

Provincial News.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The Epworth League Convention of the Province will meet in this city on May 18th and 19th, and the local Society is preparing something special in the way of music.

The new crematorium turned out about 100 pounds of butter on Monday, and each day since, has been making over 150 pounds.

Mr. R. H. Cheyne, the celebrated goal keeper of the Westminster Lacrosse Club, and for some years an employee in the Royal City Mills factory, has been appointed to a vacancy in the Provincial jail, this city.

At the quarterly meeting of the Central Methodist church it was decided to extend an invitation to the British Columbia Methodist Conference to meet in New Westminster in 1940.

On Wednesday Foreman Watson of the fire department went over to Vancouver to see a carload of horses, all thoroughbred, which had just arrived from London, Ont., and picked out what he considered the best two of the lot. On Thursday morning he was taken to the hospital and attached to the hose-wagon and put through their paces on Royal avenue.

A meeting of the congregation of Holy Trinity Cathedral was held on Wednesday in St. Andrew's lecture room. The gathering was presided over by the rector, Rev. A. Shildrick, who called for the report of the building committee. Mr. T. S. Annandale did not feel authorized to report for the committee, but, as treasurer of that body he made a verbal statement. He reported having received \$8,872. In reconstruction and restoration work there had been actually expended to date \$6,558, leaving a balance on hand of \$2,314. The committee estimated that it would be necessary to expend \$2,500 before the building could be completed for services, which means a deficit of about \$100, or a total expenditure of over \$10,000. In addition to this there were several works more or less urgent, which would take probably another \$500. Mr. W. Myers Gray, as secretary, also reported verbally for the committee. Architect Grant had estimated the total expenditure of \$4,500 or \$5,000, on the strength of which the committee had proceeded. Afterwards, it adopted a suggestion to enlarge the building by an extension on the west, which accounted for \$300, and also subsequently decided to substitute a slate for a shingle roof, at a cost of \$425; which amounts accounted for about \$1,000 in excess of estimates. Then the committee decided it would be better to have stained-glass windows, instead of plain glass, and this entailed an extra cost of \$200. Certainly the architect had been considerably out in his estimates but this was in part accounted for by the increasing price of materials. Mr. Gray then enumerated the contracts which had been let or which were to be let for completing the interior of the church, which, with the architect's fees, not included in the estimates, would necessitate the raising of \$1,500 to complete the church proper. A long discussion, was terminated by the building committee being instructed to proceed with all speed to complete the church, the less pressing matters being held in abeyance in the meantime, and without arriving at any definite plan for raising the required funds.

Trumpeter Leslie is engaged in training sixteen youthful members of what is to be the bugle and drum band, in connection with the local Artillery Company. The eight drummers and eight buglers are making good progress. At noon on Friday a special open tram car, from Vancouver, with a Vancouver crew ran off the track at the Crescent, while on the way to Queen's Park. The trouble was caused by the rails spreading, but no one was hurt, and the car was got back on the rails without much delay.

The Board of Works men have about completed the improvements to Columbia street, at Albert Crescent. The coarser grades of crushed rock having been laid, the four horse roller was put out on Friday, and then a layer of fine crushed rock was laid on top.

The May Day festivities on Friday closed with the customary dance in the exhibition building. Over a thousand people were present.

The planking of the new wharf for the C. P. N. Co. is now under way. The wharf is 396 feet long by 73 feet wide, covering six water lots.

There was a runaway on the other side of the river on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Dave Miller was about to drive his sister to Cloverdale, having just crossed on the 3 o'clock ferry, when his horse became nervous, rearing, planted his forefeet on the seat of a sulkie in front of him. The sulkie was ditched, as also was Mr. Miller, while the horse dashed away with the empty buggy. Mr. Miller picked himself up, and mounting another horse, caught the runaway, at the top of the hill on the Scott road.

At a well attended meeting on Friday night, of the board of directors of the Industrial Society, the first resolution passed was a motion by Messrs. Brynner and D. R. Ker, reducing the prize list by one-third.

On motion of Messrs. Sharpe and Laidner, it was decided to change the cattle prize list (Division A) by substituting Angus cattle for Alderneys.

To facilitate the work of revising the prize list, the following sub-committees were appointed for the respective divisions:

Division "A"—H. F. Page, P. Laidner, S. H. Shannon.

Division B—T. J. Trapp, J. W. Hollingshead, C. G. Major.

Division C—S. H. Shannon, J. Richardson, E. A. Wells.

Division D—H. F. Page, Paul Laidner, S. H. Shannon.

Division E—H. H. Collier, of Tacoma, Wash., to be asked to give suggestions.

Division F—Reduced one-third all divisions.

Divisions G, H and I—T. A. Sharpe and E. Hutchinson.

Division J—Same as in 1938.

Divisions K and L—Laid over for the present.

Divisions M—Reduced one-third all divisions.

Divisions N, O, P and R—Laid over for the present.

The president and secretary were authorized to endeavor to secure Mr. Kear's services as commissioner from September 1 until after the show.

The matter of securing good judges for stock and horses was then taken up and the secretary was instructed to communicate with the following well-known judges:

On Stock—Richard Gibson, Delaware, Ont.; J. C. Snell, Snelgrove, Ont.; F. S. Peer, Mt. Morris, New York.

On Horses—J. G. Hetherford, Portage la Prairie, Man.; Holcomb, Seattle; H. A. Briggs, Elkhorn, Wis.

In regard to district exhibits the directors decided to offer the same prizes (\$300, \$200 and \$100), as last year, and on the same conditions.

VANCOUVER.

The Vancouver Fire Department report for April shows that there were 29 fires during the month. The fire losses are, however, very small and at the most the total loss would not exceed \$500.

During the month of April there were 29 funerals in the Vancouver City Cemetery.

During the month of April 128 cases were tried in the Vancouver police court.

Mr. Ireland, formerly police magistrate at Vernon, and who is now practicing his profession here, will locate his family in the city.

Miss Winifred Baker, of the Conservatory of Music teaching staff, met with a serious accident on Friday evening by the explosion of a methylated spirit lamp. She was very badly burned and cut about the face by fragments of the lamp and will not be able to resume her duties for some time.

Sin, the Chinaman, arrested for attempting to effect an entrance into R. C. Landens' jewellery store, was on Friday sentenced to six months' labor for stealing a watch, and another six months for stealing a sweater. Both articles were found on the wily Celestial when arrested, and their original ownership proven.

The striking sailors, charged with assaulting one of the imported Seattle men, were remanded till to-day by the Police Magistrate on Saturday morning.

Sergeant LaBranche, one of the well-known figures round the drill shed, was on Saturday taken to the hospital by the doctor's orders. The sergeant has been ailing for some time and recently has suffered much from internal troubles.

There was a break-down on the inter-urban electric car line on Saturday which delayed traffic considerably. The trolley wire between Trout Lake stream and Grant street, New Westminster, broke down and caused a delay of about ten minutes. The accident necessitated passengers walking quite a distance to make connection with the cars waiting at each end of the break.

Provincial Officer Campbell, on Friday received a telegram from Coroner McGulgan, saying that he would be unable to return from Victoria in time to hold an inquiry into the death of William Scherf, whose body has disappeared near Moodyville on Thursday.

Captain Pittendrigh, the coroner, for New Westminster district, was accordingly asked to undertake the inquiry, and arrived in Vancouver for that purpose during the afternoon. After examining the remains and hearing the particulars of the finding of the body from Messrs. S. Blaney and W. Glenn, who had first discovered the remains, both of them returned to the city.

The annual inspection of the 2nd and 3rd Companies, Second Battalion, Fifth Regiment, C. A., took place on Saturday afternoon at the Cambie street grounds. The troops were mustered in the drill shed and marched on the parade ground at ten minutes to 3 o'clock. Lieutenant-Colonel Worsnop was in command. The entire strength of the parade was 249, made up as follows:

No. 2 Company.....104
No. 3 Company.....104
Drum Band.....25
Bugle Band.....15

Total.....249

Colonel Peters addressing the men, stated that the day's work completed the inspection of the 5th Regiment, which was a great success, and that he believed that no other regiment in Canada could make a better showing. He congratulated the Second Battalion in parading over strength. He noticed many improvements in the Battalion. Steadiness was one particular feature worthy of note. He praised the men for their smart appearance.

Colonel Worsnop also spoke a few words, and requested every man to make an effort to go down to Victoria on May 24th, when the troops would be called upon to repulse the landing of the Pacific Northwest fleet, which would try and invade the island.

The funeral of Mr. George Saraceni took place at the Roman Catholic cemetery on Sunday, April 30th, Father Berbeck officiating. A large number of Albert people were present.

The surviving party returned from Hesquelt Lake on the Willapa, having surveyed several very promising claims on the west side.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson, of Clayoquot went up to Hesquelt on the last boat to look at some of their properties there. Some men are working on the ledge of the Alma, which is on the water front. It is composed of very rich copper ore, and is from fifty to 100 feet in width.

Messrs. E. J. Saunders, Harvey Waters and Capt. Poole are all owners of a valuable claim on Esperanza Inlet, Nootka Sound. The ledge, which is on the water front, is traceable for 3,000 feet and varies in width from 20 to 25 feet, with a pay streak of 3 feet wide assaying from \$15 to \$25 in gold, silver and copper. Mr. Saunders is expected up by the next boat to look at this property.

Messrs. J. Ferguson and Horace Waters have just located two claims on Cat Face mountain, a little north of Clayoquot. This lead is white quartz, and contains silver and gold, and is going apparently very high in gold and silver.

Work is being done on several claims in this district, notably the Seattle, Iron Cap and P. Bonthead's property in Kennedy Lake, for which machinery for a large concentrating plant arrived on the last boat.

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The steamer Slocan will continue running till after May 24th. Once more a potato famine exists in town. The same prevails in other need ed lines.

KASLO.

J. H. Gray, chief engineer of the Kaslo & Slocan Railway, has had a survey party in the Lardo for some weeks finishing up the survey work on the proposed Kaslo & Slocan route, and it is expected that active work of clearing the right-of-way will begin as soon as the snow goes off sufficiently to allow uninterrupted work. At present the Canadian Pacific gang are considerably hindered by the snow, and cannot work very much headway with their work for another two or three weeks yet.

ROSSLAND.

During the month of April there were 38 arrests made by the police of Rossland and \$538 was collected in fines. There was a very pleasant wedding on Sunday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Westfall, on Columbia avenue, Rev. H. Irwin officiating. The happy man was A. J. Long of this city, and the bride was Miss P. A. Mole of Birkhamstead, Herts, England.

The customs returns for the port of Rossland show that the imports and exports at this port had a very large increase over last year. The imports for April 1939, of dutiable goods were valued at \$47,000, against \$31,810 for April, 1938, an increase of \$15,190, or over 50 per cent, while the free goods were valued \$6,997 for this month, against \$3,411 last year, an increase of over 100 per cent. The total imports were \$54,000, against \$35,221, an increase of \$18,779, or over 50 per cent. The amount of duty collected this April was \$12,023.95, against \$7,350.78, an increase of \$4,673.17.

The exports, consisting of a variety of products, for the month of April, 1939, amounted to \$288,817, against \$103,187 for April, 1938, an increase of \$185,630, and an increase over the month of March of \$21,028.

The impossibility of getting laths in quick enough to supply the local demand, is keeping the builders back a great deal. In all parts of the city there are buildings which will be completed very quickly when sufficient laths arrive to let the plasterers get to work.

Work on the foundation of Register's new brewery is being pushed forward.

The cottage addition to the Crickmay Hospital, to be used, when completed, for a residence for the matron and nurses, will be finished as soon as the necessary laths for the inside work arrive.

The painters of Nelson have organized a branch of the International Typo-

graphical Union, and adopted the following scale of wages for its members: Piece work, day, 45 cents per thousand; night, 50 cents. Time hands, day of nine hours, \$3.50; night of eight hours, \$3.50; machine hands, day of eight hours, \$4.

City Engineer McCulloch has been instructed to prepare a statement for the probable cost of putting the government wharf in repair with a view to the taking over of the wharf by the city.

GREENWOOD.

R. F. Coates is raising the Commercial hotel. A story will be placed underneath the building.

Dr. Christie has discovered two or three cases of glanders in the city. One of the horses has been destroyed by Dr. Richards.

The Boundary Creek Milling and Lumber Company have purchased another complete sawmill plant. The company intend placing the new mill in the vicinity of Rock Creek.

Work has already been started on the C. P. B. branch lines to the different camps. A large force of men are engaged in clearing the right of way from the Greenwood railway yard to Deadwood and Cooper camps.

Dr. Christie and Dr. Richards went out to R. Kerr's ranch last week and destroyed 60 hogs. The hogs were dying at the rate of five or six a day when Dr. Kerr reported the matter to Dr. Christie. He went out to the farm and at once decided that the hogs had the cholera. Dr. Richards confirmed the diagnosis, and the hogs were immediately destroyed.

MIDWAY.

A big party of C. P. R. engineers passed through town the other day bound for the west fork of Kettle river district, where surveying will be carried on for the balance of the season.

Messrs. Lequime and Powers have started their new sawmill which is located on the Sullivan property at the end of the valley, and as a consequence lumber is now pouring into town.

ARROWHEAD.

On Monday morning a serious accident happened to George Foucherault, brakeman on the Arrowhead line. While making a coupling between two of the cars of the passenger train, Foucherault's head got caught between them, with the result his jaw was broken and several severe scalp wounds were sustained. He was removed to Revelstoke hospital, where he is now lying.

VERNON.

Owing to ill health Mayor Stratford has resigned his official position. He left on Wednesday for Camp McKinley, after arranging some business matters there he will take a trip to his old home in Nova Scotia.

Travel on the S. & O. is on the increase, and each incoming train is well loaded with passengers to this city, or the southern mining districts.

The season is more backward than has been the case for some years. The continued dry weather, however, has afforded farmers a good opportunity to pursue uninterrupted their spring work.

The eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McCall, a bright little boy of about five years of age, died on Sunday night after an illness of only a few days.

KAMLOOPS.

The Kamloops annual agricultural exhibition will be held a week earlier this year, the dates being: September 20th, 21st and 22nd.

Jos. Beauregard was brought down from Trout Lake last Saturday by Constable Bullock, and will spend the next six months in jail for vagrancy.

J. L. Brown, Grand Master at Arms, and Dune Brown, representative of Primrose Lodge, left for Victoria on Saturday night to attend the annual Grand Lodge meeting of the Knights of Pythias.

Two inmates of the Provincial Home died on Thursday. Thos. Burton, aged 79, native of Lancashire, England, and Louis Mouralt. Deceased was an old timer, coming to British Columbia in 1841. He was a native of France and 87 years of age.

At the meeting held on Thursday night in the Methodist Church the question of prohibition came up for discussion when it was moved by Rev. R.

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B. Laidley, and seconded by Rev. T. Neville, that "Whereas the Premier of the Dominion government has, in a letter to F. S. Spence, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, declared that the purpose of the government was not to introduce an act prohibiting the liquor traffic, at this session of parliament, alleging as his reason therefor the small and insignificant majority polled in favor of prohibition last September on the plebiscite. Therefore he it resolved that we, the members of the Kamloops district meeting of the British Columbia Conference of the Methodist Church, have learned this decision with sincere regret and would loudly appeal to H. Bostock, the member for this constituency, to at once introduce a motion prohibiting the liquor traffic in the province, which gave a majority in favor of such legislation."

REVELSTOKE.

Regulation practice drills of the militia company will begin Wednesday next. The uniforms are on the way.

At the meeting of fire brigade No. 1 officers were elected as follows: A. McRae, chief; J. Shaw, assistant chief; J. A. Stone, secretary; Chas. Abrahamson, 1st engineer; L. B. Philpot, 2nd engineer; Wemy Smythe and J. Bland, hook and ladder; D. Dunbar, hose captain.

A resolution was passed offering to turn over to the corporation the appliances of the brigade, valued at \$2,500, if the city would agree to pay off a small outstanding balance and not remove anything from there till a central hall to be properly equipped is erected.

ASHcroft.

Copper properties near Cherry Creek are showing up well and it now seems assured that there are mines of value in that section.

Col. Wright, superintendent of the 43rd Milling & Mining Company, of America, is in town getting everything ready for a start with the pack train to Omineca. This is the first season that Col. Wright has left Ashcroft for the north, and this season he hopes to be able to make a showing of the value of the company's holdings. He hopes to have the hydraulic elevators running within a few weeks after his arrival at Manson Creek.

A Dominion government survey party in charge of Mr. O'Dwyer, will leave Ashcroft in a couple of weeks for the northern country. Mr. O'Dwyer will take quite a party from here and will spend the season in the north.

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