

BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROSSLAND. (Rossland Miner.)

The Columbia Mining Co. will put in an air compressor drill plant at once. Solid ore was struck on the Maid of Erin shaft on the 27th. It assays \$12 and \$13.

Preparations are being made to pump out the Nickel Plate preparatory to starting in to work the property. It is understood that the negotiations for turning the Nickel Plate over to a joint stock company have been successfully carried out.

John M. Burke confirms the report that the Homestake is looking well. There are about five feet of ore in the tunnel and the shaft.

The Crown Point is expected to be soon shipping ore. Arrangements for the sale of the Mascot and Mascot fraction have been completed between Martin King, representing the Columbia mining company, and Charles Dundee and J. McKinley, the owners of the ground. The price given is \$8,000 cash.

Some astonishingly high assays have recently been obtained from specimens taken from the west drift of the 330 foot level in the Le Roi. One sample gave a return of 24 1/2 oz. of gold per ton.

Sunday, July 28th, at 3 o'clock a.m., the wife of E. Lavaley, shoemaker, of a daughter. Mother and child both doing well. This is the first birth in Rossland.

Ben Finnell, who returned from the head waters of Murphy and Sullivan Creeks on the 26th, says he met more outfit going in there than he could count, and they were all so anxious to get on the ground that they would not stop to talk to him on the way. Ben, along with Steve Walsh, Bob Macke and Bob Smith, was out doing development work on a ledge he and his partners discovered some time ago, and on which they located three claims, tracing the ore clean into the snow. On going back this time they traced it still higher up the hill and located another claim upon it. Ben Finnell says the property looks all right although they have practically no work done yet except their blacksmith shop set up, and a little prospecting on the ledge.

The following output is reported:

Table with columns: Date, Location, Tons, App. Value. Includes entries for July 21-27, Le Roi, Helena, and Tacoma.

TOTAL SO FAR FOR JULY. First week... 670 1/2... 832,014 89. Second week... 739 3/4... 34,900 59.

The amount of gold, silver and copper shipped from the Trail Creek district during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1895, follows. The period of time covered is a year, all the production but very small fractions having taken place during the past five months.

Gold... 20,510 ounces. \$400,200 00. Silver... 21,804 ounces. 21,502 30. Copper... 625,683 pounds. 46,372 65.

It is stated that during the month a train load, 15 cars, of cattle will be shipped from Ashcroft to Liverpool. The cattle come from the Chilcotin. This will be the first time that cattle have been shipped across the Atlantic from British Columbia.

Eight men have been engaged by Mr. J. F. Smith to do the mica mines at Tete Jaune Cache for Mr. L. V. Bennett. Sixteen pack horses will be taken to convey down as much of the mica as possible. The party will likely be gone about 10 weeks.

Mr. W. R. McCluskey, manager of the BX ranch, Okanagan, who for a time this spring was at Royal Inland hospital, died on Wednesday very suddenly. About two years ago a horse fall with him when the horse of the saddle caused pressure upon his heart and since then he has never been well.

A quiet wedding took place in the Episcopal church on Monday, when Mr. James Douglas Kirkpatrick, of Dog Creek, was united in marriage to Miss Emma Bove, daughter of Mr. H. O. Bove, of Alkali Lake, Rev. E. P. Flewelling, incumbent, officiating.

Mr. A. E. Howse, who was so unfortunate as to have his hotel at Nicola Lake, the Drifard, burned down last January, has the building to take its place almost completed. In the new one attention is given to design, so that a beautiful building of modern style is the result. It contains about 25 large airy rooms, which will be furnished very comfortably, and in every respect the hotel will be a first-class one, as a man of Mr. Howse's enterprise would have nothing else. The house will be ready for accommodation of guests in a few weeks.

The prospectors, Reighley and Frisby, who left here about three weeks ago, for a trip through Jordan Pass, returned last Sunday. They brought in with them specimens of ore from a claim which they located near the Shuswap high in gold and silver.

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A party of San Francisco capitalists are endeavoring to raise the Revelstoke smelter for a period of five years.

Miss Pearl Anderson died at her residence on Main street last Saturday night from an attack of fever.

Kootenay came in on loads of ore from the Slocan Star for Everett. She left on Sunday with six carloads— one car of explosives for Kaslo, two car loads of hay for Rossland, one car of furniture for Nelson, and one for Rossland. The steamer Lytton also brought up one car load of ore from the Slocan

AT COST! STRAW HATS BOATING AND TENNIS SUITS B. Williams & Co., 87 Johnson St.

Star for Everett, taking down a full cargo of general merchandise.

Revelstoke Mail. Work is being done on the Rosebery and Salisbury claims on Carnes Creek, owned by the Revelstoke Co., and also on the Aberdeen. They have a big showing of ore on carbonates.

Geo. Calloway ate his dinner as usual at the Maple Leaf Hotel, Illicilewaet, last Friday, but has not been seen since. His tracks were found near the river, pointing directly towards it, and from the length of the step, he must have been running in fear that "some one was after him." Parties have been out searching, but no other trace of him has been found, and it is believed that he was drowned in the Illicilewaet.

Recent discoveries in the Revelstoke division of West Kootenay seem to confirm the impression that the whole country is thoroughly impregnated with mineral. A couple of weeks ago the find on North Fork of the Illicilewaet was chronicled. An assay of this ore gives \$10 in gold and from 60 to 80 to several ounces in silver. The bed of the creek is reported to be full of float of high grade ore. Those interested are now agitating for a trail to the head of the North Fork, which would also serve a number of old locations, such as Jumbo, Whale, Bob O'Link, North Star, etc.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Friday's Daily. —The Nanaimo Equitable Pioneer society of Nanaimo and Robert Shortreed, of New Westminster district, have assigned.

—Regulations for homesteading Dominion railway lands in New Westminster district are published in yesterday's Gazette.

—The recent fete held on Mrs. Charles A. Vernon's grounds netted \$204, which amount has been handed over to the treasurer of the P. O. Home.

—News was received yesterday by Mr. James Mitchell of the drowning of his son-in-law, Mr. Charles Cox, of the marine and fisheries department, at Galiano Point, Ottawa.

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Sir John Schultz is far from well at present, yet he stood the discomforts and tire of traveling very well. Lady Schultz, who accompanied her husband, is a most devoted attendant. They will not, according to present plans, come to Victoria, and their stay in the province will not be long. They plan to spend a day or so at Vancouver visiting Col. De la Bore, who is an intimate friend of theirs, and from there they go to New Westminster, where they also have friends. On Wednesday or Thursday they will go to Harrison Hot Springs, and after a short stay there, to Lord Aberdeen's ranch in the Okanagan country, where they are to be the guests of His Excellency. Both Sir John and Lady Schultz spoke in the highest terms of the respect borne by the people of Manitoba for their Excellencies. The respect is universal, extending from the highest to the most humble, and it may be of interest to your people," said Sir John, "to say that I met Vice-President Shaugnessy, of the C.P.R., on his word on her. After remaining here a short time she will proceed to Alaska.

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—The following programme was rendered at the concert given by the South Saanich Temperance Society on Friday evening last: Chairman's remarks, Rev. Lamont; instrumental duet, Mrs. Butler and Mr. Brooks; song, Misses Roberts; recitation, Miss McFarlane; song, Miss Fraser; song, Mr. Moody; recitation, Mr. Sluggert; song, Miss Thompson; song, Rev. Thatties; Misses Cutler; piano solo, Mr. De Lano; glee, by members of the union; instrumental duet, Mrs. Cutler and Mrs. Butler; recitation, Rev. J. J. Ashton; song, Miss Edith Cutler; violin solo, Miss Roberts; song and chorus, Misses Cutler and Misses Brooks and Martindale; song, S. Cutler; song, Miss McFarlane, and dialogue, Misses Butler.

—William Hall, the Wild Swan blue-jacket arrested for breaking the plate glass window of A. B. Erskine's store, while drunk, was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Macrae this morning and committed for trial before the first court of competent jurisdiction. The charge was the wilful damage of property. The proposal was made to withdraw the charge and allow Hall to pay for the window by deducting 20 shillings a month from his pay, but the ship's officers would not guarantee the whole amount. The reason advanced was that Hall's conduct had not been very good and they did not have sufficient confidence in him to stand good for the amount. Hall will very likely be tried speedily.

—Among the passengers who came down on the steamer City of Topeka from Alaska yesterday were three of the survivors of the American schooner C. G. White, which was wrecked off the Alaskan coast several months ago. The men spent several weeks on a frozen and barren island before being rescued, and suffered terrible agony. All of them lost limbs by being frozen bitten. One of the men, which came down yesterday, had but one finger on each hand and had lost part of each foot. They had to bury themselves in the snow to prevent being frozen to death. The men did not remain here but went to the Sound on the Topeka. The Topeka had a splendid trip, the tourists being delighted with what they saw.

—Prof. Saunders, director of Dominion experimental farms, and Prof. Fletcher, entomologist and botanist of the department of agriculture, otherwise known as the "weed and bug" man, are in the city. The former came west to

in waiting for His Honor and Lady Schultz, and drove away with them. There was no conference. When Premier Bowell came west, a meeting was a very short one at the depot, and the general impression was that before Premier Bowell's departure, the Quadra there was a conference with the head of the Manitoba government, much though discretion and politeness required a demand thereof.

Sir John Schultz is far from well at present, yet he stood the discomforts and tire of traveling very well. Lady Schultz, who accompanied her husband, is a most devoted attendant. They will not, according to present plans, come to Victoria, and their stay in the province will not be long. They plan to spend a day or so at Vancouver visiting Col. De la Bore, who is an intimate friend of theirs, and from there they go to New Westminster, where they also have friends. On Wednesday or Thursday they will go to Harrison Hot Springs, and after a short stay there, to Lord Aberdeen's ranch in the Okanagan country, where they are to be the guests of His Excellency. Both Sir John and Lady Schultz spoke in the highest terms of the respect borne by the people of Manitoba for their Excellencies. The respect is universal, extending from the highest to the most humble, and it may be of interest to your people," said Sir John, "to say that I met Vice-President Shaugnessy, of the C.P.R., on his word on her. After remaining here a short time she will proceed to Alaska.

—The funeral of the late A. J. Rowbotham, which took place yesterday afternoon from the A.O.U.W. Hall, was largely attended. Rev. J. F. Betts conducted religious services at the Hall and the Workmen's services were held at the cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. R. Dinsdale, F. Gilchrist, Geo. H. Maynard, D. Lindsay, A. Gonnason and B. Williams.

—There has been a very good run of salmon in the Fraser river since Saturday, and the fishermen have been making very good hauls. The run was well come as for several days very few fish had been taken. The big run was first learned on Friday evening, when the fish appeared outside in the Gulf of Georgia and around Point Roberts in large numbers.

—There will be a meeting at Vancouver on Friday of those interested in the starting of a big central creamery in the Fraser river valley. The plan is to have receiving stations at points conveniently located. The matter is in the hands of Alexander Phillip, of New Westminster, who will submit a plan complete in all its details to the meeting and will be considered. Considerable interest has been worked up and Mr. Phillip has his plans well along. The program was to have been discussed in a general way at the meeting of the Dairymen's Association at Agassiz, but there was not the necessary time to take it up.

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