

S BAY COMPANY.

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(Winnipeg Free Press.)

Requirements of their increase. Hudson's Bay Co. are carrying out this year, important buildings. In this addition is being made massive pile of buildings that cover of Main and York street to the rear of the block is being house of the same character as the present one on York at the block a continuous one set to Fort street, the largest and the most complete of city. It is intended, principally, handling and packing of goods, and is of stone and brick, height, corresponding in design to the structure. A Prairie, the wooden building, many has done duty as the, is being replaced by a brick building, two stories in height, glass fronts, measuring building is on the west part of avenue, the principal business town. The old store has been vacant lot somewhat to the business is still being carried on the completion of the new building. Many fine blocks, but with that the Hudson's Bay Company is the finest in the town. This is being duplicated. This structure of a building of fifty on Stephens avenue, in the business buildings of this important town. The Calgary high there are few more beautiful buildings, is being completed the Hudson's store will be an ornament to the place.

At Kamloops a new store is completed. The company's old in the extreme western portion and to meet the necessities of have moved to the more business town, and have just completed a stone store, two stories in height, with the character buildings of this Western city, trusted for business purposes. In addition to the fine granite stands on Granville street, Hotel Vancouver, the Hudson's now have a large and warehouse on Water street, and for the storage of their own general storage and warehouses. It is a four story stone building, 80x112, which forms one of the most beautiful buildings in the city, and to keep times the Hudson's Bay Company the former store a building two stories high, which was destroyed by fire at Prince Albert last by the company's mill and renovated and improved, was destroyed, has it is pleasant to see the effect of making the hearted. It was lost much, but the town of Prince Albert thereby. In place of glass, always more or less a fire when used for building on stone foundation, a latest and most improved masonry, lighted by electricity. It is here most of the land poets is made. A valuable building to the farming district, and the hope of that no accident may befall it to its two predecessors.

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the fruit industry in British Columbia causes the railroads to prepare for it like the crop of California. As against the government experimental farm has now the distinction of being in one sense the greatest fruit farm in the world. It has more varieties of fruit than any other orchard in the world. These run from peaches and apricots up to the hardiest berries and small fruits. Manager Sharpe, of the farm, has just made an interesting experiment. Up to this time it has been the custom to think that only the valleys were suitable for cultivation and that the level leiges and slopes up the mountains were worthless. Mr. Sharpe has planted on these slopes groups of trees ranging from the valley level up a thousand feet, and these are all doing well. This will open up for fruit farming hundreds of thousands of acres that were previously considered worthless. Numbers of people are going into fruit farming in the Okanagan and other valleys, where irrigation can be had, and they are meeting with great success. Mr. Fletcher's chief business in going to British Columbia was to see if the San Joaquin, the pest of California, and the codling moth, the apple pest of the whole world, were at work there. Happily for British Columbia, Mr. Fletcher found neither, and generally speaking, he found British Columbia free from insect enemies than lands to the east and south.

HON. EDWARD BLAKE

SOUTH QUEBEC, Aug. 24.—(Special)—Hon. Edward Blake and Mrs. Blake arrived to-day by the Parisian. Both are in excellent health. They took the train here and are going right through to Toronto, where they will remain for a few weeks. Mr. Blake will sail from San Francisco on October 15 en route to New Zealand, where he goes to act as umpire in an arbitration case in connection with the Midland railway of New Zealand. He expects to return to England by January next via the Suez canal.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Supposed Suicide of a Newspaper Man by Drowning—The Christian Brothers.

Result of the Election in Westmoreland Very Satisfactory to the Government.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Aug. 24.—Hugh Molvor, a former newspaper man here, is supposed committed suicide by drowning in Ayler lake last night. After putting his wife and two children ashore he rowed out in a boat, which was found in the rapids this morning.

The Christian Brothers refuse to make any alterations in their methods of teaching, notwithstanding the provincial commission's condemnatory report. Their services in Ottawa will be dispensed with entirely.

The election of Powell in Westmoreland by such a large majority, gives satisfaction in government circles to-night.

DURRANT'S TRIAL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—The trial of Theodore Durrant for the murder of Blanche Lamont was resumed to-day. The last 200 names of the 600 veniremen drawn from the original service were used, leaving the venire completely exhausted. Two more jurors were secured to-day, making eleven in all.

When Durrant's preliminary examination for the Lamont murder was being held, Rev. J. Gibson, pastor of Emanuel church, was asked by Durrant's counsel if he had ever been pastor of a church in Romney street, London, England, and he replied that he had not. Defendant's counsel said that he had. Rev. Joseph Gibson, while pastor of the Romney street church, became involved in a scandal through attempted familiarity with the ladies of his congregation. He was compelled to leave England and came to America. The defendant's counsel insisted that two Gibsons are one and the same. Robert Lynch, Mr. Gibson's private secretary, said that Jesse and George were long students at Spurgeon's College in London. They formerly preached at Romney. Lynch declares that Jesse always bore a good reputation.

Captain of Detectives Lees also states that the story connecting Rev. J. George Gibson with Rev. Jesse Gibson, who was forced to leave Romney street Baptist church, London, because of improper intimacy with girls in his London church, was improbable. When the Emanuel church murders first came to light Lees looked up pastor Gibson's record both in America and Great Britain. He traced his career at colleges in Edinburgh, and found that there he had a classmate named Jesse Gibson, whom Lees believes to have been the immoral London pastor. Lees says that in Gibson's whole career, from the cradle to the present time, there is no blot. Scotland Yard detectives in London helped in the investigation, and Lees says this story trying to connect Gibson with his namesake in London is a scheme of the defense to throw suspicion off Durrant long enough to secure his acquittal before he is tried for the murder of the pastor of Emanuel church was never accused of immorality in London.

MAINLAND MATTERS.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 26.—(Special)—Prof. Prince, Dominion fishery commissioner goes to the North Arm of Burrard Inlet in company with Judge Bole, to ascertain as far as possible the practicability of introducing lobsters in the waters of that vicinity. Prof. Prince goes to Howe Sound also on a "dredging" trip.

Sockeyes are running about 50 to the boat. Hampbaks are very plentiful. The Victoria Cannery Co. have filled, but expect 5,000 more cases from the North in time to fill them. Nearly all the canners have now completed their pack.

Major Preston, a veteran of 187 and Major in the Canadian militia, died last evening aged 87. Major Preston was father-in-law of W. J. Hanna, of Victoria.

There will be a meeting of the junior Wanderers this evening. All members are requested to meet at the High school park at 7:30 sharp.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the GREAT SOUTHERN AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE. This new remedy is a great surprise and relief in all cases of kidney and bladder troubles, and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. Sold in Victoria by Dean & Cryderman.

CABLE NEWS.

Newfoundland's Position Before the House of Commons—Yellow Fever at Lagunayra.

Italy and Peru—Organization of the British War Office.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The secretary of state for the colonies, Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, answering a question put to him by Mr. William Johnson in the House of Commons to-day, said: "The negotiations which have been going on between Canada and Newfoundland, looking to the incorporation of that province into the Dominion, were now in abeyance owing to the indisposition of Canada to accept the liabilities of Newfoundland." In answer to further questions as to whether the government would be able to aid the colony over the coming financial difficulties which presented an obstacle to the union, Mr. Chamberlain said: "No; it means that the taxpayers of this country would be burdened with the cost."

Reinforcements of troops for Cuba embarked to-day at Barcelona. The Diario de Avisos, of Corunna, states that the Spanish government is putting its intention of sending 25,000 additional reinforcements to the island of Cuba in October, and adds that Captain General Martinez de Campos has declared he will resign if the government insists upon appointing a lieutenant-general for the island of Cuba.

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Le Figaro referring to the situation in Cuba, has expressed the opinion that it would be better for Spain to grant adequate autonomy to the island in order to put an end to the separatist movement, than continue an onerous conflict after which, even if victorious, she would be obliged to redress the grievances of the inhabitants.

A special dispatch to Le Figaro from Rome contradicts the report that the Pope intends to establish a nunciature in the United States.

Le Journal of Paris expresses a doubt as to the authenticity of the rumors regarding the approaching visit of S. S. Ambassador Rusti owing to the slow progress he has made in investigating the case of Mr. John L. Waller, formerly U. S. consul at Tomatave.

In the Hungarian government's estimate of the world's wheat crop, Canada is put down for 61,086,000 bushels. The total yield for the world is 21,402,571,000 bushels.

At the inquest to-day upon the remains of Gertrude Mayston, who was shot and killed by her husband after which she later attempted suicide and is now in the hospital, the evidence showed that the deceased was formerly a member of the Gaiety Theatre company, under the stage name of Gertrude Hilyer, and that she played in America in 1894, under the management of Mr. Henry Abbey. It was also shown at the inquest that she was the daughter of a naval captain and that she married a cab driver. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause of the tragedy and an American named Stephens was named as frequently sending her money.

An editorial in the Times this morning approves the statement made in the House of Lords by the Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, upon the organization of the war office, but asks an explanation of the necessity of two boards instead of a single consultative council presided over by the Secretary of State. "In the hands of a masterful and sagacious commander," the Times adds, "the plan seems not unlikely to result in the supreme authority held by the Commander-in-Chief under the old system."

A Berlin despatch to the Standard says that it is reported that Japan will build two naval forts at Omisaki, in Aomori, and at Yokohama, in the Chocho Islands. It is further reported that the Mikado will send a squadron of his best men of war on a cruising expedition to Europe and America.

The Standard's correspondent at Vienna says that a bacteriological examination proves that Asiatic cholera exists at Tarnopol, Galicia. Several cases and three deaths have been reported.

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Kootenay Mines Threatened With Fire—Another Strike at Trail Creek.

(Special to the Colonist.)

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VANCOUVER, Aug. 27.—Verdon has a sensation. Jack McKinnon, a butcher and one of the most popular men in the district, has been arrested for cattle stealing. A reward was offered for the detection of the thieves, and his hide was found under McKinnon's barn.

Hallitus fishing is to commence almost immediately. The New England Fishing Company have chartered both the Coquitlam and the Capilano for the season.

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The Knights of Pythias picnic on Saturday was largely attended and there was a good programme of sports.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor have arranged an excursion to Comox on Friday.

NEW DENVER.

(From the Ledger.)

Duffy, Jackson and Nichols have been working on the Noonday for several months. It is on the Galena farm, not far from the Georgia. Thirty tons of ore have been taken out and a shipment will be made forthwith.

The Springer Creek country is an easy one to reach. It is covered with a heavy wash, making it rather difficult to find mineral in sight. About 175 claims have been staked, principally along Springer and Limon creeks and their tributaries. The Arlington is evidently the king of the camp. The surface showing upon it is said to be the best ever seen in the Sloon. This claim was located last year by Con Fielding and Bob Cooper.

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Capt. Garland, of North Bend, has a job across the river, by means of which he expects to be able to take across sawmill machinery, boiler and engine to saw lumber for the same his company is building to bring water to hydraulic property.

Two prospectors from Washington, who spent a week or two at Tranquille creek, left this week on the team in a narrow way. They had two saddle horses and three pack animals. They will probably spend the winter trapping on the Clearwater.

Another train load of cattle from the Canadian Western company's ranges will be shipped to England from Ashcroft on September 4.

NELSON.

(From the Miner.)

Ore has been struck in the lowest tunnel of the Alpha about 18 inches solid.

The R. E. Lee mine, situated above the Washington, starts shipping ore on Monday.

The concentrator is now running on Cumberland ore, and this mine will return by the end of the year the purchase price, \$25,000.

Among the claims located on Lemon creek during the last week are two in the names of R. Marpole and H. Abbott. The prospector who has been out for these gentlemen has made several promising locations and expects to work on the claims before the snow flies.

Smelter men are still hanging about Trail Landing.

Having got their new machinery into working order the Le Roi expects to put out about 100 tons a day.

The people who have bonded the Iron Horse are calling for tenders for the sinking of a shaft 100 feet deep.

One of the stages on the Northport road has a narrow escape from a serious accident last week. It met an iron team in a narrow part of the road and the horses shied and bolted over the steep siding. The coach and horses were brought up some 50 feet below by trees, and fortunately no one was hurt.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S ABUSES.

Investigation Likely to Bring Much to Light and Save Thousands of Dollars.

Union Bank Directors will Be Committed—Fishing Prospects Very Poor.

St. Johns, Nfld., Aug. 26.—(Special)—The government has begun an investigation of the alleged corruption in the customs department, and expects to bring to light many abuses and to save the country thousands of dollars.

The case against the Union bank directors is expected to end next week. The crown's case has been completed and the defence now begins. Nothing is left to the magistrate, in view of the revelations in the case, but to commit the accused directors for trial. A special term of the court may be held next month for the trial of the directors of both banks.

The weather for the past fortnight has been very unfavorable and thousands of quintals of fish are spoiling for want of fine weather to dry them.