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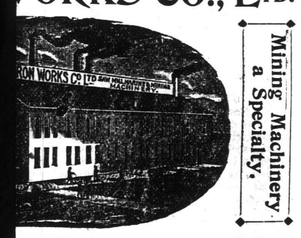
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Yukon Chartered Company Restricted to Ordinary Privileges —Revelstoke Cold Storage.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 20.—(Special)—The fast Atlantic line contract is at last an accomplished fact. A cablegram was received this afternoon from Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, colonial secretary, stating that the contract for the fast Atlantic service signed with Messrs. Peterson, Late & Company, of Newcastle, had been accepted by the Imperial authorities. The contract only waited confirmation of the Imperial government and the admiralty subvention. This being now granted the firm will at once proceed to build their fleet.

Mr. Mulock informed the house that Jubilee postage stamps of all denominations will be issued about June 29. The supply will last about three months. Only one set will be given away and that to the Duke of York.

A special estimate for the Jubilee contingent was passed this afternoon. Mr. Sutherland suggested that a reasonable allowance be given officers who will accompany the Premier.

The government thought officers were being fairly well provided for. If necessary the government would ask parliament for a further sum.

The contract with the Bank Note Company was discussed by Mr. Foster, who severely scored the government for allowing them to do a portion of the work outside of the Dominion.

Casey's bicycle bill passed the railway committee this morning by a vote of 46 to 21, despite the strenuous opposition of the railway companies.

OTTAWA, May 21.—Sir Richard Cartwright made the announcement tonight that the Imperial government have assented to the steamship contract with the Petersons Company. The Canadian subsidy for a twenty knot service will be $500,000, and the Imperial contribution $250,000. The service will be in operation by midsummer of 1899.

There was a pretty warm fight in the Railway committee this morning over the Yukon Chartered Company's bill, but after the elimination of certain objectionable features the measure was reported. Messrs. Oliver, Lister and McInnes strongly opposed the bill. Mr. Haggart also thought the powers sought were too extensive. Sir Charles Tupper supported the application, believing it essential that British capital should be encouraged to invest in Canada. Mr. Blair thought it advisable to confine the company's operations to trading and transportation in British Columbia and the Territories, eliminating all administrative powers.

Prof. McEachren to-day recommended to the committee on agriculture that the government spend $100,000 in stamping out tuberculosis in cattle.

Sir Charles Tupper asked about the Alaska boundary negotiations, and Mr. Sifton promised to bring down the papers.

Good progress was made in supply today. Sir Charles Tupper warmly supported the vote for a statue to Hon. Alex. Mackenzie and said parliament was but doing tardy justice to the memory of one of her most illustrious statesmen. Sir Richard Cartwright acknowledged in appropriate terms Sir Charles Tupper's generous observation.

Commissioner Robertson goes West to-morrow as far as Revelstoke where he will inspect the cold storage warehouse intended for facilitating sending butter, poultry, eggs, etc., from Alberta into the Kootenay mining country.

THE QUEEN AT SHEFFIELD.

SHEFFIELD, Eng., May 21.—Queen Victoria, Princess Christina of Schleswig-Holstein, and the Duke of Connaught, arrived here at 5 o'clock this afternoon. All work was suspended. Her Majesty will spend two hours here, during which time she will be officially welcomed; receive and reply to addresses; open the town hall; drive through the city; review 50,000 scholars; and witness the rolling of armor plate at the Cyclops works. She will then proceed to Balmoral, where she will arrive to-morrow.

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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

NANAIMO, May 21.—(Special)—The second annual convention of the Epworth League of British Columbia opened in the Wallace Methodist church last evening, the pastor, Rev. T. W. Hall, welcoming the delegates. Mr. More, of the Metropolitan League, Victoria, and Mr. Hunter, of Homer street church, Vancouver, and others responded, thanking the Nanaimo League for the hearty reception.

At this morning's session committees on "Sabbath Observance," "Resolutions and Petitions," "State of the Work," and "Finance and Temperance" were appointed, also a special committee on the "International Convention," consisting of Revs. S. J. Thompson, T. W. Hall, W. W. Baer and J. D. P. Knox; Misses Baerd and Wintermute, and Messrs. Malkin, Peck and Haslam.

The conference committee on the International League presented an appeal from the Washington conference to secure the meeting of the International League at Seattle in 1898.

An interesting discussion on the relation of the league to the pastors took place. The main idea impressed on the convention was all leagues should do all in their power to co-operate with the pastors in all respects.

At 11 o'clock Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland gave his address on, "The aims and objects of the Epworth League; or how we can best accomplish the same."

The delegates in attendance numbered forty-six, from this city, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Vernon, Chilliwack and Ladners, Victoria having much the largest delegation. Among the representatives of the league in this city were: Miss Baird, Miss Nott, Miss M. Nott, Mrs. Goodchild, Mr. and Mrs. Charlton, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Mr. E. Rogerson, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Siddall, Mrs. Ford, Miss M. Reeves, Mr. Hall, Miss Thomas, and Miss Burkhelder.

AIDING THE "ARCADIA."

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., May 19.—The wrecking tugs and the British warship Pelican worked at the wreck of the Hamburg-American liner Arcadia, near Cape Ray, to-day, until the weather got too stormy, when the tugs started for Port Au Basques, where they are now safely harbored. The warship is lying off the wreck and the tugs will return to it to-morrow when the weather moderates. Other wrecking ships will join them, and a combined effort will be made, with the help of warships, to pull the Arcadia off the rocks. Thirty local schooners carrying portions of the Arcadia's cargo have landed the goods at Port au Basques, and are now returning for a second load, but at present it is too rough to allow them to approach the wreck. A party of blue jackets from the Pelican are superintending all the salvage and wrecking operations.

WHERE IS THE BOY?

BOSTON, May 19.—Albert M. King, the 19-year-old messenger of the Boylstone National bank, at the corner of Washington and Essex streets, is missing, together with about $2,000 in cash and a $1,000 certificate, not negotiable except between banks. King started for the clearing house at 10:15 to-day to settle the balance existing there against the bank and on the way, according to instructions, transacted other business involving something like $45,000. As he did not return to the bank by one o'clock the officials grew anxious and made a search for the messenger, besides securing the aid of the police, but up to the present have been unable to ascertain his whereabouts. King has been employed at the bank two years and his honesty was never questioned.

ADMIRAL MILLER

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Rear-Admiral Miller, who will be the United States government's naval representative at the Queen's jubilee ceremonies, has selected his staff and directed that they report on the Brooklyn for duty not later than May 25. Secretary Long has allowed the admiral a liberal sum for entertaining purposes, and it is proposed for once that the navy shall hold its own in receptions and entertainments along with the other admirals who may be present with their ships. The departure of the Brooklyn has been fixed for June 1, and her orders direct her to proceed to the English channel and join the other foreign warships which will be present for the festivities.

ANOTHER POINT ELLICE CASE.

VANCOUVER, May 20.—(Special)—The second case against the city for damages on account of the Point Ellice bridge accident opened to-day. It is Patterson v. City of Victoria, in which Mrs. Patterson sues the city for the death of her husband, who was a victim of the bridge accident. Besides a widow he left three children. The evidence is to a large extent similar to that in the Gordon case. The tramway company are not included in the suit.

THE PREFERENTIAL CLAUSE.

BRUSSELS, May 19.—In the chamber of deputies to-day the government was asked several questions as to the attitude of Canada towards Belgian imports. The minister for foreign affairs, M. Favreau, declared the new Canadian tariff was not applicable to Belgian trade. He added that the government was taking care to safeguard Belgian interests.

KILLED NEAR NELSON.

ROSSLAND, May 19.—A special to the Miner from Nelson states that Bruno Maraino was killed, and R. Ross, C. P. R. employe, injured fatally on the Columbia and Kootenay railway, 20 miles from Nelson this morning. They were knocked off a flat car by a wood pile projecting over the track.

LUCKY MAYHEW.

MONTREAL, May 19.—(Special)—James Mayhew, aged 60, lately in poverty, has received word that he has been left a fortune amounting to $250,000 by the death of an uncle in England.

LABOUCHERE CENSURED

The Transvaal Committee Condemn His Allegation of a Stock-Jobbing Conspiracy.

A Scene at the Sitting of Yesterday —Truth's Editor Offers to Bring Proof.

LONDON, May 21.—There was a dramatic scene to-day in the committee room of Westminster Hall. The parliamentary committee inquiring into the Transvaal raid held another session and during the course of the examination of Mr. Rutherford Harris, the former secretary of the British Chartered South Africa Company at Capetown, by Mr. Labouchere, the witness was asked whether he had ever heard of a syndicate organized for the purpose of dealing in the securities of the Chartered Company. Mr. Harris replied by reading an extract from Mr. Labouchere's speech in the House of Commons on May 8, 1896, and also an extract from Truth of May 5, 1896. The article from Truth states that a conspiracy had been formed prior to the raid for the purpose of making large bear sales, and points out that the results would be of great profit to the conspirators. "It is clear," continued the article, "that the raid was planned by Cecil Rhodes, Alfred Beit and the secretary of the Chartered South Africa Company." After continuing the reading, Mr. Harris turned to the chairman and begged him to call upon Mr. Labouchere to justify his statements, which Mr. Harris added "are absolutely and maliciously false and untrue."

Mr. Labouchere replied: "In order to give proof, I shall have to call a number of stock brokers before the committee."

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, thereupon sharply remarked: "I think it important that you should do so."

Replying to Sir Richard Webster, the Attorney General, Mr. Harris reiterated that Mr. Labauchere's statement was untrue from beginning to end. The witness next read an extract from the Gaulois, written last week and signed by Mr. Labouchere, making similar charges.

Mr. Labouchere said he was prepared to prove the charges. The committee room was then cleared in order to allow the committee to discuss the matter. When the session was resumed the chairman announced that the committee condemned Mr. Labouchere for commenting on the raid while the enquiry was proceeding, took notice of Mr. Harris's denial, and added that it rested with Mr. Labouchere to take the steps which he thought fit to meet the denial.

Later Mr. Harris refused to be further examined by Mr. Labouchere unless the latter withdrew his charges. On motion of Sir William Vernon Harcourt the committee room was again cleared. On resuming business the chairman said he thought Mr. Harris's position in the dispute must be wholly satisfactory to him, and the matter was then dropped.

SAGASTA IS GLOOMY.

MADRID, May 19.—At a meeting of Liberal senators and deputies to-day, Senor Sagasta, the former premier, made an important speech, in the course of which he said: "We have 200,000 troops in Cuba, but we are not even masters of the territory trodden by our soldiers. At the same moment Carlism is organizing itself in the peninsula, and menaces us, thanks to the immunity it enjoys, while the seeds of separatism are germinating in some of the provinces. The picture could not be glowing. We have war in Cuba and in the Philippines, and we have attempts at civil war at home. The government is not responsible for them, but it is unfortunate in its administration. Reform in Cuba will now solve the question." The speech, which was greatly applauded, portends stormy sitting for both chambers. Many liberals predict that Senator Canovas will be thrown from power within a fortnight. Political passions are thoroughly aroused.

EATON'S BURNED OUT.

TORONTO, May 20.—(Special)—The departmental store of John Eaton & Co. was totally destroyed by fire to-day. The damage to the firm is placed at $220,000; insurance, roughly, $225,000. Three hundred employes are out of work, and lined the street this morning in front of the vacant spot where the building had stood. Other losses are: The Monarch Cycle Company, $3,500; W. H. Johnson, proprietor photograph gallery, $2,000; Dentist Wyckoff, $1,000; Fairweather & Co., $10,000; insured for $15,000.

C.P.R. APPOINTMENTS.

WINNIPEG, May 20.—(Special)—In recording appointments announced on the Pacific division of the C.P.R. an error was made as to the location of Mr. Beasley, who was mentioned as superintendent of the Vancouver subdivision. A new subdivision has been created of branch lines in Kootenay district known as Nelson division, and Mr. Beasley has been appointed to this division, with headquarters at Nelson. Wm. Downey, the present divisional superintendent at Vancouver, is retained in that position.

ONTARIO LEGISLATION.

TORONTO, May 20.—(Special)—The Telegram to-night says all signs points strongly to an early dissolution of the Ontario legislature.

ANOTHER INDUSTRY CLOSED.

MONTREAL, May 20.—(Special)—The Montreal sugar refinery, employing 280 men, has found it impossible to continue under present circumstances, so an order to close down has been given out.

INSPECTOR SWEET.

TORONTO, Ont., May 20.—(Special)—M. Sweet, chief postoffice inspector, left here yesterday on an official visit to Manitoba and British Columbia.

GREECE'S INDEMNITY.

Ralli Says His Country Will Pay Turkey But Cede No Territory.

Messages Between the Czar and Sultan That Stopped the Turkish Advance.

LONDON, May 20.—A dispatch from Constantinople gives the text of the Czar's message to the Sultan asking for the cessation of hostilities as follows: "Your Imperial Majesty will not feel astonished by the fact that, encouraged by the evidence of sincere friendship and neighborly feeling which exists between us, I take upon myself the task of addressing to Your August Sensibility my earnest expression of the wish that you will crown the heroic successes of your soldiers by a suspension of hostilities. This is a course which will be in entire accord with the firmness and peaceful moderation you evinced at the commencement of the campaign. Your Imperial Majesty will thus accomplish an act which will be entirely in conformity with wisdom and moderation and which will serve to still further augment the respect and admiration you personally inspire and of which I will forever retain in memory. I pray your Imperial Majesty to be good enough to believe in my unalterable friendship."

The Sultan replied, expressing lively and sincere thanks, and informing the Czar that he had ordered the Turkish commanders to stop fighting. In conclusion the Sultan said: "I pray your Imperial Majesty also to take into consideration that I was for friendly intervention of the powers to assure the re-establishment of peace, having for its result the safeguarding the rights and prestige of my government and the maintenance of general peace."

ATHENS, May 20.—Crown Prince Constantine to-day had a long conference by telegraph from Lamia with Premier Ralli. Ralli in the course of an interview to-day, said; "The indemnity which Greece will pay Turkey will be in proportion to the resources of Greece and her financial position. The cession of territory is out of the question. Greece cannot accept a modification of the strategic frontier, which would render easy the raiding of Greek territory by armed bands and which would compel Greece to maintain a numerous army in order to prevent such incursions."

RELIEF FOR IRELAND.

LONDON, May 21.—The government leader, Mr. Balfour, made an important statement in the House of Commons to-day regarding the government's policy, which will be carried out next session, the object of which is to give Ireland an equivalent for the relief in the agriculture rates give to England. The government, he said, proposes to place both the poor law and the co-administration on a popular basis. The landlords must be relieved of all rural rates. At present the land-owners are liable to half the poor rates, which the government proposes to hereafter pay out of the imperial funds. The tenants are liable for the other half of the poor rates and the county cess. The government proposed hereafter to pay the county cess out of the Imperial funds. This double benefit to two classes, Mr. Balfour explained, will enable the government to launch a scheme for local government, which he believed would work safely and smoothly. He could not then give the details of this scheme, which would place a large charge upon the exchequer; but it would be a charge which the country at large and the Unionists would not grudge, if thereby they could see the way to carry out the reforms to which they had pledged themselves. Mr. Balfour was of the opinion that every class of the community would be disposed to regard with favor what he could not but think must prove one of the greatest reforms carried out under the safest conditions ever suggested in the House of Commons.

Mr. Henry Edward Carson, Conservative, formerly solicitor-general for Ireland, moved to adjourn the house in order to discuss Mr. Balfour's statement. He referred in terms of approval to the proposal of the government. John Millan, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party; Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, Liberal, and Mr. Redmond, the Parnellite leader, also approved of the proposals. Mr. Balfour said the money would not be applied to Ireland this year. Thereupon Mr. Carson renewed his motion to adjourn.

NO BIRTHDAY HONORS.

OTTAWA, May 21.—It is authoritatively stated that there will be no announcement of honors conferred throughout the Empire on the occasion of the Queen's Birthday this year. The announcement of such distinctions will be made in connection with Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee next month.

Lord Aberdeen assented to the Jubilee contingent bill and about fifteen others in the Senate this afternoon.

Sir Richard Cartwright led in the house to-day in the absence of the Premier in Montreal.

Hon. Mr. Blair said to-day, in answer to Sir Charles Tupper, that he would give a general outline of the arragement respecting the Intercolonial extension to Montreal when the house goes into committee on the railway estimates.

JUBILEE SOLDIERS.

WINNIPEG, May 19.—(Special)—Major Evans, commanding the Winnipeg troop of Royal Canadian dragoons, received orders from Ottawa to-day to furnish three men for the Jubilee forces in England. Sergt. Instructor McMillan and Private McAlpine have been sent to accompany Major Evans.

MARQUIS ITO.

VANCOUVER, May 20.—(Special)—The Marquis Ito left to-day for the East on the C.P.R. private car Matapeda. He will stop off at Ottawa to pay his respects to Lord Aberdeen.

THIRSTY FOR MORE BLOOD.

LONDON, May 21.—A dispatch to the Standard from Constantinople says that reports having reached the Yildiz Kiosk on Wednesday night that the troops in Thessaly and Epirus were grumbling angrily because of the cessation of fighting, the military commission ordered that all grumblers be sent to Constantinople under escort. The dispatch adds that the priests with the army have been instructed to deliver special sermons on obedience.

The victories of the Turkish armies have resulted in exciting in Constantinople hostilities to European dictation and alienating support from the government, which is denounced for weakness respecting the settlement with Greece. The Sultan ordered that the patrols in the city be increased on the pretext that it is possible that there will be an Armenian manifestation on the occasion of the Armenian national anniversary, which will occur three week hence. The real reason is his fear that there will be a Moslem outburst against the government.

An imperial order has been issued forbidding the sale of drawings, photographs or poetry dealing with the war or the Turkish commanders, evidently with the idea of preventing the heroizing of any Turkish commanders.

BUFFALO TO JUBILATE.

BUFFALO, N.Y., May 21.—A meeting of British-born residents of Buffalo and the subjects of Her Imperial Majesty Victoria was held at the Ellicott last night for the purpose of making formal arrangements for the Jubilee banquet which has already been announced. A general committee of arrangements was chosen and a number of special committees were also named for various purposes. Albert I. Jones was named as chairman of the general committee and Arnold D. Ralph secretary. At a subsequent meeting the general committee passed the following resolution:

"While it is particularly requested that all citizens of British birth shall take a warm interest in the matter of the celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, it is the sense of the committee that no barriers of nationality shall be raised, and that all good American citizens, well-wishers of Her Majesty, are cordially invited to participate in the banquet and will be most welcome." The banquet will be held at the Ellicott Club on the evening of the 22nd of June.

MANITOBA AFFAIRS.

WINNIPEG, May 21.—Crop reports from points on the Northern Pacific lines in Manitoba to-day state that the weather has been very warm during the past week, and in consequence grain has come ahead and the fields are looking green and the wheat strong

Rev. Dr. Carman, president of the Methodist general conference, returned to-day from British Columbia.

Sir Wm. Van Horne is expected to make a trip over the C.P.R. early in June.

Orders were granted by the Manttoba courts to-day winding up the Heimskrit Publishing Co. and the Lake of the Woods Fish Co., both being insolvent.

Harry Phair, who was injured by the upsetting of a freight car at Portage la Prairie, died of his injuries this morning, making the second victim of the accident.

The second daughter of Mrs. Hamilton Merritt, aged 7, was drowned yesterday at Fleming.

INDEPENDENCE OF CUBA.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Cuban affairs furnished the house with a day of bitter partisan debate. On the resolution appropriating $50,000 for the relief of Americans citizens, the Democrats endeavored to enforce consideration also of the Morgan resolution for recognition of the belligerency of the insurgents, but were beaten. They accused the Republicans of endeavoring to evade the issue, but the dominant party, through its spokesman, Mr. Hitt, made the important statement that the Republicans desired not to embarrass negotiations which were being projected by President McKinley to secure the independence of Cuba. While Mr. Hitt disclaimed presidential authority for his statement, it was well known that he had been in consultation with Mr. McKinley on the question and knew whereof he spoke.

TO LOCK THE HARRISON.

Mr. W. H. Keary, of Westminster, who is in town on business, speaks very highly of the mining properties that are being opened up in the Harrison, Pitt Lake and neighboring districts. A great deal of business is being done from Westminster with the new camps, for at least $5,000 worth of goods have been shipped to the mines from the Royal City in the last ten days. There is much development work in progress, Mr. Keary states, and there are hundreds of prospectors and miners hard at work. At Harrison Lake there are between 300 and 400 men at Pitt Lake and vicinity about 200 more and near the mountains there are many men camped waiting for the snow to go off enough to allow them to prospect on the hills.

With the exception of the rapids on the Harrison river there is navigation for even large steamers from the Fraser to the head of the lake. To overcome the rapids, Westminster people are urging that a lock be put in and this, it is maintained will give good navigation at all periods.

"I was told last week," said Mr. Keary, "that many years ago a man named Coe advocated this very thing, and now people seem to have come round to his way of thinking."

At the Fire Mountain mines and the Providence mine a large number of men are employed, and at the former place the company are putting in a wharf 1,000 feet long for shipping purposes, and are getting in a ten stamp mill. It is astonishing, Mr. Keary says, how many men who are flocking in from other parts of the province and from Washington to prospect in Westminster district.

CHATHAM, May 19.—(Special)—Jas. Young, 21, was sentenced to five years to-day for placing an obstruction on a railway track, nearly causing a wreck. The prisoner said he did it to see some fun.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Experts Tell the Vancouver Jury About the Broken Bridge—Booksellers' Protest.

Rossland Mining Exchange Decides to Wind Up—Warm Weather Swells the Fraser.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, May 20.—(Special)—Particulars of the death of the late John Rooney have been received as follows: He was hurrying to catch a train at Revelstoke and over exerted himself and was taken ill. At Glacier a physician was summoned, but Mr. Rooney was then past medical aid. At Banff he expired. Deceased was 46 years of age, and had been in the railway postal service for 30 years. He leaves a wife and daughter. The remains were brought to the city to-day for interment.

R. McPherson, M.P.P., will spend the summer in Kootenay investing and prospecting.

Lieut.-Col. Gregory and Gr. Scott, of Victoria, and Sergt. Worsnop, of Vancouver, who left yesterday for London to attend the Queen's Jubilee, were given a hearty send-off at the station.

At the last session of the Methdist conference yesterday it was decided to arrange for work among the Germans in the province. The Rev. J. McD. Kerr, Methodist evangelist, will be invited to British Columbia. A committee was appointed to draw up a memorial to the Queen of the occasion of the jubilee. In the pastoral address prepared by Rev S. J. Thompson, the following points were noted: The Methodist church in British Columbia should unite on the prohibition question; the Methodist church is alone in the work among Japanese in the province; missionary work among natives has been prosecuted with vigor and success; work among the Chinese in the province was showing some degree of success; the connectional fund should be kept up for superannuation and missionary and education work; Methodists must be reminded that the world would steal the Sabbath and make the day of rest a day for business. The next conference will be held in Victoria.

A suit for libel against Mayor Davison, of Nanaimo, is progressing here before Justice McColl.

VANCOUVER, May 21.—(Special)—Patterson v. the City of Victoria was in progress all day. E. H. Werner, C. E., of Seattle, was examined as an expert regarding the construction of the bridge. J. Lockwood, C.E., another expert from Seattle, was also examined, as to high structures. The witness said he thought very little of Mr. Cox's method of plugging auger holes, as these holes would collect much wet. Had the planking been in one piece transversely across the bridge it might have held up the bridge in case of a floor beam breaking, and a tram car might have crossed in safety, but the planking being cut in three pieces, as at the time of the 1892 repairs, and the floor beam giving way, the floor was deprived of all support and fell in. B. W. Murray, inspector of bridges, gave evidence similar to that in previous case. Robert Balfour, bridge builder, said like Messrs. Werner and Lockwood that in testing wood he never bored holes as that method led to rot. The witness thought the floor beam first gave way. It is possible the case will be finished on Saturday.

J. A. Clark, of Victoria, is opening a produce commission business in this city.

At the annual meeting of the Jockey Club last night the following officers were elected: President, J. A. Fullerton; vice-president, J. C. Woodrow; treasurer, E. E. Rosilli; clerk of the course and secretary, R. Leighton.

The Vancouver Lacrosse Club will send over a very strong team for their match with Victoria on the 24th. All the seniors will be in their places.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 21.—The Westminster Board of Trade held their quarterly meeting last night. The question of most importance was the report that the government had declined to take immediate action regarding the deepening of Harrison lake. Secretary Robson pointed out that this was regretable, as there were 400 claims in the vicinity of the lake, while a townsite was being built by the Fire Mountain Company at the head of the lake, and traffic to the lake was constantly increasing.

Another continued spell of very warm weather has begun, contrary to expectations, to cause somewhat serious floods in the Fraser valley. Matsqui dyke has burst and the water is again destroying growing crops of that stock-raising and dairying municipality.

ROSSLAND.

The mining exchange was on Monday last ordered closed by a vote of 21 to 14. A liquidation committee consisting of A. B. Mackenzie, J. F. McCrae, Ernest Kennedy, D. D. Birks and John McKane was appointed to wind up the affairs of the organization, sell the charter and attend to the other minor details of disincorporation. A committee consisting of Messrs. C. O'Brien Reddin, H. E. Cover and D. D. Birks was appointed to go to Spokane at the expense of the exchange to confer with the Spokane exchange with a view to having that organization suspend.

Another body supposed to be that of one of the victims of the recent slide on the Red Mountain railway has been recovered, about 100 feet from the track. It is supposed to be the body of Robert McWanney, but is not positively identified.

REVELSTOKE.

REVELSTOKE, May 18.—The following are the amounts of ore shipped through Revelstoke from May 1:

	Lbs.	Value.
Idaho	110,000	$ 6,551
B. W. White Co.	200,000	13,593
Enterprise	56,000	4,944
Total	456,000	$25,088

JOHN HOOD DROWNED.

GOLDEN, May 18.—(Special)—John Hood was drowned yesterday by being thrown from his horse into a slough.