yet.

Hon. Premier Turner said it was not necessary to have an annual report of the department of agriculture. Several hon. members especially asked the question last year, and it was discussed while the budget debate was going on. It did not in any way affect the estimates, and the hon. member simply wanted to get hold of a complaint for to-morrow.

Mr. Cotton—What's the other report?

Dr. Walkem—I don't remember. (Laughter.)

Hon. Col. Baker said the insane asylum report would be presented that day. As the hon. member well knew and as all the members were aware, the superintendent met with a very sad and serious loss, and he wrote to say that his report would be delayed for a short time for that reason. It was now ready.

Dr. Walkem said the other report not down was the survey report.

Hon. Col. Baker presented the report of the superintendent of the asylum for the insane. In that report, Dr. Bodington, the superintendent, stated that during the year ended December 31, 1896, there were treated at the asylum 228 patients, of whom 180 were males and 48 females. There remained in residence at the end of the year 171, of whom 142 were males and 29 were females. The new admissions during the year were 64, which was two more than in 1895. The patients discharged numbered 48, of whom 23 had recovered—being 35.94 of the admissions—32 were discharged as improved, 6 were still on probation and 3 were unimproved. The superintendent mentioned that five patients were sent home to their friends in England, and he remarks: "All these cases were illustrations of a practice too much in vogue in Great Britain of shipping off to the colonies weak-minded young persons who are unmanageable at home and unable to make a career for themselves, or earn a livelihood there." He remarked that if patients of their kind were unable to steer a straight course in the old country with the assistance of their friends, how less likely was it that when left to themselves they would be unable to cope with the struggles and difficulties of colonial life. The five cases mentioned were typical examples of the most undesirable class of immigrants it was possible to conceive. Such persons, who were sent out to be got rid of, were totally unfit for the battle of colonial life, and naturally gravitated into the asylum, swelling the ranks of the already too numerous lunatics, and adding to the pecuniary burden of the province. It was hard upon the colonies that the mother country should ship off those "waifs and strays," those victims of "borderland insanity" to become confirmed lunatics, and to be maintained at the expense of the community. The question of the feasibility of sending such patients back to their own parishes in the United Kingdom was one worthy of serious consideration. There were nine deaths during the year, but no suicides. Several patients tried to escape, but were retaken. A padded room was now almost completed. The monthly cost per head last year was $15.80 or 87 cents less than in 1895. The average for the past seven years is $16.16. The total expenditure for the year was $34,065.80; $3,741 was received from paying patients.

Mr. Kidd asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

1. Is it true that the government have made, or promised to make, some modifications in the terms and conditions in the leases of the Burnaby small holders?

2. If so, what modifications have been made or promised to be made?

Hon. Mr. Martin in reply said: "The government has the matter under negotiation."

Mr. Kennedy asked the Minister of Education:

1. Is there a school called "Campbell's Creek school" (or some such name) between Kamloops and Ducks?

2. Has there been any trouble in getting teachers to take charge of such school?

3. Has such school shown an actual daily attendance of 10, as required by the Act?

4. If not, why has said school not been closed?.

Hon. Col. Baker in reply said:

1. Yes.

2. Not to my knowledge.

3. No.

4. Being an assisted school the average daily attendance of 10 is not demanded by the school act.

Mr. Hume asked the Minister of Mines:

1. Did the government instruct the gold commissioners of East Yale or West Kootenay not to grant any water rights in the above districts?

2. If so, what date were such notices sent out?

3. Has the government or any of its agents made any water grants in the above districts?

4. If so, to whom, and the amount in inches and the date of such grant or grants?

Hon. Col. Baker replied as follows:

1. Yes; without the consent of the Lieut.-Governor in Council.

2. March 8.

3. Yes; in the district of West Kootenay.

4. To the Reco and Noble Five mining companies 200 inches each on March 13; to F. A. Heinze 1,200 inches on the 29th March. Applications by the aforesaid were made to the Gold Commissioner for the district several months previous to the 8th of March.

Mr. Kellie returned to this subject later in the day, asking the Minister of Mines whether in granting 1,200 inches of water to Mr. F. A. Heinze he had protected the interests of the town of Trail and the Trail Water Company which had put in works.

Hon. Col. Baker had no objection to answering the question but he did not want it to be taken as a precedent for ministers being called upon to answer questions on the spur of the moment. He would have been pleased to give the hon. member the information if he had gone privately to him. He thought he would be quite satisfied that what the government had done in this matter would be entirely in the interests of the public.

The house went into committee on the Nanaimo-Alberni Railway Company's bill, Mr. Rogers in the chair. The bill was reported complete without amendments and the report was adopted. The bill was read a third time and passed.

The Cariboo Railway Company's bill was again considered in committee, Mr. Graham in the chair. An amendment was adopted giving the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in place of the assembly the right of approving the route.

Hon. D. M. Eberts moved as an amendment to strike out the clause binding the company to deposit a security construction bond of $2,000. Carried.

The committee rose and reported the bill complete with amendments.

The report of the Vancouver-Nanaimo Railway Transfer bill was adopted and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The house then passed through committee, without amendment, the Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster Railway bill and the Delta, Westminster and Eastern Railway Amendment bill.

The house went into committee on the Companies Clauses Consolidation bill, Mr. Smith in the chair. Before the chairman started on the usual reading of the clauses Hon. Mr. Eberts said it would save much public time if the house would agree to the clauses being taken as read. They were exactly the same as they stood in the English act. He had had the bill very carefully examined clause by clause to see that there were no mistakes.

Mr. Semlin agreed to that course if the Attorney-General would take all responsibility for anything which might be found to be inaccurate in the bill.

Hon. Mr. Eberts cheerfully assented to this. He mentioned that this bill, the water bill and the companies' bill would not be finally passed until the end of the session, in order that hon. members might properly examine them. The government were anxious to have the measures thoroughly discussed, and wished them approved by both sides of the house. (Hear, hear.)

The 197 clauses were put through, but as the preamble requires a little change the committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Capt. Irving moved the second reading of the Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation Company's Taku Inlet-Teslin Lake Railway bill.

Carried.

The house adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Mr. Hume—For a return of any correspondence in regard to the applications of the Reco Mining Co. and Noble Five Mining Co. and A. Heinze & Co. for record of water in West Kootenay, together with particulars of conditions upon which any such record has been granted and the extent of same, and any correspondence as to any such applications from any other persons since Jan. 1, 1897, and any reports in regard to same or any other applications or in regard to the general question of water records from any government official or any other person.

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THE PILL THAT WILL.

[FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, April 1.]

BIBLE SOCIETY.

Splendid Work Done by the Victoria Branch of This Valuable Organization.

An Appeal for More Assistance and Co-Operation in Furthering Its Aims.

The annual meeting of the Victoria branch of the Bible Society was held last evening in the First Presbyterian church. The president, Mr. Shakespeare, occupied the chair and gave a neat address. Dr. Campbell read the lesson and Mr. Clay engaged in prayer. The secretary, Mr. S. B. Netherby, read the following report:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen—In presenting the annual report of the Victoria branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society for the past year, I have to state that the executive committee lost a very efficient officer in the person of the late Dr. Lang, who received his death blow on the 26th of May last in the terrible accident which overtook our city, sending sorrow and bereavement to so many hitherto happy homes. Mr. T. J. Barron, the colporteur appointed in 1895, continued his work till midsummer, 1896. Upon the resignation of Mr. Barron the position was filled by the appointment of Mr. Samuel Moore, B. A., who, having been appointed to a more lucrative position, resigned in a few days. The executive filled the position thus vacated by the appointment of Rev. J. J. Ashton, B.A., who is still working in spreading the Bible among the people of British Columbia. From the monthly reports sent in by the colporteurs the following facts are gleaned: Number of days in travelling, 124; number of miles covered, 1,123; number of families and individuals visited, 1,915; Bibles sold, 183; Testaments sold, 101; Bibles given away, 11; Testaments given away, 107. You will learn from the above that much has been done to spread the word in British Columbia, and that much remains to be done yet. I think I may say that it is a duty incumbent upon each and all to put forward an extra effort to help in giving the Bible to all countries in need thereof. We trust therefore that you will by your thoughtfulness contribute as large a sum as you have done in past years. Let me add a sentence from the report of our late secretary: 'The great object of the society of which we form a part is the giving of the Bible, without note or comment, to the various nations of the earth.' The value of stock on hand at the beginning of the year was $171.42; there was no stock received during the year, and the sales during the year amounted to $101.25; free contributions from subscribers in the city were over $100. I trust the facts and figures which I have thus briefly placed before this intelligent audience are sufficient to enable all to form a correct estimate of what has been done by this branch during the past year."

Mayor Redfern, in a concise and pointed address, moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. Siddall, who spoke very encouragingly of the future of the branch.

Mr. Okell moved and Mr. Howell seconded the next resolution, both speaking well to their text. The resolution was:

"That this meeting record its devout gratitude to Almighty God for the measure of prosperity which has attended the work of the society during the past year; that rejoicing in the tokens of Divine approbation vouchsafed, we again appeal to all Christian people for that assistance and co-operation which are necessary to enable the society to accomplish its beneficent purpose of placing in the hands of everyone in the Dominion of Canada who can read, a copy of the Word of Truth which is able to save their souls."

This was enthusiastically carried.

Rev. Mr. Foster made an address which was well thought out on "The Relaxation of the Bible to Civilization," in which he showed the superiority of the civilization of Bible lands to that of heathen countries. The following officers and members of the executive committee were elected on motion by Dr. Campbell, seconded by His Worship the Mayor:

President, Mr. Shakespeare; secretary, Mr. Jessop; executive committee, Andrew Hamilton, Reformed Episcopal; G. B. Netherby, First Presbyterian; Mr. McLean, St. Andrew's; D. Spencer, Metropolitan Methodist; Geo. Powell, James Bay Methodist; Mr. John McKenzie, Knox church; Mr. John Park, St. Paul's Presbyterian; Mr. Okell, West Methodist; Mr. J. C. Soule, St. Colomba Presbyterian.

On the motion of Rev. Mr. Betts, seconded by Rev. Mr. Clay, a vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers of the society, the choir of the church for their services and to the board of managers of the congregation for the use of the First Presbyterian church. After singing the doxology the meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. J. C. Forster.

JEALOUS RIVALS

CANNOT TURN BACK THE TIDE. THE DEMAND FOR DR. AGNEW'S LITTLE PILLS IS A MARVEL.

It's the old Story, "The Survival of the Fittest" and "Jealousy It's Own Destroyer."

Cheap to buy, but diamonds in quality—banish nausea, coated tongue, water brash, pain after eating, sick headache, never gripe, operate pleasantly. 40 doses in a vial. 20 cents at all druggists.

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"JAPAN'S" BIG LOAD.

Over Eight Hundred Steerage Passengers Aboard the Incoming Empress From the Orient.

Local Customs Officers Will Supervise the Reloading of the "Willapa's" Freight.

With the arrival of the C.P.R. steamship Empress of Japan, which sailed from Yokohama on Friday last, the tide of immigration from China and Japan might be said to have commenced in earnest for the spring and summer months. Advices which Mr. Geo. L. Courtney, the agent of the ship, received yesterday state that the vessel carries 535 steerage passengers for overland points, 75 for Puget Sound points and 100 for Victoria. Those destined for overland points include a large Japanese theatrical company who are coming to America to fill an important engagement. There are 35 saloon passengers aboard and a large freight, including 350 tons of silk, 150 tons of miscellaneous cargo for Victoria and 100 tons for Puget Sound.

Tug Lorne returned from the Cape yesterday, after towing the ship Dudhope, lumber laden from Chemainus for Liverpool, to sea. A boy named MacIntosh disappeared from the Dudhope the day before she sailed and did not make his appearance again until the ship was under way. Thinking to intercept the vessel off Victoria and have the boy returned aboard, the police at Chemainus telegraphed Superintendent Hussey to hold her here, but the telegram arrived too late to be of use.

To-day the Dominion government steamer Quadra goes into commission. Her crew signed yesterday, and the vessel will go into service almost immediately. With the exception of the Chinese cook the crew is the same as manned the vessel last year. The steamer has been put in good condition during her dle spell, and looks as neat as ever.

The steamer Tees, Captain Roberts, left for the West Coast last evening, and will go as far north as Ahousett. She carried a fair freight and several passengers. The Danube, another of the C.P.N. fleet, will sail for Northern ports this evening. A large number of passengers are booked to leave on her.

Collector Milne has deputed customs officers to go North on the Danube this evening to supervise the reloading of the Willapa's cargo. He has heard of a vessel attempting to pillage the Willapa's cargo and threatens, if he can verify the report, to make it very interesting for her.

Another big crowd of gold hunters bound for the Alaskan mines were aboard the steamer City of Topeka, sailing for the North at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Twelve embarked here who were nearly all strangers.

Steamer Angeles was in port yesterday on her way from Nanaimo to Tacoma. She had a carload of powder aboard and came here to receive another shipment of the same material.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	$6.00
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	6.00
Victoria XXX	5.25
Lion	5.25
Portland roller	5.25
Salem	5.50
Snowflake	5.75
Premier	5.50
Three Star	5.50
Superfine	5.50
Hungarian (Armstrong)	5.75
XXXX "	5.25
Strong Bakers "	5.00
Graham, per 10 lbs	40
Wheat, per ton	35.00
Buckwheat, per 10 lbs	50
Oats, per ton	25.00@30.00
Barley, per ton	30.00@32.00
Middlings, per ton	22.00@25.00
Bran, per ton	18.00@20.00
Ground feed, per ton	25.00
" California per ton	25.00@30.00
Corn, whole, per ton	26.00@28.00
" cracked, per ton	28.00@30.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	35
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	45@50
Rolled oats, per lb	4
Potatoes, per lb	1½
" sweet, per lb	5
Cabbages, per lb	2½@3
Hay, baled, per ton	15 00
Straw, per bale	50@75
Onions, per lb	5
Rhubard, per bunch	10
Asparagus, per bunch	15
Cheese, per lb	15
" American, per lb	20
Eggs, Island, per doz	25
" imported, per doz	17
Butter, fresh, per lb	30
" Creamery, per lb	30
" Dairy, per lb	25
" B. C. Creamery, per lb	30
" California, per sq	40@45
" " per roll	40
Honey (Chilliwack) per lb	25
Hams, American, per lb	16@18
" Canadian, "	16
" Boneless, "	15
" Glasgow beef, per lb	20
Bacon, American, per lb	16@18
" Rolled "	14@16
" Long clear "	10
" Canadian "	14@16
Shoulders, hams, per lb	12½
Lard, per lb	12½
Golden Cottolene, per lb	12½
MEATS—Beef, per lb	5@12½
Sides, per lb	7½@8
Veal "	10@15
Mutton, "	5@12½
" " carcase, per lb	10
Pork, fresh, per lb	9@12½
Turkeys, per lb	20@25
Geese, per lb	15@20
Chickens, each	65@75
Pigeons, per brace	50@60
FRUITS—	
Eastern apples, per lb	5
Lemons, California, per doz	25
Bananas, per doz	35
Cranberries, Eastern, per lb	20
Oranges, Navel, per doz	35@50
FISH—Salmon, spring, per lb	10@12
Halibut, per lb	10@12
Rock Cod, per lb	8@10
Smoked Salmon, per lb	12@15
Herring, per lb	12@15
Kippered Herring, per lb	12½
Bloaters, per lb	10
Eastern oysters, per tin	75

If any of our readers are troubled with loss of hair, the best preparation to replenish it that we know of is Hall's Hair Renewer. Merit tells.

Two Dixon hand power rock drills have just arrived from Toronto and are on exhibition at the Rice mills, where they can be tested if required.

PROTECTING STURGEON.

There is much inquiry regarding the provisions of the new law for the protection of sturgeon, and many requests for copies of the law. As there was an emergency clause attached to the bill the law is now in effect. The bill, which was approved by Gov. Rogers, March 16, is as follows:

"Section 1. Hereafter it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to take, capture, kill or have in their possession after the same has been taken, captured or killed, any sturgeon between the first day of March and the first day of November of each and every year, under a penalty of $20 for each and every sturgeon so taken, captured, killed or had unlawfully.

"Sec. 2. It shall not be lawful at any time to take or kill any young sturgeon under three feet and a half in length, or fish for the same by any device or appliance whatever in the waters of this state; and any person or persons fishing with gill nets, pound nets, set nets, fish wheel or other fishing apparatus whatever in the waters of this state, who, on lifting, drawing, taking up or removing any of said nets or other fishing apparatus shall find young sturgeon under four feet in length entangled or caught therein, shall immediately with care and with the least possible injury to the fish, disentangle and let loose the same and transmit the fish to the water without violence. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this section or having in their possession young sturgeon under four feet in length, either for consumption or sale, or who is known willfully to destroy the same, for so offending shall on conviction thereof be punished with a fine of $10 for each and every fish so caught, sold or destroyed, and in default of paying such fine, on being convicted thereof, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for thirty days."—P.-I.

LETTERS BY BIRD.

The long delay experienced in receiving news from or transmitting it to Alaska has been a serious drawback to that country which bids fair to be, in a slight degree, mitigated by the establishment of a carrier pigeon service from Douglas island to Puget Sound. The Juneau Mining Record gives the following account of steps already taken in this direction:

"Supt. Duncan, of the Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Co., has secured several homing birds from a famous Oakland loft, two of them having gained splendid service records, and a large and commodius loft has been built at Treadwell for their accommodation, where they are now domiciled. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company has offered to transport the birds to and from the Sound and the work of training will be begun as soon as arrangements for their care and housing can be perfected at the southern terminal of the route, which will probably be established at Port Townsend. The flight is a very long one, the distance by the steamer route being 823 miles, but it is not without precedent in homing records, and there is no doubt that careful training and handling will result in an efficient service, though, of course, a considerable time will be required to bring it to practical perfection.

"The value of such a service will be inestimable to Alaska. It is a matter of frequent occurrence when the opportunity to dispatch messages between steamers would be worth thousands of dollars to our people here, and this notwithstanding that long experience has cultivated the habit of looking ahead, anticipating every possible need and preparing for it. Still, contingencies constantly arise where a means of communication, such as Supt. Duncan proposes to inaugurate, would prove little short of a blessing. The merchants of this city will lend the plan their heartiest co-operation and support."—P.-I.

A WATERLOO STRIKE.

The Miner has received reliable information to the effect that a strike of rich ore has been made in the Aaron group, at Waterloo camp, a few miles above Trail, on the east bank of the Columbia. The property is under bond to the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields—sometimes called the Horne-Payne syndicate—and development work has been going on steadily since early last summer. A tunnel has been run several hundred feet, and the present strike was made at a depth of 150. The ore body found is said to be 4 feet wide, and the value, $72 per ton.

If such a strike has been made it will have a most important bearing on the future of Waterloo camp. The Miner has already published reports of rich assays had from the ore now being taken from the Maud S., which is not far from the Aaron group. There is no doubt whatever as to the finding of very high grade ore in the Maud S., for the assay certificates were shown to the writer of this article.

The Horne-Payne people also had a bond on the Apache group in Waterloo camp, but surrendered it some time ago. They stuck to the Aaron group, and it now looks as though they might be well rewarded for doing so.—Rossland Miner.

OTTAWA, March 29.—(Special)—Lieut.-Governor McIntosh, who has been in the Capital for the last fortnight, has tendered his resignation from the office which he now occupies as Lieut.-Governor of the N.W.T.

THE Montreal Gazette, one of the staunchest Conservative papers in Canada, makes the following remark in its review of the coming session: "The Roman Catholic voters have apparently accepted the terms of the Manitoba school settlement as readily as those of the Protestant folds. A most awkward and strife-threatening issue has, it would seem, been removed from the political field." It will be a subject of congratulation for the whole Dominion if this shall prove to be correct.

THE Times says "the COLONIST favors the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass by the Dominion government." This is news to the COLONIST. The fiction factory on Broad street is turning out very coarse work nowadays.

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THE CITY.

MR. J. T. PIERRE and wife mourn the loss of their infant son, aged six months.

DONATIONS to the Old Men's Home for the month just closed are acknowledged from Canon Paddon, Mrs. Quaglitti, Mrs. Wey, Mr. Shotbolt, Mrs. L. Goodacre, Mrs. G. Winter, Mrs. T. Earle and Mrs. Allan.

THE remains of the late Adam Weir, who died so suddenly on the tram car on Tuesday, were yesterday taken home to Metchosin, where the funeral will take place to-morrow. Deceased was a member of Dominion lodge, I.O.O.F.

THE matter of the seized deer skins occupied but a few minutes of the time of Magistrate Macrae yesterday. Mr. Strouss pleaded guilty, and the Magistrate postponed sentence until this morning. There were 775 deer skins in the shipment, and in addition to a fine these will probably be confiscated.

POSTMASTER SHAKESPEARE, who presides over many a social event, was a deeply interested party in a wedding occurring at his home on Tuesday evening. The marriage was that of his niece, Miss Elizabeth Ann Pearson, and Mr. David McGregor, and was performed by Rev. Solomon Cleaver. A number of friends of both bride and groom witnessed the ceremony, a bridal participant to which was Miss Berryman.

THE funeral of the late Mrs. McNiven took place yesterday afternoon from the Revere house, Pandora avenue. There was a large number of beautiful floral tributes, expressions of sympathy from loving friends. The gentlemen who acted as pall-bearers were Captain Charles Hackett, Captain Strongren, J. D. Campbell, P. Nisbet, Richard Keeler and George B. Kelly. Mrs. McNiven was a sister of Mrs. Woodill, of the Revere house, and of Mrs. C. Stevens and Mrs. George Campbell of Nanaimo. A large number of relatives in the East will also mourn her loss.

MRS. LILLIAN M. HOLLISTER was again busy yesterday afternoon looking after the affairs of the local hive of the order of the Maccabees. Assisted by a contingent from Port Angeles, the lady organizer instructed the lodge in the work of initiating candidates. At six o'clock the sisters of the order sat down to a banquet, the guest of the occasion being the visiting head of the organization. A little speech making, toasts and responses enlivening the occasion quite en regle. The singing of the national anthem and "My Country 'Tis of Thee," brought the repast to a close. Mrs. Hollister leaves to-night for Vancouver.

A GOOD orchestra, a floor in capital condition, and an attendance which was just the right number to render dancing particularly enjoyable, were the features of the reunion of the Society of Spiritualists and their friends at the A.O.U.W. hall last evening. About forty couples were present, and to the music of the Bantley orchestra the hours passed only too quickly in the mazy whirl of the light fantastic. Nor was the inner man forgotten, for the supper tables presented an exceedingly tempting appearance, loaded as they were with a spread of good things. However much the ideas of the society may run to things incorporeal, the committee who had the affair in charge must be complimented on their manner of catering to ideas more earthly and substantial.

FIVE panthers in three weeks is not a bad record for the best of huntsmen, but when two lads make a killing of that kind it is something to be proud of. The two sons of Mr. Geo. Pears, of Metchosin, are the young men who can claim the above distinction, and, besides, a huge wolf killed about six weeks ago is an additional proof of their prowess. Three of the heads were brought to town yesterday, and as $7 50 per head is paid by the government the lads can congratulate themselves upon having done a good day's work, or rather night's work, as the beasts were killed by lamp-light, the dogs having first of all treed the marauders, and one boy mounted guard while the other ran some distance to the house for a lantern.

IT has remained for a citizen of Victoria to out-Herod Herod in the way of seizure of goods and chattles for non-payment of rent. The matter became public through a warrant being sworn out against Thomas Pamphlet by one Sarah Ryan charging him with unlawfully detaining and having in his possession contrary to the law in such cases made and provided, etc., etc., to wit, one female child nine months old. The mother's version of the affair is that having become delinquent in the matter of prompt payment of rent, the landlord, the aforesaid Pamphlet, did eject or cause her to be ejected, and with malice, prepense and aforethought detained in durance vile the body of the aforesaid baby and against the will of the same. The amount of rent due was $7, but when Pamphlet heard of the drastic measures taken by the mother for the recovery of her infant, he thought discretion the better part of valor and gave the child up.