

Agriculture

On Mainland

Deputy Minister Returns From A Visit to the Upper Country.

Crops Reported to Be Unusually Heavy And Farm Laborers Scarce.

In Okanagan the cereal crop declines equally well, those on the dry lands, demanding the irrigation of the soil, realizing the expectations formed of them early in the season; these remarks are applicable to the districts along the Okanagan and Kootenai lakes, and the Columbia. The Lake and Missoula valleys, from various points between, fruit and grain crops are being shipped to the Northwest and the points along the line of railroad. Mr. Robinson, of the firm of Robinson and Sumner, was met on board the steamer at Penticton, and was very enthusiastic regarding the results of the planting at Penticton; there is quite a village on the shore, and higher up on the benches are to be seen the fruit farms of the settlers. The land is well watered, and the crops just been acquired by the company, and has much greater agricultural extent than the Indian reservation. The rate, is the farm lately owned by Dr. Barclay, and who now seems disposed to sell it to the company. It is a small wonder, as it is beautiful, fertile and well watered. Under the able management of Mr. M. K. McLeod, it is no question but that this estate will soon be settled and become a thriving one. The company has a few more, unquestionably the right man in the right place. Penticton sustains its reputation as a health resort, the cooling evening breeze not felt in the upper part, being almost continuous, cooling the air, and in contrast to those parts not so much heated. The town, Ellis' farm is situated at this most beautiful, unquestionably one of the most valuable, and the finest of the stately yellow or Bull Pines (*Pinus ponderosa*) scattered over the level open

LITTLE BOY DROWNED.

Winnipeg, July 30.—(Special)—Roy, the 8-year-old son of Duncan A. Roy, of Westbourne district, was drowned today while playing in the White Mud river.

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New York, July 30.—Prime mercantile paper, 4% and 5 per cent; sterling exchange, 100 shillings for the pound in bankers' bills at 4.87% for demand; 4.84% for 90 days; posted rates, 4.88% for sight; 4.85% for 90 days; Mexican dollars, 41%; government bonds, firmer; state bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, irregular.

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He—"I love you darling, I swear it by those little stars in yonder part of the sky."—Don't swear by those Reginald."

She—"Why not?"

He—"Because those trees are slippery things."—Detroit Free Press

Destruction And Desolation

Terrific Earthquake Shocks Spread Ruin in Southern California

Fertile Valleys Turned Into Desolate Waste-- Towns Destroyed

ing on the desk ordering large quantities for Frankfurt, Germany, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, and St. Petersburg, Russia, while cable orders from England and France were being received right along. In fact, the lobster trade had now grown to immense proportions, equaling in worth that of herrings.

Lobsters are also caught along the coast of Maine, but these are shipped to market in barrels, and are called "cannery lobsters," and are not so desirable as the others, which they find a ready sale. For this market they must be ten inches or over in length, and the price paid to the fishermen for this description prohibits the catching of smaller ones. The lobsters of this size are also sent from the Maritime Provinces to the American market, the smaller ones being used for soup. The quality of the large ones, they are quite as good as the European ones, and very much cheaper.

today during the thunderstorm which occurred late in the afternoon. As the lightning flashed over the tops of the mountains across the lake, the play of the lightning was very brilliant, and one flash struck the top of one of the peaks, and the smoke and steam rose and creating a picture as of a volcanic eruption. Almost immediately afterwards a second tongue of fire struck the mountain, and the smoke and steam rose again set the brush on fire. The incident was noted by a large number of persons, and both places are burning now.

A party of Great Northern officials arrived in town this evening on the steamer Kaslo and were met at the wharf by a party of business men, some of the Kaslo & Slocan Railway company. They comprise the following gentlemen: F. C. Clarke, St. Paul; J. C. McLaughlin, Seattle, and J. C. Jackson, Spokane.

On A Tour Of Inspection

**Second Vice-President of C.P.R.
and Other Officials Visit**

Reply Not Received to Offer for the Fast Atlantic

ing with "God Save the King." This was done on behalf of the lodge, and the following was read:

RUMOR DENIED.

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From Nelson News.

A crack in the bow of the Victoria crew's four-oared racer gave rise to a rumor that the Victoria crew after its arrival had been tampered with to emphatically repudiate any such charge as being made of the omission of the slight damage was done in transportation.

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PLEASURE CRUISED.

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From Nanaimo Free Press.

Mr. W. W. B. McInnes went to Ladysmith this morning. He will join at that town on Monday morning a three days' excursion with New Westminster as their objective point. The party includes Mr. Andrew Bryden and others of Ladysmith. A tug has been chartered for the three days, with the intention of having a pleasant cruise.

PIG IRON IN CANADA.
Demand for Output of Canadian Furnaces Increasing.

Representatives of the furnaces report that they are taking a large number of orders for delivery for the first half of next year, and, from what we can gather, a large number of these orders

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June Group Sold to Copper Mountain Mining and

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CROFTON NEWS.
Sampling Works in Full Operation—
Furnace and Converter House
Complete.

house is now a very busy scene. The samplers are now putting through 25 to 30 tons an hour, and later on, when the new machinery is working more easily, they will put through 35 to 40 tons an hour. Lines of small

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ON THE BLACK PRINCE.
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Like others who come down from Sicker, Mr. Smith says the mining outlook there is brightening every day. The working mines are progressing steadily

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