A FAMILY TRAGEDY.

George Brown Dying From a Wound Received From His Son-in-Law.

A Rifle Bullet From Behind a Closed Door Strikes Down the Old Man.

Greviously wounded by a bullet, George Brown, of Beechy Bay, is dying at St. Joseph's hospital, while his son-in-law, John Aiken, is in a cell at the provincial police station, charged with having fired the shot with intent to kill.

Yesterday forenoon Superintendent Hussey was informed from the hospital that a badly wounded man had been brought there, inquiries were at once instituted as to the cause of Brown's injuries and soon the police were on Aiken's track. The story is one of those unfortunate narratives of trouble among relatives that sometimes lead to awful results. Brown is a man well known in Victoria and has for years past resided at Beachy Bay; John Aiken is comparatively a new resident in the province, having come here from Scotland five or six years ago. He was a near neighbor of Brown's and a short time ago married one of the old man's daughters.

There seems to have been some trouble between the two men for a short time back, as far as can be learned, and it is also said that since losing one of his sons by an accident some time ago Brown has not been quite himself. However that may be, his children not being at home on Thursday, Brown says he went over to Aiken's place to ask about them, and on the way, as the dog annoyed him, he picked up a stick to frighten the animal. He knocked at the door, and to make himself heard better hit the door with his stick, and then came a rifle shot from within the house, the bullet penetrating the door and striking Brown in the mouth. He fell and then scrambling to his feet made his way to his house and rode to a neighbor's house, whence he was brought to the hospital yesterday morning.

Dr. Jones tried to find the bullet without success, as it seemed lodged somewhere in the chest, and then the provincial police were informed of the facts as then known, and Police Magistrate Macrae took the ante-mortem statement of the apparently dying man.

Word was telegraphed to different points, the wharves were watched, and every precaution taken immediately to apprehend Aiken. Sergeant Langley and constables McKenna and Bevan, of the provincial police, started off for Scoke to capture him, but on the way out met Mrs. Aiken driving into town and learned from her that her husband had come to Victoria. Constable McKenna soon afterwards found that Aiken was at the house of his sister-Mrs. McInnes, at Oak Bay, and by half past six had his man locked up in the provincial cells.

There is apparently another side to the story and that is that Aiken, who is a small man, was afraid of Brown, who is a very powerful, large frame, and fired the shot through fear that the old man would break in the door to get at him. It is understood that Aiken admits the shooting, but gives the excuse just stated, saying that several times the old man has threatened to do him violence. The real facts however cannot be known till the whole trouble is thoroughly sifted, and it would be unfair to either man to hazard an opinion till then.

At a late hour last night Brown was reported to be very low and there seem to be few chances of his living.

DEATH ENDS ALL.

Frederick Kaye, a man about 70 years of age, who has long been a patient at the Jubilee hospital, suffering from paralysis of one side, died yesterday afternoon under remarkable circumstances. The old man had no relatives living in this country, but for several weeks past a number of his "friends" have interested themselves in his case, and have, it is said, endeavored to have him removed from the hospital and placed in their care. In this the old man could not express his opinion, for the outcome of his malady softening of the brain set in, and he lost his reason. His "friends" being persistent the directors of the hospital having heard that he possessed considerable wealth, owning in cash and real estate something like $5,000, decided to apply to the court to appoint trustees of his estate. As a result an inquisition in lunacy before Mr. Justice Drake and a jury was commenced yesterday morning. Dr. Richardson, the resident doctor of the hospital, was the petitioner, and the petition was presented under the Lunacy Acts, 16 and 17, Victoria. The order for the inquisition was made on March 10, and a jury was demanded on behalf of the wife. The proceedings in court consisted in the taking of the evidence of Dr. Richardson, Hanington and Crompton, all of whom agreed that the patient is utterly incapable of managing his own affairs. Dr. O. M. Jones, who had been the old man's medical attendant, was to give his evidence at 2:30 o'clock yesterday but prior to that—shortly after noon—the judge, jury and counsel all drove out to the hospital. At 2:15, however, Kaye died, putting an end to all further inquiry. The counsel in the case were H. D. Hancken, Q. C., for the petitioner, and A. D. Duff for Kaye. The deceased was a shipwright, and for a long time lived in New Westminster where he was commonly known as "Frenchy" and rewards at Sooke. His funeral is arranged to take place from the Jubilee hospital on Sunday afternoon.

The beard, mustache and eyebrows may be made a desirable and uniform brown or black by an occasional application of Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

MONTREAL, March 18.—Le Monde attributes the result in Bonaventure to the use made of the Baie des Chaleurs railway and the presence of a large English population. The Manitoba school question had little interest for the electors in that distant part of the country.

[From THE DAILY COLONIST, March 21.]

SOLDIERS SATISFIED.

"Barracks Athletics" Defeat the "Rangers" Through Superior Combination Work.

Cricketers Reorganize and Oarsmen Prepare to Follow—Golfing at Oak Bay.

NANAIMO, March 20.—(Special)—The first match in the Association cup tie series was played here to-day between the Nanaimo Rangers and the Garrison Athletics, the game being an excellent one and the fine day bringing out a large number of spectators. The Rangers won the toss and succeeded in making one goal in the first half. Victoria started with the wind in their favor in the second half and secured two goals, making the final score two to one.

Throughout the match the soldiers' defence was excellent, briskly repulsing several stiff rushes of the Rangers. In the second half the Victoria forwards pressed steadily on the home goal, and only the steady play of the Nanaimo backs and goal saved the colors. Nanaimo was at a disadvantage in having a mixed team and several non-players, while the Victoria team was able to work well together. The goal secured for the Rangers was made by Gilmore, who made himself indispensible. The Victoria goals were captured by Hanbury and Chapman respectively.

COLUMBIAS V. Y. M. C. A.

At Beacon Hill an interesting game of Association was played yesterday afternoon between the Columbias and the Y. M. C. A's, the former of whom were on this occasion successful with a score two to one. The forward line of the victors put up a particularly good article of football, the combination work of Hunter and Wilson being especially noteworthy. That the game was all that is desirable from a spectator's standpoint was evidenced by the number who watched it to the end, indifferent to the snowstorm which formed an undesirable side feature.

AN EASY PREY.

On Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon, the Fifth Regiment Rugby players met a team from H. M. S. Comus. The latter are a new team, and not having the advantage of practice, fell an easy prey to their opponents. The weather was splendidly tempered for brisk play, and this continued throughout notwithstanding the odds in the make-up of the teams.

THE OAR.

THE Y.M.C.A.'S ORGANIZING.

The Y.M.C.A. Rowing Club intend to take an active part in aquatics during the coming season, and so as to prepare in good time they meet for organization in the association rooms on Tuesday evening. Consequently intending members should turn out to the meeting. There is to be a concert for the benefit of the club on March 30.

MONEY TALKS WITH GAUDAUR.

ORILLIA, March 20.—J. G. Gaudaur, the world's champion, has received a letter from Elias Rogers, of Worcester, Mass., challenging him to row on Lake Quinnicigamond for $500 a side. Gaudaur declines to go to Worcester unless the stake is made $1,000, but will agree to row for $500 if Rogers will come here.

CRICKET.

THE VICTORIA'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The Victoria Cricket Club have their annual general meeting to-morrow evening at 8 p.m. at the offices of Messrs. Davie, Pooley & Luxton.

FIFTH REGIMENT CLUB REORGANIZED.

The Fifth Regiment cricket team, whose record for last year stands a credit to the organization, is again in harness, having held its annual meeting in the Drill hall last evening. The club will begin practice about mid-April on the old grounds at Beacon Hill. These, as will be remembered, were furnished last year with a cement crease, and are this year in excellent condition. At last evening's meeting Lieut.-Col. Gregory was elected president; J. F. Foulkes, vice-president; B. H. T. Drake, captain; B. Goward, vice-captain; and A. T. Futcher, secretary-treasurer, the management committee was formed from a member of each of the regimental companies. A scheme for organizing an inter-league association between all local cricket teams was favorably discussed, and it was decided to confer with other clubs on the matter.

GOLF.

FOURSOME TOURNAMENT.

The mixed Foursomes Golf tournament given by Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Barnard at the Victoria Golf Club's links at Oak Bay yesterday was a pronounced success, no fewer than 90 competitors taking part in the event, and the winners being as hereunder:

Name.	Score.	H'c'p.	Result.
Miss K. Davie and Sir Chas. Ross	96	18	78
Mrs. Marquis and Mr. W. J. Beaven	93	11	82
Miss M. Prior and Mr. H. Combe	98	10	88

The net scores of the other competitors varying from 84 to 104.

Fifty Years Ago.

This is the cradle in which there grew
That thought of a philanthropic brain;
A remedy that would make life new
For the multitudes that were racked with pain.
'Twas sarsaparilla, as made, you know
By Ayer, some 50 years ago.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

was in its infancy half a century ago. To-day it doth "bestride the narrow world like a colossus." What is the secret of its power? Its cures! The number of them! The wonder of them! Imitators have followed it from the beginning of its success. They are still behind it. Wearing the only medal granted to sarsaparilla in the World's Fair of 1893, it points proudly to its record. Others imitate the remedy; they can't imitate the record:

50 Years of Cures.

THE CITY.

BURRARD INLET post office will hereafter be known as Hastings, while new offices will be opened about the first of April at Creighton Valley, Yale and Delta, in Westminster district.

THE funeral of the late Robert Hatcher took place yesterday afternoon from Hayward's undertaking parlors, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven officiating at Ross Bay cemetery. The following acted as pallbearers: A. Lawson, E. Lines, J. Brown and W. Webster.

A VALUABLE watch was picked up yesterday at the Oak Bay golf links, and it will no doubt afford the owner much satisfaction to know that the property is now safe with Honorary Secretary C. B. Stahlschmidt, who will restore it to the loser on proof of ownership being produced.

THE rapid growth of the Island lumber industry, and the importance which the trade of the Chemainus mills has lately attained, have necessitated the creation of Chemainus as a Dominion port of entry, Mr. L. G. Hill being appointed harbor master with instructions to enter upon his duties without delay.

THERE will be a sound of revelry at Work Point barracks on Tuesday evening when the warrant officers, N. C. officers and rank and file of the Imperial troops give their annual smoking concert. All who had the pleasure of attending last year know how successfully such an affair can be carried out.

ANOTHER shipment of 25 tons of Van Anda ore has been brought down from Texada for treatment at Everett, and now that the mine has got development work in shape, the shipments will continue to grow larger each week. The present lot of ore averages $60 to the ton, and Mr. E. Blewett, the superintendent, who has just arrived from the mine, stated in conversation yesterday that another body of very rich ore has been struck in the lower level of the mine.

ANOTHER phase has been given to the legal troubles between William Foote and Mrs. Jones, of Lake district, the latter having entered suit in the County court for $30, balance claimed to be due her for wages. The defence is that the agreement under which Mrs. Jones made her claim was not operative as not having been approved by Messrs. Pemberton and Helmcken, who manage Mr. Foote's affairs. The case opened before Judge Harrison yesterday, but was adjourned, as Mr. Foote is still too ill to appear in court. Mr. W. H. Langley appears for the plaintiff; and Mr. A. S. Potts, of Drake, Jackson & Helmcken's office, for defendant.

A SAN FRANCISCO dispatch says a party of men from that city and Oakland are about to start on a co-operative mining venture to Alaska, and will make the trip something on the line of the Brotherhood of the South Sea Islands. The scheme was devised for fifty persons of small capital, who can find no remunerative occupation in California at the present time, to advance $210 each, and buy a vessel to take the party to different places in Alaska, where they may seek their fortunes by mining. The boat will be provisioned for a six months' voyage, and a large cargo of merchandise will be carried for the purpose of trading with the Indians. Prince William's Sound will be the first objective point, and those adventurers who desire to remain there and mine will do so. The schooner will return a little later for them, in case they are not successful, and then proceed to Cook Inlet, where the remainder will prospect for gold. In case the project proves a success the men will remain in Alaska and sell the schooner, but if it proves a failure it will bring back all those who desire to return to that city. The schooner will then be sold and a dividend declared from the proceeds of the sale.

PRIOR to embarking on the steamer Tees the new settlers of the Danish colony from Minnesota and bound for Cape Scott were banquetted by their Victoria friends last evening at the Occidental hotel. Captain Christensen was in the chair and after an excellent repast a very social evening was spent. Regret was expressed at the steamer Tees leaving so early, which rather shortened their enjoyment. During the evening the colonists were presented with Dannebrog (the national flag) from their Victoria friends, and they appreciated the gift very much. About fifty sat down to dinner. They were escorted to the boats afterwards by numerous well wishers. Just before the steamer sailed Mr. Anton Henderson made a rattling speech, wishing the colonists every success. The colonists, he said, were leaving the principal city of the Island, but he hoped that before long a city that would rival and surpass Victoria would be built up at the Northern end of the Island as a result of their venture. When the cheers given his remarks had about died away and as the boat was pulling out from the wharf, Mr. Thomas, of Thomas Bros. & Grant, sang "Farewell," in fine robust voice.

OTTAWA, March 19.—(Special)—At the last general elections two Liberals were elected in Ottawa by the civil service flop. They are now rewarded by the abolition of the annual salary increase, and to-day it is announced that the office hours in winter will be from 9 to 6, with one hour for lunch, and while in summer the hours will be somewhat shorter.

THE DANES DEPART.

Colonists for Northern Vancouver Leave for Their New Home by the "Tees."

Salt Proves the Salvation of a Good Old Steamer—Horses in Harness.

Geo. Willey, Joshua Green and Peter Falk, of Seattle, feel that in their purchase for $3,050 of the old United States revenue cutter Oliver Wolcott at auction on the 18th of last month, they have drawn a great prize, for to-day it is asserted that she is worth fully $40,000. There was little surprise and very general approval when the government ordered the supposed "old tub" to be sold at auction and everybody agreed that $3,000 would be the limit of the bidding. After the sale the Wolcott remained tied up for a couple of weeks; then she was put on Hennigan's ways at Ballard. She came off Thursday afternoon and those in a position to know assert that no sounder bottom ever floated in the waters of Puget Sound. Not a break was found in her copper sheathing, and the removal of a single plank from her bottom satisfied everybody with her condition. The official inspection is not yet completed, but Capt. W. J. Bryant, United States inspector of hulls, says her timbers and planking are in excellent condition. She is, in the first place, a thoroughly well-constructed vessel, her timbers being exceptionally heavy and all the fastenings of composition spikes and copper. During all her years of service the revenue officers have kept the bilge space between the lining and outside skin packed with rock salt, and on opening her up the other day it was discovered that the salt had crystallized over the wood and preserved it in perfect soundness.

The Wolcott's engines and boilers are now receiving attention. These were put in only about five years ago, and the engines are said to be in very fair shape; the boilers, however, will require considerable repairing. There is some talk of her going to Alaska but nothing definite in this regard is yet announced nor is it likely to be, until after the completion of the official inspection on or about April 1.

DANISH COLONISTS DEPART.

There was not an unoccupied berth aboard the C.P.N. steamer Tees when she sailed on her regular coast trip last evening. A short time before leaving the wharf her passengers were treated to an interesting exhibition of equine restlessness that for excitement and amusing qualities equalled a circus performance. Owing to the big miscellaneous freight the steamer had aboard, and the low stage of the tide, the vessel's decks were down far below the level of the wharf, and the horses that were being shipped being particularly wild, had to be picked up in the slings and lowered to their places. The crew, though exercising every caution, are evidently not skilled in the work, but this is what gave the passengers amusement, for in the excitement the parlance of a teamster was quite forgotten for the clear old sea-faring terms. It was with great persuasion that the steeds could be got any way near the scene, and once in the sling and they felt the ropes tightening, their frantic capers would scatter the crowd and drive them to lofty perches quicker than a giant powder explosion. The Tees makes an exceptionally long trip on this occasion, as having a party of fifteen Danish colonists aboard for Cape Scott, her voyage will be extended to the northern extremity of the island. The other passengers she had aboard were J. Conway & son, C. Decher, Rev. Father Van Nevel, M. Spencer, Captain Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobsen, J. Seeley and wife, Charles Spring and wife, E. A. Cleveland, and C. C. Killings.

THE "FINSBURY" TEMPEST TOSSED.

BOSTON, Mass., March 20.—The British steamer Finsbury, Captain W. H. James, reached port to-day from Rotterdam after a most tempestuous passage of nearly a month. Captain James says it was the worst voyage ever experienced by him. On three different occasions during the voyage the steering gear gave out, and it became a serious question whether the steamer would survive the terrific weather. Three members of the crew were seriously injured, one of them having to go to the hospital here.

TO REPAIR THE MANZANITA.

The contract for repairing the U. S. lighthouse tender Manzanita has been awarded to the Astoria iron works, the lowest bidder, the vessel is now south of the Columbia. Captain Merrell, lighthouse inspector, thinks there is so much work to be done that it seems almost impossible for him to spare the vessel, but she must be repaired, and he intends to try and turn her over to the iron works about April 1.

PORTLAND WANTS IT.

"A party of Seattle men interested in the establishment of a steamship line between the Sound and Honolulu, were in the city yesterday," says the Portland Oregonian, "looking over the field for freight. The Honolulu trade, which promised so much for Portland, is in a fair way to follow the Alaska trade, the the Central American trade, and a number of other enterprises, which were driven to the Sound because they found no welcome here."

MARINE NOTES.

Another letter was received from Capt. Cutler, of the sealing schooner Agnes Macdonald yesterday, in which it is stated that the vessel expected to leave Honolulu on Friday last. According to this arrangement Capt. Cutler would be in the Japanese sealing grounds by April 1.

SOME few weeks ago a sensational article appeared in the Evening Times relative to a large seizure of opium in San Francisco in which the assistant accountant of the Bank of British Columbia in that city was mentioned as being in some way implicated. Investigation has proved that the whole transaction was perfectly legal and in order, and the United States government, admitting this through the Attorney-General have caused instructions to be sent to the collector of customs to restore the opium to the owners.

AND THE BAND PLAYS ON.

New Instruments for the Musicians of the Fifth Ordered From London.

The Good Friday Sham Fight—Shingles for the Bisley Bungalow.

The Fifth Regiment band is at last to have a complete set of new instruments, and these have actually been ordered from Besson & Son, London, the most famous makers in the world. The instruments are expected to arrive in time for the celebration of Her Majesty's diamond jubilee in June next; they will cost in the neighborhood of $3,500, and although there is only $600 on hand at present the officers have ordered them, strong in the conviction that the public will lend any assistance towards raising the sum required. For this purpose it is proposed to hold a promenade band concert in the drill hall on Thursday next. The admission will be ten cents as usual, but the concert will be an extra good one, with a number of special attractions. In addition to this, Major Irving and one or two other gentlemen have volunteered to take up a public subscription, and it is certain that the citizens will be only too glad to contribute. The band is a great credit to the city, and the citizens owe it to themselves to assist the officers and bandsmen, who have up to the present together borne the entire expense. The instruments ordered include five B. flat cornets, four E. flat altos, three B. flat slide trombones, one G. slide trombone, one B. flat euphonium, two E. flat bombardons, one side drum. The instruments are all to be "Class A," quadruple silver plate, engraved 1st Battalion, 5th "British Columbia Regiment Canadian Artillery." Among the instruments made by G. L. Penzel & Bro. are six B. flat clarinets, one E. flat clarinet, one E. flat flute, one D. piccolo, one oboe, one bassoon, and one "Krusps" mouthpiece for B. flat clarinet.

At the concert last evening at the Drill hall the usual enthusiastic audience was present. Solos by Miss Jameson were the extras and added very materially to the enjoyment of the hundreds who were in attendance.

The following is an extract from the London Gazette, dated 23rd February:

"Sixth Dragoon Guards — Second Lieutenant Harold Child Bickford, from the Active Militia of Canada, to be second lieutenant, vice R. H. Collis, promoted." On reference to the militia list, it will be seen that this officer has held a second lieutenancy in the Governor General's Body Guard (cavalry) since the 16th August, 1895.

A telegraphic special from Ottawa to the COLONIST announces the promotion of Captain Charles C. Bennett, of the Second Battalion to be major. Provisional second Lieutenants Clinton and de Wolfe Smith are transferred to the Second battalion.

Lieut.-Colonel Prior has presented the shingles to roof the Canadian bungalow at Bisley—thus will British Columbia lumber be represented in the building.

The badges won by the member of the 5th R.C.A. at Shoeburyness have been distributed to Sergt.-Major Cornish, of Vancouver, and Sergeant Thomas and Corporal Lettice, of No. 3 Company.

The warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and rank and file of the Imperial troops stationed at the barracks have invited the non-commissioned officers, and ten rank and file from each of the three companies of No. 1 battalion to a smoking concert at the barracks on Tuesday evening next.

Preparations will soon be under way for the annual sham fight on Good Friday.

No. 1 Company varied their drill last Tuesday evening by marching out to Beacon Hill and enjoying practice by moonlight.

Corporal R. Nevin, of No. 1 Company, has been granted leave of absence owing to his having been promoted to a more responsible position in the office of the sugar refinery, which in the meantime necessitates his removal to Vancouver.

AN INTERESTING APPEAL.

The Full court will have a special sitting to-morrow to hear a somewhat interesting appeal in the mining suit of Wells v. Petty. The plaintiff, Frank A. Wells, in the fall of 1894, discovered some galena ore in the Three Forks district, but the season being late he told the defendant, George Petty, of the find, and as a result Petty went out and located the claim, since known as the Monitor No. 2. Plaintiff claimed a half interest in the mine, saying that the defendant had promised he should be "in on it," which plaintiff held plainly pointed to a partnership and entitled him to his interest.

The plaintiff, finding himself "out of it," however, entered suit to enforce his claim. Mr. Justice Walkem at the trial held that that there was no foundation for a partnership and dismissed the case. Then an appeal was taken to the full court, and as Mr. Justice McColl had been engaged as counsel for one of the parties before he was appointed to the bench, his lordship declined to give any judgment, but simply sat on the bench to make a quorum. Mr. Justice McCreight and Mr. Justice Drake not agreeing in their judgment. They considered it best to refer the appeal for hearing to the full bench and accordingly the appeal comes up to-morrow. Mr. E. P. Davis appears for the appellant and Mr. W. J. Taylor for the respondent defendant.

THE ELECTION IN ACADIA.

HALIFAX, March 20.—(Special)—The Nova Scotia legislature has been dissolved and writs issued for a general election to be held April 20, the nominations to be made on April 13. The campaign is already well under way and promises to be the most exciting struggle in the history of provincial affairs during the past half century, thanks in large measure to the part which Federal affairs and the Dominion leaders are playing in it.

WINNIPEG, March 20.—(Special)—The suggestion that Hon. Hugh John Macdonald should run for Dennis in the event of losing his seat in the Dominion house is being seriously discussed. It is thought that Mr. Macdonald could carry Dennis; in fact there is a general impression that he would not be opposed.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

NEW WESTMINSTER, March 20.—(Special)—At the first sitting of the Crown timber commission, the commissioner, Mr. Archer Martin, explained that Mr. Higginson was not being tried upon charges against him—that the inquiry was held for the purpose of reporting upon the affairs of the agency. The timber agent, however, is under suspension, and has sent in his resignation. Mr. Hammersly, of Vancouver, appeared on behalf of Mr. Higginson. Mr. Martin called on anyone who had any complaints to make to come forward, and Mr. Robert Stewart, of Salmon River; Mr. A. Reed, of Salmon Arm; and Mr. E. M. Carnese, of Surrey, thereupon gave in their names and addresses. Mr. Carnees deposed that he had made an application for a homestead, and was informed that the site was leased to Grant and Ker, loggers. He said that he had found out afterwards that the lease had been made out after he had sent in his application. Mr. Stewart declared that all the wood supplied to Kamloops in 1895 and 1896 was stolen, and that the timber agent knew of it. Mr. Reed deposed that there had been unlawful cutting two and a half miles from Kault. Ten thousand ties were cut on government property this winter. He thought that these ties not yet accepted by the C. P. R. were government property.

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, March 20.—(Special)—The Chinaman found dead in Chinatown yesterday was one of those who had just been fined for running a gambling house. It is said that when in jail he was refused opium to which he was addicted, and the reaction caused his collapse and death.

J. W. James, brother of T. R. James of the Bank of Montreal, died in Rossland yesterday of typhoid fever after a brief illness.

Before H. J. Walton left for Cariboo yesterday his friends here made him a handsome present in the shape of a well filled purse.

KASLO.

KASLO, March 20.—The ore receipts for the week were 656 tons, worth $61,000, as compared with receipts of 800, 625, 690 and 479 tons in the four previous weeks.

A petition is being circulated in Kaslo against the granting by the provincial legislature of the charter sought by the Kootenay-Victoria company, represented by George Alexander.

ANACONDA.

ANACONDA, March 20.—The final payment has been made by the Boundary Mines company on the Mother Lode. The price of this property was $16,000. It shows 180 feet of ore in the crosscut tunnel.

The owners of the Gold Drop, who have been represented heretofore by George Turner of Vancouver, have declined an offer of $200,000 for their claim. It has been prospected by diamond drills and shows 122 feet of ore in a crosscut tunnel.

ROSSLAND.

ROSSLAND, March 20. In the quotations in the Spokesman-Review Freeburn is quoted at 12 cents per share. This property lies between and adjoining the Homestake, Fire Fly and Nest Egg claims. The Homestake has just been sold by Mr. Linnard in England for a high price. It is being worked with heavy machinery, having an 80-horse power boiler and five drill compressors. The Nest Egg and Fire Fly belong to one company, who have just placed an 80-horse power boiler and four drill compressor to work their splendid property. The Fire Fly ledge, about 80 feet wide, passes through the Freeburn, and is one of the most remarkable showings in Trail Creek. The Freeburn has also the two ledges of the Nest Egg. The Columbia & Western railway runs through the property, thus giving it facilities for shipping. The ore from the present shaft assays $12 to $24.80 in gold. It is the intention of the company to quickly prosecute the work of development. The property is crown granted and free from incumbrances. The capital of the company is 500,000 shares of the par value of $1 each.

The Le Roi had to close down yesterday as the ore bins were all full owing to the snow blockade on both railroads. Both roads are now open again, and work at the mine will resume Monday or Tuesday.

The Deer Park completed the installation of its machinery plant to-day and will resume development work on Tuesday. The Pale Alto's new plant is now in operation.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Canadian Mining & Development Co., Ltd., the following officers were elected: President, Hon. T. Mayne Daly; vice-president, John Kirkup; secretary, Warring G. Kennedy; treasurer, William B. Townsend, J.P.; consulting engineer and mining superintendent, John Monahan; solicitor, J. L. G., Abbott; managing director, W. H. Cooper. The company owns six mineral claims—the McDonald, Bernice, and Rayner on Deer Park mountain, the Bonanza Queen and Golden Eagle on Sophie mountain, and the Red Fox on the north slope of Columbia mountain, adjoining the Buckeye—all within five miles of the city of Rossland. Operations will be commenced on the property immediately.

The Rhoderick Dhu shaft having been measured by Superintendent Haskins and found to be down 50 feet, the depth stipulated in the contract. The shaft is now in good ore, and a second contract was let for another 50 feet.

The Giant shipped 21 tons the other day to Tacoma, which will be found in next week's statements of shipments.

(From the Rossland Record.)

Rossland has at present ten shipping mines, thirteen that have shipped at a profit, and about twenty that are in a position to ship as far as ore is concerned.

The machinery for the Palo Alto arrived three days ago and is being installed.

There is three times the quantity of snow at this time that there was in March last year, or the year before.

Options on the Jumbo, Commander and Gertrude have been recorded. It is more than likely that one or other of the properties will be taken, possibly all.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

MOST PERFECT MADE.

A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.

40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

WILL NOT END FATALLY

Thursday Evening's Shooting at Beechy Bay Will Not Cost George Brown His Life.

Fear of His Stalwart Father-in-Law Induced Aitken to Pull the Trigger.

There is very fair hope now for the recovery of George Brown, who was shot on Thursday evening last. Having been able to make a closer examination of the terrible wound in the man's mouth and throat, the doctors now believe that after all the bullet is not in his body, but in one of those extraordinary deflective courses which such missles often take, it passed out of Brown's mouth again after inflicting the wound. This being the case, it somewhat simplifies matters, and the chances of Brown's recovery are therefore better, especially as he is a man of such powerful constitution.

Aitken, who did the shooting was brought before the police magistrate yesterday morning and formally remanded to the 26th and in the meantime the provincial police are gathering all the evidence they can in the case. Sergeant Langley and Constable Bevan were at the scene of the shooting yesterday to bring in the door through which the bullet was fired, the rifle and other exhibits to be used at the trial and also took several photographs of the house.

From what can be learned from people, who know Brown well, he has been acting rather strangely of late, for until recently he was on the very best terms with Aitken. Not long ago, however, he had beaten Aitken very severely, and it is said not only to have threatened his son-in-law but his daughter as well.

Aitken, who is a small man compared with Brown, claims that he was afraid when Brown came to the door that he was trying to break in to do him personal harm. This apparently seems borne out by the fact that Brown's three children went to a neighbor's house on Thursday, and Mrs. Brown also, owing to their fear of him.

However, the whole story will no doubt come out later, and as Brown is now likely to live, the shooting will not have so serious an ending as at first sight appeared probable.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Judge—What leads you to think the prisoner didn't get much money? Officer—He offered to divide with me, if I'd turn him loose.—Puck.

Jay Green (sourly)—If them people don't do different about it blamed if I'll go to the party to-morrow night. Josh Medders—What do you want 'em to do in order to git you to go? Jay Green—Invite me.—Judge.

"I saw that German tenor drink about two gallons of beer last night." "Nothing strange about that," replied the manager. "He is determined that his voice shall not lose its rich liquid quality."—Detroit Free Press.

"We pay our minister $2,500 a year."
"Ours gets $4,000."
"Has he ever been tried for heresy?"
"No, but he says eyether and nyther."—New York World.

"What kind of a wife shall a young man marry?" asks a magazine writer. It strikes us that he'd better not marry any kind of a wife. Let him take a widow or a single young woman.

Pull her tail if you want to make a Maltese cross.

Mephistopheles—Well, how do you like the place? Is it hot enough for you?

Proselyte—Oh, it's not so warm. You have so many shades here.

"I will be remembered," said the poet, "when you are forgotten."
"Very likely," said the plutocrat, "I always pay cash."

"Do you ever stop to think
When you start to take a drink?"
Said the good man to the bad one at his side.
"No, but I often stop to drink
Ere I start to take a think."
Said the wicked one—and then the good one died.

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