WILL COL BAKER CONSENT?

The principals of the public schools of made two important requests of Col. Baker, minister of education. As we are given to understand, the matter is still under the consideration of the department. Whether this is the usual polite fiction by which any circumlocution office evades both refusal or acceptance, or whether it is a genuine desire to investigate more fully the subject, we cannot undertake to determine. We sincerely hope that the department will act and

act promptly. The requests are these: First, that the that if the yearly examination is instituted the eight-grade system should be six years.

Let us examine these propositions: Is . it wise to abandon the half-yearig and to barked in an enterprise out of which he a misnomer, as the two terms are unequal. The first portion of the year perportion of about three and a half months. owing to the fact that nearly the whole of the summer holidays takes place in The work to be done in one period must of necessity be less than in another period. Next, the direct preparation for the examination takes up no inconsiderable period and the teacher is obliged to retical education. The more time thereresult of the examination he has just | Heinze and themselves afterwards. passed through. This waste of time has been repeatedly brought before the department by the Victoria board of trustees, resulting in some feeble measures to rectify it.

from the first. If yearly examinations are permitted, it naturally follows that under the present eight-grade system a pupil would be compelled to stay eight and feted everywhere, the most favored ing out of school. As an Opposition years in the public schools before he guest of the greatest nation on earth at missionary the Colonel promises to outcould enter the high school. This would a time when there were gathered to do his colleague, the Hon, G. B. Mar-matter has been called to the attention be a grievance to many bright and prombe a grievance to many bright and promgether princes and potentates from every
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News was received in this city yeshad an account at the Fidelity Bank,
but had closed it out three months ago. objection the principals propose to reduce | beloved leader of the great Liberal the grades to six, making a six-year party and the representative of the course possible. Thus a studious pupil largest and most important colony in the could complete his studies in the public Queen's dominions, startled the empire schools in six years, and presuming that by the brilliancy of his genius and ache entered at the school-age of six, he complished in a few weeks a feat of could enter the high school at twelve, which the greatest statesman might well which is as young as is desirable. Fur- be proud. The denunciation of the Belther, more accurate grading can be done gian and German treaties, the most imin the six one-year course than in the portant fiscal step that Great Britain eight half-year course.

est interests of education.

A DISENTHRALLED WORLD.

The World is brave, indeed. Regardner of the Lieut.-Governor and the pet heroism displayed by the World. Mr. the British empire. Turner and his colleagues are Heinze voted him \$400,000 as a subsidy; and assisted by their ever ready monthpiece and the spontanetty of the demonstrain Victoria, they tried to obtain similar tion accorded him as he again steps on est, as in the Penticton-Boundary section of Mr. Heinze's railway. They appeared to be more concerned than Heinze, the astute young man who stood behind the curtain and hypnotically directed their movements. Now, the World has been and is still a warm supporter of the men who did these things. Heretofore it would have followed the Premier-as the Highlandmen said they would follow Sir Colin Campbell-to the devil, but it draws the line at this nefarious

Says our contemporary, in a character-Trail Creek News:

"As to the method pursued by Mr. Heinze and those in affinity with him in the deal we have taken strong exception, in the public interest. The plot the Colonist, who has been suspected of happily failed to materialize and the carrying a brick in his hat for several out of his ears for the first time to-day. in the deal we have taken strong excepfederal treasury protected. What has months, must speak for himself,

happened since the notorious "flasco," to which the News so glibly and ignorantly refers, has but further convinced us that the city have within the last few days a big hen was on a nest incubating what would have been an indefensible scan-

The expression, "Mr. Heinze and those in affinity with him," will be understood quite as well as though all the names were given. It includes, of course, Lieut.-Governor Dewdney, who is one of Mr. Heinze's directors, and Mr. Turner and the Colonist and Mr. Eberts and others, whose "affinity" with Mr. Heinze led them to conduct a crusade in his intawa to lobby for a subsidy and generally compelled all under the magic inexamination of pupils should be yearly, fluence to appear as his special emisinstead of half-yearly as at present, and, saries. "The plot happily failed," "the second, that the schools should be grad- notorious fiasco" and "an indefensible ed into six grades instead of eight scandal" would be strong terms if used grades. The reasons advanced by the by the Times, but coming as they do principals for these changes appear both from the World, and directed as they weighty and reasonable. They aver that are against Mr. Heinze and his "affithe half-yearly examinations induce a nities," they are absolutely crushing in considerable amount of cramming work, their severity. The concluding parato the detriment of good, solid work, and graph of this extraordinary article is worth copying:

"Mr. Heinze is no more entitled to pubreduced to six in order to enable a pupil lice favors than are hundreds of others to pass through the public schools in all over the Dominion, and we fail to comprehend why he should be spoon-fed at the expense of the general tax-payers by the federal government because in substitute yearly examinations? To be expected to become a multi-millionaire. gin with, the half-yearly examination is Suppose he is successful in his aspirations will he be so magnanimous as to recoup the people the sums they may mits of five months' teaching, the latter ing ventures? He will not. As long as he manages his business in such a way as becomes a public necessity and as a deserving citizen, as we sincerely hope he will, none will be more ready to accord the later period of the year. Obviously, him full credit for his enterprise, philantherefore, the two terms are unequal. thropy, public-spiritedness and patriotism, and other deserving deeds, than will be the World. But for people animated by the reverse of these virtues we have not the slightest use; nor has the country or any portion of the community.'

If we interpret the last sentence proplinquish the steady, plodding grounding erly the "people animated by the reverse work for that of a surface or coaching of these virtues" applies to the men who character. The chief object of our have been "spoon-feeding" Heinze and schools should not be to pass successful who tried, but happily failed, to get the Turner has "taken steps." Thanks, Mr. examinations, but should be that of prac- Dominion government to join in the operation. We congratulate our contemfore that can be devoted to actual solid porary. The stand it has taken will the universal joy that is felt at this unwork is so much gain to both teacher and probably subject it to a lecture from the pupil. Then there is a considerable time | Colonist, which will do it no harm, and wasted during and after the period of a snubbing from the government, which examination. It is simply impossible to will do it good, since it will encourage it retain the attention and concentrated ef- in its heroic effort to compel the "affinifort of the pupil until he is aware of the ties" to think of the country first and

WELCOME HOME.

The most prominent figure in our political world, the Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid The second proposal naturally follows | Laurier, has returned to his native land after what may be be properly termed a triumphal tour of Europe. Welcomed has taken since the repeal of the corn The Times gives the proposed changes laws, was the direct outcome of repreits hearty approval, believing that the sentations made to the imperial authoriprincipals are moving in this matter with ties by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Had his the single purpose of promoting the high- visit been fruitful of no other results. this one incident is enough to put the seal to his fame and place him on terms of equality with the statesmen of Europe. But he did more. He conveyed to our kinsmen across the water a message less of the Colonist and the local govern- from the people of Canada. That mesment, it sails into Mr. Heinze, the part- sage was one of love for Britain and her glerious institutions. The true feeling protege of his ministers, with a heroism held by Canadians towards the Motherworthy of the cause. It is a compara- land was made manifest in a manner tively easy matter to pitch into one's that had never been experienced before adversaries; but to expose friends, to op- The task has been attempted by others, pose their schemes, and circumvent, if but their expressions of loyalty came possible, a raid upon the public treasury from the lip, not from the heart. It reby one's political leaders, requires the mained for Laurier to touch the match possession of a high order of moral brav- to the torch of patriotism, which is now ery. But that is precisely the kind of illuminating the farthermost parts of

When absent from his native land for men. They secured for that enterprising any length of time, Sir Wilfrid Laurier young American a railway charter, they is entitled to and will always receive gave him an enormous land grant; they from the Canadian people a warm welcome on his return. But on this octhen, individually and collectively, and casion the cordiality, the universality, concessions from the Dominion govern- his native soil will be an event long to ment. There never was any scheme in be remembered. And it is eminently which the government took such a lively proper that it should be so. Since the interest, such an evidently personal inter- day Sir Wilfrid Laurier assumed the reins of office Canada's advance along the pathway of national importance has been steady and rapid. Under his guiding hand, Carada has reached a posi- fluencing public opinion in favor of the Cache. tion that justifies every one of her sons government-its publication certainly in declaring, "I am proud to be a Can- was not undertaken to fill a long felt adian 29

every part of the broad Dominion, a otherwise, one or two other publications, warm welcome will be extended to the and they imagine that in this way they premier, and heartfelt thanks expressed will be able to stem the tide of popular at his safe return.

They have the story in the east that a Victoria editor was swindled out of \$10.istically breezy article in reply to the 000 by a gold brick deal. As the deal involved the ownership of \$10,000 it may high. be unnecessary to explain that the Times was not "in on it;" but the capitalist of

AROUSED AT LAST.

We are deeply gratified to be inform ed that the provincial government has matter of furnishing authentic information to the thousands of intending immigrants in Europe regarding British Columbia and its relations to the Clondyke

the Times has advocated this step, and it is particularly gratifying to see that its efforts have not been fruitless. The terest, caused the Premier while in Qt- following announcement, which may be taken as an official utterance, was made by the Colonist this morning:

to furnish the agent-general in London is of 20 stamp capacity, and I underof British Columbia with data as to the stant a splendid piece of machinery, havnew gold fields and how to get there." These "steps" ought to have been taken ments. It is expected the mill will break months ago. There was hardly a man in British Columbia who did not realize at the commencement of the Clondyke was particularly enthusiastic over the expected benefits to the province. The expected benefits to the province. The doubtedly under more favorable condi-Dominion government acted with the tions the Smuggler will also prove a most commendable promptitude. In less good paying property. than a week after the steamer Portland's authorities had issued Ogilvie's reports tions an era of prosperity is almost as on the Yukon district with all the necessiand for Camp Fairview. sarv data. In previous references to this give him as a starter in his fortune-mak- matter we asked "Where is Turner?" camp I have yet visited in British Co-Well, it can, parrot-like, ask that question if it wants to; but it only acts fool- dog's back." It appears more remarkishly in doing so. Laurier, or to speak able in a lively mining camp, composed more correctly, the members of the Laur- of all sorts and conditions of men, to ier government, acted at once. They did not wait a week, or a month; they did though, undoubtedly, this happy result not devote their entire attention to fur- has been brought about by the efficiency thering the interests of private indivi- of the constable, Mr. Elkins, and the duals who were looking Clondykewards.

at once. But Mr. Turner-well, Mr. two miles long by about 100 feet wide Turner. We take upon ourselves, on be- of the town, taking in the town is a half of a long-suffering public, to express rather serious affair. This will, no the universal joy that is felt at this undoubt, be remedied in the near future, expected evidence of vitality.

A Chinaman, when spoken to about raising the poll tax to \$500 the other Correspondence of Vernon News, day, said, "Pollee tax welly good; no more Chinamen allightee; allee samee make plenty money; too many Chinamen, no money; pollee tax welly good."

The burden of Col. Baker's song, when interviewed by a Rossland Miner reportin to-day's Times.

mental Farms, was announced to start master Miller, of Vancouver. across the continent for Vancouver and the Advancement of Science, which has doubt the distinguished visitors will rely got away later in the day, ceive a fitting welcome in British Col-

The Colonist winds up a short answer matter is that the Times does not know the quintessence of logic, isn't it? When wealthy and aristocratic family. retort, "You don't know nawthin'," or words to that effect. We feel completely crushed.

Special dispatches to the Times from Jeans. Ottawa to-day tell of the completion of Grays, a few miles from Vancouver, arrangements between Canada and the United States for the carrying of mails into the Yukon district. At the start a fortnightly service is provided and a monthly service during the winter. The have sent word that they will try one energy displayed by the Dominion gov- more shipment, and if this is condemned erament in dealing with the requirements they will not consign any more fruit of the Yukon district cannot fail to command the admiration of everyone. The business of the country is certainly in the hands of men who are capable of are found affected with codlin the whole coping with any emergency that may

for the general election includes the acquisition of several Kootenay newspapers. The recent purchase of the Rossland Miner is believed to be part of the scheme, while the Kamloops Standard was undoubtedly started by friends of the government with the sole object of inwant of any other kind. The govern-From the Atlantie to the Pacific, from ment expect to control, by purchase or disfavor which threatens to engulf them in Kootenay. The money would be provided by friends who have reasons of their own for keeping the party in power. It is a very good scheme, but it will come

Jack-How is your sister getting on with

at last determined to take action in the Stamp Mill at the Tin Horn Mine, Fairview, Soon To Be in Operation.

gold fields. For a number of days past Suicide of E. P. Stanley-A Golden Cache Sale-New Westminster Notes.

FAIRVIEW. The stamp mill for the Tin Horn is "We may inform the Times that the on the ground, and a force of men is provincial government has, taken steps engaged in putting it in place. The mill

rock they are taking out the Tin Horn attempt was made to get the boat, but and will soon declare a dividend. by that time it had disappeared. Capt. The Smuggler rock is being treated at excitement that it meant a big thing for the Stratheyre Company's stamp mill at When spoken to on the subject Capt, British Columbia. The Colonist itself a profit, under somewhat disadvantage-

ing all the latest patents and improve-

arrival with the load of gold and the starting of the excitement, the federal ing in stamp mills, and from all indica-

The Sunday closing act is better observed here than in any town, city or and "Where is Vernon?" The Colonist lumia. It requires some considerable says it might ask "Where is Laurier?" | manoeuvering for the thirsty soul, who on Saturday night has imbibed not wisely but too well, to get a "hair of the find this law observed in a manner that would put the capital to the blush, hearty co-operation of hotel keepers.

Fairview is a practical demonstration They were impressed with the importance of Euclid's definition of a line, of the occasion and took the proper steps without breadth." Fairview is Fairview is about and as the difference in altitude is 1,000 feet between the upper and lower end as a darge townsite has been laid out on the flat below the town, which, from its great facilities and conveniences, will speedily cause a migration hither.

> VANCOUVER. A letter signed J. H. Rothschild, from

London, England, positively announces that the syndicate of that name will erect a smelter in Vancouver this winter to cost £250,000. Capacity, 250 tons a

Cunningham's crusade er, was, "I did it." The report appears against California fruit is being carried Inspector on with vigor. This week 365 boxes of Bathing in English Bay is almost im-

California apples and pears have been condemned. owing to the smell of salmon possible. offal and floating salmon heads The

of Ernest Miller, of Rossland. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had been married but a Dr. Saunders, director of the Experi- week. Ernest Miller is the son of Post-

The Whitelaw, heavily loaded, hold and deck, with an iron bridge, met the Victoria with a large party, composed of Charmer at the mouth of the narrows members of the British Association for vesterday. Prompt action on the part of Captain Rudlin prevented a collision just closed its meeting in Toronto. No the narrows without success. She final-The Whitelaw tried two hours to make

Vancouver, Aug. 27.-Earl P. Stanley, the mining engineer, who suicided in Whatcom yesterday, was a well known figure here. He was a brilliant talker and got considerable business. When to an argument advanced by the Times he moved to Whatcom he left many with this sentence: "The truth of the people short in their accounts with him. Those who knew him said that he has been in every camp in the States, is what it is talking about." Now, this is highly educated, and comes from a one is worsted in an argument one must cause of the suicide is not yet known. When here he seemed to be the happiest man in town.

J. E. Edwards was committed for trial this morning. He collected \$1.450 for a cannery and put it down in his

this morning, by a log rolling on him. Fruit shippers of Seattle and San Francisco are indignant at the wholesale condemnation of fruit at this port. Wholesalers are also alarmed. Shippers to Victoria or Vancouver. The inspector here is a fruitgrower himself, and wholesalers are drawing their own conclusions. They claim that if three pears

J. Olroyd, M.P. for Dewsbury, Eng. to-day gave his check for \$180,000 to J MacQuillan, as secretary of the Domin The government's plan of campaign ion Development & Milling Company, in exchange for 100,000 shares of Golden Cache stock held by the company. This is the biggest stock deal ever consummated here. The Dominion Develop ment Company was the first of the kind organized in Vancouver by Mr. Mac-Quillan. They raised the money to buy the Golden Cache claims and secured in exchange 125,000 shares Cache. The Dominion Development Company could now pay a dividend of \$2.07 a share on the stock. The large dividend will the paid, but the company will be continued.

News was received yesterday of the death at Quilchena, B. C., of M. D. Murray, brother of Mr. Wm. Murray, manager of the Bank of British Colum-

The B. C. Iron Works are enlarging their establishment to admit of the manufacture of all kinds of mining ma-The Oro Tino Company have struck

a true fissure vein on their Fairview property, situated not far from the rich groups in the Okanagan district. quartz is the same quality and kind as found in some of the richest properties in the Okanagan. It shows visible gold all through it. Another weekly journal will be asued

on Saturday. It suring suitable British Columbia Siftings, and the means for developing British Columbia's most of its columns will be given to many resources. dyke news. The publisher is Mr.

Capt. "Jack" Cates of the steamer Lois performed a plucky deed yesterday, as had it not been for his coolness and bravery three persons would have found a grave in the deep. Yesterday morning Mr. Joseph Mannion, of Bowen accompanied by his daughter and a lady friend, started for home in a small boat. Though fairly smooth inside there was a fearful sea and tide running outside and soon after passing the Narrows their craft capsized. All three occupants managed to climb on the bottom of the upturned boat, but so strong was the current that they were carried out to sea a considerable distance. Capt. Cates had his steamer anchored outside getting ballast, and as soon as he saw them he lowered a boat and went to their assistance. To reach them was a hard task, but at last all three were rescued 75 tons in 24 hours. Judging by the and placed on board the steamer. An Cates then brought the party to town.

> Cates makes light of his deed and merely remarks on the bravery of the two girls in their perilous position. The steady increase in the price of flour, and indications for a continuance of the same, makes it necessary to accordingly advance the price of bread. An agreement to this effect was reached among all the bakers of the city, which

will go into effect to morrow (Monday), August 30th. Mr. Oldroyd, M.P. for Dewsbury, who gave his check for \$180,000 for 100,000 shares of the Golden Cache, has become the centre of attraction since he has been in Vancouver. He is a vigorous looking man of middle age, bearing in his car riage and address unmistakable indications of luxury and great wealth. As Mr. Oldroyd was boarding the

boat for Victoria he said: "It is quite true that I gave my check for \$180,000 for 100,000 shares of the Golden Cache stock. I now hold 200,000 shares-two fifths interest-practically controlling the stock.

"I of course think the mine a good one. I am not prepared to prophesy, but should my investment yield a profit I tell you we will pitch into it harder than

"I think this is a wonderful country. possessing vast mineral wealth, but the mines are not vigorously handled. People get hold of good properties, then sit down and wait. Why all you want is twenty paying mines now to produce enormous prosperity in British Colum-

In answer to a question Mr. Oldroyd said he was the head of a woollen firm in England who turned out five miles of vard width cloth a day.

A man giving himself the name of Dr. Roberts was arrested here this afternoon on a charge of issuing fraudulent checks on the Fidelity Bank of Spokane. Roberts claimed that he received a draft from England for \$250, which he intended to deposit to his account in Spokane, but forgot to forward it. He claims to have been a lecturer at McGill College, Montreal, and to be well known to leading Canadian Pacific officials. Roberts further stated that he was largely interested in mining, and was about to erect a hotel at Fort Steele. A telegram to bookane brought the information/that a man named F. W. Roberts quartz milling not often seen or expected. tion that a man named F. W. Roberts

NEW WESTMINSTER Mr. Aulay Morrison, M.P., who has just returned from a tour through East and West Kootenay, speaks very enthusisstically of that part of the province. He covered a great deal of East Kootenay and expresses greatest confidence in the Fort Steele country. He describes Fort Steele, Cranbrook, Wardner, Movie Lake and those sections as being de lightful as to climate and scenery, and from his own observations and independent information the mineral wealth is beyond peradventure. The Crow's Nest road passes through those various points. and there are sure to be several good went to the hotel he was complaining towns spring up there. He would not | feeling ill, and was later compelled to venture an opinion as to which point is go to the hospital, where he still r likely to be the main town. Rossland, Nelson, Trail, Kaslo and Sandon all have the appearance of prosperity, and in the Fort Steele country for the cus at all those points he met coast people toms department, has assumed charge of who appeared to be doing extremely By getting better transportation facilities and giving every legitimate assistance to mining development, British Columbia will be an immensely prosperous and rich province. The Dominion government should, in his opinion, make specialty of British Columbia, and leave no stone unturned to open up its vast resources.

Mr. Henry Cargill, M.P., Mrs. Cargill, the Misses Cargill and Dr. Landerkin, M.P., spent Wednesday afternoon here and were driven to various points of interest in the city by Mr. Aulay Mor rison, M.P., and Mr. J. R. Roy, C.E. Dominion resident engineer. Much satisfaction is felt here at the visits, of members to the province, as after what

Induced by the use of coca, opiate or nar-

cotic compounds is bad, decidedly bad. They undermine health and shatter the constitution and the patient is steadily growing into a worse condition -often a crew from the Columbia & Western sulting in the terrible slavery and misery of the cocaine and opium habit. Sleep induced by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla does not perhaps come as quickly, but it comes more surely and more permanently through nature's great restoring and rejuvenating channel - purified. vitalized and enriched blood. This feeds the nerves with life-giving energy and builds up the system and constitution from the very foundation of all health and life—the blood—pure, rich, red blood.

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Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1.

AND AND SHIP SHIP AND THE

Vancouver, the first issue to come out they have seen they are certain to assist in vancouver, the list be known as the the local members in scuring suitable suitable suitable

At the last meeting of the W.C.T.U. following resolution was passed: "Resolved, that as a society of Christian women, we deeply regret the open violation of the Christian Sabbath which has recently taken place, viz., the running of excursion cars on our inter-urban tram line, and we desire to record a public protest, expressing a hope that such an event will not occur again." . Lady Sholto Douglas will make her debut as a vocalist in this city to-night

at the garden party in aid of the Women's Hospital. The steamer Rithet left here vest day morning with 30 hogs. Mr. Williams and wife, Mr. F. W. Howay and wife Miss Wolfenden and Mr. H. Eickhoff were passengers. Mr. L. Strickland, who was a resident this city several years ago, and was in business with Mr. Port, is on the way to the Clondyke district.

A carload of cattle arrived here on Friday for Nanaimo. The Transfer left here on Saturday morning, and took up some 200 Indians and about 25 canoes and boats. The Indians are returning to their reservations after spending the season in the fishing usiness on the Fraser. Mr. W. Mathers was a passenger up-

river on the Transfer yesterday. Mr. Thos. Forster, M.P.P., was in town yesterday. A white man is now under arrest for shooting an Indian, whom he claims stole

his tent and whisky. Finding the supposed culprit, the white man took the law into his own hands and emptied the contents of a shotgun into the siwash's back.

KAMLOOPS

The purchase of the Lucky Strike and the bonding of the Josie, Champion Bluebird and Neighbor claims by John Cobbledick have inspired fresh confidence in the future of Coal Hill camp. Active operations will be commenced on these properties at an early date and it will not be long before Kamloops has a ship-

ping mine. J. C. McLaren and Hugh McKinnon have bouded the Golden Eagle claim on Jamieson Creek to John Fernley. Fairhaven, Wash. The terms of the bond are that on the completion of a 50 foot tunnel a four-fifths undivided in terest in the claim shall be deeded to Fernley. Work is to be commenced by the 15th September next. Messrs, Mc-Laren and Mckinnon will retain an unassessable one-fifth interest in the property, Fernley to bear all expenses in conon with the erection of machinery etc. This is a very commendable method of getting a mining property developed and one which might with advantage b followed by many who own promising claims which they cannot afford to work. -Inland Sentinel

THE GOLDEN CACHE

Mr. Arthur Noel, of the Golden Cache mine, spent a night in town this week on his way to the coast for a vacation On his return Mr. Noel will occupy himself in developing some of his quartz properties in the Lillooet section. mill will be started on the Golden Cache, it is now expected, on the 8th of next month. Of the results Mr. Noel says, and no one is in a position to judge so The mine will make a wonderful showmade in pounding out gold with a mortar, and further, the ledge is large and permanent. The Golden Cache is a won-

derful mine. Mr. Noel has been in charge of the work ever since it was started and his course has been such as to cause the company to have full and entire confidence in his ability and integrity. B. C. Mining Journal.

GOSSIP OF TRAIL.

Trail, Aug. 24 .- Dr. Duncan, medical secretary for the provincial board of health, arrived yesterday from Nelson, where he has been conducting a sani tary inspection of that city. When he mains, with every evidence of fever. W. F. Keay, who has been stationed the office here, and has relieved Co lector Gordon, who goes to Fort Steele Charles Cunningham, who has been loing newspaper work in Kaslo, came in

the north yesterday with some barges in Mr. le Maistre, has just returned from Waterloo, where a force of men is at work on the Bryan group. Fourteen assays taken in all kinds of ma terial showed an average value of \$140. Additional specimens of quartz were brought in from the Bruce mine yesterday. The free gold is visible in large quantities in almost all of them.

The steamer Lytton came down from

Hon. Colonel Baker, minister of mines and education, was in Trail to-day, and visited the site for the new school house The bids were opened this morning and will be forwarded to Victoria for acceptance. The new structure will construcon to the present building. Contractor Winters and Superinten-

dent Gutelius, of the Columbia & Western, went to Robson to-day, where the work of laying the rails is under The big engine and flat cars used in the laying of the track are manned by There is still a demand for men. though several have arrived from Spokane

A SLUMP IN WHEAT.

A Big Drop Below the Dollar Mark Reported From Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 27.-Wheat broke over five cents a bushel to-day. At opening every-body wanted to unload, on weak cables Liverpool showed a decline of over five cents a bushel. Everything on the floor was demoralized by the selling of wheat-After the flurry, trade in wheat stagnate with the pit not more than half full. Sentember wheat opened all the way from 1834 to 92c., compared with 93%c, at the close last night. A rally to 96c, followed on some buying by the bull clique. December wheat, which closed at 93%c, and started to-day at 90c, to 90%c, touched 89%c. and recovered to 91c.

It's astonishing how much patience some people bare with themselves

FIVE LUCKY

Came Down from Clondyk er Fred E. Sander-Ha of Treasure. - No. 18 17 19 18

They Advise Those Who Going to that Cour Wait Till Sprin

Seattle, Aug. 27.-As to day's dispatches, the school Sander arrived from St. Port Townsend and brough men, Harry Ash, of Dawson Dinsmore, of Eureka, Cal. of Seattle, Charles Vest, and James McNamee, of Ju men quit the schooner at send and came to Seattle by City of Seattle, arriving day afternoon. They confir vious reports of the wond of the upper Yukon. The bring out \$50,000 in gold d gets enough, as they say, fortably on during the will ing to feturn to their ch spring. From them it is important discoveries have on several smaller streams son City, Hunker creek, w into the Clondyke, showing

It is the opinion of these Portland will not bring out for the reason that the dust the mines as a medium o There is no credit at Daw thing is bought it is paid and as the miners are stay work their claims during the are keeping their gold unti out. In the spring the amo down may be as much as \$ This morning J. S. Dinsm the steamer for San Francis the winter at his home. H him \$8,000, and has claims Creek valued at from \$50,0 is work in the the C 5,000 men, as the work mus the winter. Wages are \$1 A man can live at Dawson

diggings.

day, and if he is prudent The men severally brought lowing amounts of dust: James McNamee Charles Vest Joe Lowe Harry Ash I S. Dinsmore At the Hotel Butler this centre of an interested crow ry Ash, of Dawson City, Seattle, who is said to b less than \$100,000, all of

made from the start secured at Circle City and Dawson. pocketful of nuggets, the which he claimed was wort was about the size of an egg almost like one. --There was very little qu nugget. Ash has carried it time and believes it will brin His flarnel shirt was blazing monds, real diamends of no He has a habit of sifting a nuggets from hand to hand w to anyone, and all through sation the rattle of the gold sorts of fancies to the excite his hearers. One a big nugs to the floor and rolled out of began a hunt for gold that caused an old Clondyker to v

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was a large one, in the least

tinued the conversation while

hunted for the chunk of gol vator boy finally found it in ner and hardly got a look when he handed it back. Mrs. Ash, who is with also an object of great int Ash has been up there ever husband went north several and she says she feels like She was dressed this morning coming dress of green silk wearing a straw hat that was in Dawson last summer. Th rather the worse for wear. who listened to Mrs. Ash we to overlook her dress. The to be spent in shopping, for and Mrs. Ash lack many thin considered necessary in civiliza Ash has been looking forwa first shopping expedition aft a time in the north as only can. Her husband says that too good for her. Mrs. Ash brunette and good looking.

Mr. Ash has a quiet, confide of talking, but is very caref say too much when talking f tion. Mr. Ash said this mo "There are several things speak about. In the first pl attempt to go to the Yukon There is plenty of time in the It is true that Clondyke is a w gings, but a person going in r not get a claim, and stands show of setting work. Ther plenty of room for all who go spring, as there seems to be

Alaskan resources." Mr. Ash declined to tell much money he brought out. friends say that he has not l \$10,000 in dust, besides seve sands sent out by friends. heavy purchases in Alaska mi selling out his gambling house t & Stevens for \$30,000. The sold to are making money hand he says. He is satisfied with however, as he was tired of such a rough country. Ash h friends among the sporting medattle, and several of them we him at the Butler this morning of them asked Ash regard ances for crooked work at h replied, saying:

"Orooked work of any kind in would not be tolerated for a ere is but one sentence for su nstant death by hanging or from the country. The miners law well in hand and always Northwest Mounted Police. now of any stealing that amount of the stacked around without pronone was ever taken. I un hat a large number of crooks