NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Vancouver and Victoria Eastern Railway and Navigation Co.—Mr. Brown's Funeral.

Carnival Notes—Dead Body Found—Some of the Season's Salmon Packs.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 25.—Several warships of the U. S. navy may be here during carnival week, a letter having been received from Rear Admiral Beardslee, which conveys the hope that the U. S. navy will be represented.

A prize of $25 will be offered for the best float in the trades procession, and a prize will also be given for the best illumination.

Professor Miller, of Tacoma, will be here during carnival week and make two or three ballon ascensions and parachute drops.

Six thousand nine hundred and thirty-four dollars and nine-five cents have been promised to the carnival committee in the way of subscriptions. All but $130 of this has been collected, so that the carnival is bound to be a success as far as variety of sport and entertainment is concerned. As for the attendance it is a foregone conclusion that during some of the days Vancouver will be taxed to her utmost to accommodate her guests.

The number of entries for the carnival meet insures its being the biggest race meet ever held in Vancouver and probably in the province. Mr. Stanley's Reno is exercising on the track. Several other Victoria horses are entered.

The C.W.A. local committee met to-night and made final arrangements for the race meet during carnival week. W. McIntosh, champion in class D (forty-five miles) for Canada, is on his was to the coast. He has been telegraphed to attend the carnival here, and will no doubt be on hand.

The Vancouver city council last night passed the following resolution: "Having carefully considered the route of the proposed Vancouver and Victoria Eastern Railway and Navigation Co., and being fully aware of the benefit the said railway will be to the people of this city, in giving them direct communication with the trade that is already established in the great mining districts of Similkameen, Rock Creek, Kettle River, Boundary Creek and Kootenay, a trade which is now one of the greatest in Canada and will increase every year as the mines are developed and the country is opened up. Under the present conditions the merchants of this city cannot compete with the merchants of Spokane owing to the lack of direct railway communication, consequently this trade is lost to Canada and is monopolized by the people of the United States:

"Be it therefore resolved: That we fully approve of the construction of the said railway and respectfully ask that a charter be granted and every encouragement possible be given to the said company, so that the said road may be built at the earliest possible date and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the local legislature and the Dominion government."

A resolution was also passed endorsing the resolution of the Fraser river farmers on government dyking.

T. Spain, British Columbia's champion wheel rider, will not be able to take part in the coming carnival meet. For a long time he has had a sore foot, which was getting better when he fell off his wheel and hurt his knee, an abscess forming on the wound.

Since the Point Ellice disaster Vancouverites have been very nervous over their bridges and wharves, and in many cases the council hesitate to make repairs or investigate when requested to do so owing to their fear of acknowledging responsibility or the possibility of construing any action of theirs into an acknowledgment of responsibility. They wish the public to be careful of the wharves during the aquatic sports but do not like to sound any emphatic warning or take decided steps in the matter. After the Victoria calamity, part of the bridge over Coal harbor was taken up to pass a pile driver through. It has been stated that the stringers were not replaced when the bridge was repaired, and one teamster refused to cross the bridge owing to its being, in his opinion, unsafe. The city engineer is to examine the bridge and pronounce on its safety.

The Fraser River Mining and Dredging property was sold by auction yesterday and bought in by Mr. Reimeck, secretary of the company, for $2,550.

A big bush fire has been raging for several days in proximity to the Royal Oak hotel. The conflagration originated from a small camp fire and it has now grown beyond control.

Dr. Gatewood has been taken to the hospital very ill with typhoid fever.

The funeral of the late William Brown, assistant general freight agent of the C. P.R., which took place on Sunday last, was one of the largest ever held in Vancouver. The floral tributes were very numerous and were tastefully arranged by kind friends. All the vessels and many private residences floated flags at half-mast. Among those present were Messrs. R. Marpole and Robert Ker. The remains were first taken to St. Andrew's church, where a very impressive funeral service took place as follows: Funeral march on the organ; hymn, "A few more years shall roll"; reading; hymn, "Brief life is here our portion"; address by Rev. E. D. McLaren; solo, "He wipes the tears from every eye"; prayer; Handel's dead march. The friends then viewed the body for the last time. Among those who sent floral tributes were Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Courtney, Victoria; D. R. Ker, Victoria; the Victoria Telegraph office, "30"; Mr. Brett, Victoria; C. S. Baxter, Victoria; Mr. Christie, Victoria; Mr. Martin, Victoria; and G. A. Carleton, Victoria.

The police report that the city is filling up with burglars and pickpockets in anticipation of the big crowd during carnival week. The police are not capable of coping with so large a crowd of toughs and people have been warned through the press.

The firemen were obliged to go to Hastings yesterday and fight a bush fire which threatened to destroy the fencing and stalls at the race track. The brigade worked very hard and succeeded in putting out the fire.

The assistant divisional superintendent's office since the C.P.R. offices were first established here has been in a cramped space in the brick block on the corner of Cordova and Granville streets. The offices are about to be removed to the large wooden building occupied by the Provincial Immigrant Agent, Mr. Orr. Assistant Superintendent Downie will occupy half the building.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 26.—The secretary of the Mountain Rose mine, Alberni, has received word that the tunnel of this mine is in forty feet and that the workmen have unexpectedly struck another vein. It was thought that the continuation of the vein proper would be reached at 100 feet, and was a complete surprise when No. 2 vein was struck. Samples of the ore will be sent to Vancouver for assay.

The Rev. Goro Kogaburagi, Vancouver's new Japanese pastor, was tendered a hearty welcome by the Y.P.S.C.E. of St. Andrew's church last evening. The Endeavorers presented Mr. Kogaburagi with a number of chairs for use in the Japanese mission.

Companies 5 and 6 of the Fifth paraded last night for battalion drill and made a very creditable appearance. They will practise drill now until carnival week for the purpose of appearing well before their efficiently drilled comrades from Victoria.

F. W. Evans, proprietor of the E. and D. bicycle, is in the city.

There are a half-dozen typhoid patients in St. Luke's Home.

A good indication of an anticipated increase in all lines of business here is in the fact that numerous stores throughout the city are being enlarged and repaired.

Many merchants have commenced decorating for carnival week.

Mr. J. G. V. Field Johnson has been selected by the Mongolian immigration restriction committee to speak at the Victoria meeting on Friday next, which has been called to consider the Mongolian question.

This morning the residence of Arthur Colquhoun, Grove avenue, was almost completely destroyed as well as its contents. The loss was in the neighborhood of $1,500.

Coroner McGuigan has written to the local press warning any who may have the experience of finding a dead body not to act like a fisherman did recently and write an unsigned letter stating where the body could be found and expressing fear that should he disclose his identity he would lose valuable time and money, but do their duty by bringing the body to the city. The coroner assures them that all expenses for time and trouble, etc., will be defrayed by the provincial government.

The letter carriers are appealing to the government through Mr. Maxwell for an increase of wages. Most of the carriers are married with families, and say it is hard work to live on the present stipend.

This morning before Judge Bole, J. H. Senkler appeared for the petitioner, Captain S. F. Scott, acting for Montreal and Ottawa shareholders, asking for an order to wind up the Anglo-American Gold and Platinum Hydraulic Mining Co., limited liability. An order was made. On the 9th of September application will be made for the appointment of a liquidator.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Aug. 25.—Still another body has been found three-quarters of a mile north of Point Atkinson lighthouse. Constable Webster was handed a letter while in Steveston in which the correspondent explained where a dead body could be found. The constable, acting on the instructions given, located the body. The writer of the letter did not sign his name, evidently not wanting to spare the time and undergo the expense of appearing as a witness during the fishing season. The body was that of a large-sized man, but was so decomposed that it was unrecognizable. Dr. Pool, at the coroner's inquest which was at once held, stated that the body had been dead over a month, that there was no marks of violence and the body had been that of a healthy person. The jury returned a verdict of "accidentally drowned."

The Gulf of Georgia cannery has the biggest pack (30,000 cases) this season. Costello & Moore 16,000, Lam Tung 8,000, Munn 14,000 Todd & Son 25,000. The traps are being taken up at Point Roberts.

Dr. Underhill's house at Mission was totally destroyed by fire last night during the Doctor's absence in Cariboo. The house and furniture are valued at about $3,000, partly insured.

WESTMINSTER, Aug. 26.—The executive of the Fraser river improvement committee met yesterday. Superintendent Abbott has notified the committee that he is in sympathy with the movement and will write to the president in relation to the matter. The flood relief committee have been asked to hand over the surplus from the relief fund to assist in defraying the expenses of the present movement.

The council will probably furnish a one-acre site with a water front to the promoter of the projected linseed oil works, and will exempt the industry from taxes for five years.

The two Chinamen suspected of the burglary of $2,500 worth of jewellery from a well known resort came up for preliminary hearing yesterday and were remanded for eight days.

An Eastern syndicate is endeavoring to secure the Westminster electric light plant.

A company has been formed for the purpose of shipping cohoes to the Eastern market by the C.P.R. and Allan lines.

MAX Ames, the sturgeon king of the East, is here making arrangements to take all the sturgeon that can be supplied him from the river. Sturgeon fishermen will again appeal to the government to slacken the restrictions on sturgeon fishing.

A large cannery is to be erected on the pottery site owned by the cold storage company.

The canneries are paying the fishermen off.

Mr. Beattie of the Beattie line, Sarnia, is in the city.

The council is about to apply to the government for the old drill shed property for a police station.

The Dominion government officials have refused to pay their revenue tax, and the council propose to refer the matter to the Dominion government.

The council propose to ask the Dominion government for a grant of $50,000 in aid of the Fraser river bridge.

The Dominion government are to be asked to distribute flax seed among the farmers. A similar request was on a previous occasion refused.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Aug. 26.—Capt. John W. Glaholm has obtained a patent on a new and useful improvement in maritime vessels carrying such freight as coal, ores and corn in the husk and in the method of handling such freight in unloading.

Judge Harrison has left for Winnipeg to attend a meeting of the Episcopal Synod, as a representative from British Columbia. He will be absent several weeks, but if necessity arises Judge Bole will attend to the duties of the Nanaimo County court.

The president of the C.P.R. has written the council informing them that in reference to the alleged ill treatment of excursionists on the occasion of the agricultural excursion to Agassiz a thorough investigation would be made, as the company would not tolerate the abuses complained of unless they were unavoidable through accident or otherwise.

A by-law for the sale or lease of the electric light plant has been read a first time.

Several creameries have reported splendid progress. The Eden Bank creamery is now selling its butter at 22 cents and has not sold a pound under 20 cents.

NELSON.

(From the Tribune.)

C. L. Webb, who has been conducting the negotiations for the purchase of the Montezuma mineral claim, returned to Kaslo early in the week with E. C. Hughes, an attorney from Seattle. Terms have been arranged and the first payment will be made upon the completion of one or two legal formalities. Mr. Patrick, manager for the purchasers, is at the mine, and on Wednesday sent up a pack train laden with supplies and tools. Several miners also went up to work on the claim. The trail will be improved and active development work vigorously prosecuted.

Several parties are in the district examining properties with a view to purchasing. J. J. Browne, of the Spokane Chronicle, is of the number, and has been making inquiries concerning some of the claims in the vicinity of the Iron Hand. C. S. Warren, of Montana, with a Mr. Hall, of the Anaconda Smelting Works, and an expert, have also been making a tour of the district. The former has gone to Trout lake to have a look at some of the properties in that locality.

It is reported that a rich gold strike has been made on the Duncan river somewhere in the vicinity of the Big Jam. The ledge is said to be very nearly forty feet in width and assays that have been made run from forty to fifty dollars in gold. As a result of the reported find a number of boat loads of eager prospectors have left for the scene of the discovery, to make an examination and share in the prospective wealth.

The Hall Mines smelter has entered into active competition with the Trail smelter for the treatment of Rossland ore. A representative of the Nelson smelter was in Rossland on Saturday and closed contracts with the Nickle Plate and Columbia and Kootenay mines for their output. The quotations offered are said to be more advantageous than those of the Trail smelter, and that the output of several other properties will be secured so soon as present contracts expire.

(From the Miner.)

E. P. Whalley, of the Hall Mines, has returned from Rossland, where he purchased on behalf of the company 400 tons of Nickel Plate and Kootenay and Columbia ore for treatment at Nelson. He has also obtained options over ore from other mines.

Work on the Athabasca has been stopped at present, the reason given being the lack of water. Mr. C. D. Rand is at present in the Slocan. A payment on this property becomes due on the 6th prox.

There are four men at work on the Starlight, and two under direction of C. Townsend on the Black Witch.

J. B. Hastings, mining engineer of Boise, Idaho, who was employed by Mr. Blackstock on behalf of the Gooderhams to report on the Noble Five, is still in Kootenay. He was in town yesterday on his way to the Slocan. It is not improbable that the capitalists he represents will still acquire large interests in this country.

Four men are at work on the Queen Victoria engaged in development work under the direction of Mr. R. R. Hedley.

Continued finds are reported from the North Fork of the Salmon as well as from many other parts of the district.

The new air compressor for the Silver King from the Ingersoll Rock Drill Co. of Montreal has arrived. It consists of two 12 by 60 horizontal tubular boilers weighing about four tons each, and other heavy parts. The first boiler started with eight horses on its journey up to the mine yesterday morning, but was stopped by the Nelson Sawmill Company's flume. A gang of men had to be sent for to dig out the road to a depth of three feet to enable the boiler to pass beneath.

TRAIL CREEK.

(From the Trail Creek News.)

The Columbia & Western Railway Company are still at work erecting a permanent water frontage near their depot.

The Trail waterworks system will soon be in operation. The piping is about all laid.

Arrivals from Waterloo brought the news that the whole townsite has been staked out as a mineral claim. The locators are J. C. Cain and Dave Cromie. The location was made Wednesday. The name of the location is the "Columbia River," and they have a seven-foot ledge of $40 ore. The location is in the heart of the town of Waterloo, and every citizen therein has proceeded to stake out for himself or herself a lot or lots.

Have Raised the Flag.

ATHENS, Aug. 21.—The insurgent Cretans have raised a flag at Zapoponlo, emblematic of the union of Crete with Greece.

Thankful to B.B.B.

DEAR SIRS,—I am thankful to Burdock Blood Bitters that I am strong and healthy to-day. I suffered from Biliousness and bilious fever so much that I was out of my mind night after night, but I am now entirely cured by the use of two bottles of B.B.B.

NELLIE I. HENDERSON, Kirby P.O., Ont.

BRITISH BLUE BOOKS.

Correspondence on Armenian and Venezuelan Questions—Italian Man-of-War for Brazil.

How Crete Will Hereafter Be Governed—France Alarmed—Weyler's Latest Decree.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The blue book just published contains dispatches dealing with affairs in Armenia during 1895 and 1896. Dispatches are published showing that Sir Phillip Currie, British minister to Turkey, in December, 1894, informed the Earl of Kimberley, then secretary of state for foreign affairs, that the Sultan was preparing to strike a terrible blow against the Armenians in Zeitoun or Marash.

In an editorial commenting upon the blue book on the Venezuelan question the Times says: "We presume that the government's object in issuing the blue book containing exclusively Dr. Schomburgk's reports and letters relative to the boundary mission stations from 1841 to 1844, was for the purpose of refuting the Venezuelan allegations relative to the alteration and extension of the Schomburgk line, twenty years after his death. The blue book disposes of these myths very completely, thus confuting and, it may be hoped, silencing imputations which ought never to have been made against Great Britain."

A despatch to the Standard from Rome says: "Premier Rudini has had a long conference with the representatives of foreign countries here, and it is probable that an Italian man-of-war will be sent to Brazil."

The Turkish government has definitely accepted, with a few modifications, the proposals of the powers for the future government of Crete. They are as follows: 1st. The nomination of a Christian governor of Crete, who shall serve for a term of five years under a guarantee from the powers. 2nd. Economic autonomy, with the payment of a tribute to the Sultan. 3rd. The reorganization of the gens d'armes by European officers. 4th. The independence of the judiciary of Crete by the creation of a high court at Canea.

The decree which it is stated Captain-General Weyler will shortly issue prohibiting the grinding of the coming sugar crop in Cuba, will also forbid the gathering of the coffee crop.

According to the World, the betrothal of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands to Prince Bernard of Saxe-Weimar will be announced in September.

Noticing the report that the Czarina is to remain at Balmoral as the guest of Queen Victoria, while the Czar is in Paris, the Autorite says: "If this report is true France will be face to face with an event of enormous gravity, the consequence of which will be incalculable."

It is rumored that the entire Italian legation will be withdrawn from Rio Janeiro in consequence of the recent political conflicts in San Paulo between the Italians and the Brazilians.

IRISH POLITICAL PRISONERS.

SKIBBEREEN, Aug. 25.—Alfred George Whitehead, the Irish-American political prisoner who was released from Portland prison last week and who arrived here yesterday, became completely deranged after seeing his mother and disappeared soon afterwards. Searchers scoured the neighborhood all night, and to-day he was found in a village near this place and he was brought back here.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The health of John Daly, who was released from Portland prison last Friday, where he was incarcerated for life in 1883, having been sentenced for complicity in an alleged plot to blow up the House of Commons, is said to be improving. It was declared when he was first released that he might be a hopeless invalid for the remainder of his days. Daly has gone to Paris for treatment by a celebrated physician. His brother, James Daly, who made a small fortune in Australia, will care for him in the future.

DUBLIN, Aug. 25.—The Kilkenny Journal, commenting upon the release of John Daly, the Irish political prisoner, from Portland prison, says: "The Red Indian torture of captives is humane when compared with the torture inflicted upon Daly in England." Continuing the periodical refers to the allusions in the Queen's speech to the outrages in Armenia, and adds: "The Queen can find nearer home more vent for her hyprocitical tears than among the Kurds," and asks: "Where is the Queen's clemency? Daly was released a few months before death would have released him and three others have been driven mad by tortures in penal servitude, compared with which Siberian exile is drawing-room imprisonment. This is the way Victoria wishes to signalize her record reign. She would not have been a loss to the victims of her brutal rule in Ireland if she had gone years ago. At the present moment she knows she is standing in the way of those who wish to see her in her royal sepulchre, and she has neither the grace to abdicate nor the humanity to open her prisons to Irishmen until they precede her on the voyage from which none return."

TO REORGANIZE CHINA.

LONDON, Aug. 25. — The Daily Mail publishes an interview with an anonymous Russian statesman, in which the latter is quoted as suggesting that Great Britain co-operate with Russia to reorganize China, Russia taking the benefits accruing in the northern half, and Great Britain in the southern half, by means of a great China company, which would form the nucleus of a future government, as in the case of India. The statesman interviewed says, in regard to the Franco-German alliance, that it is without real strength, and the love for it is all on the side of France, which Russia is utilising as a means of borrowing money. Russia, he adds, would much prefer England as an ally in the East. He speaks of Li Hung Chang's tour as an endeavor of China to escape from Russian creditors, and pictures Europe vieing in servility towards Li Hung Chang, whose powers and position, he asserts, are not those of a statesman, but of a palace domestic.

LAST OF THE SOCKEYE.

STEVESTON, Aug. 24.—The sockeye has departed, most of the boats returning empty after making a drift or two on Sunday night. The past week was rife with stirring events.

On Thursday at an early hour the body of Harry Woods, of New Westminster, was found drowned in the dyke, having fallen and struck his head, on his way home in a very thick fog which prevailed the night before.

At about 8:30 a.m., a rough-and-tumble fight took place on Monckton street, in which four persons participated, one of the principals being badly kicked in the face whilst the other was bitten in the face and leg and had some of his fingers nearly chewed off. All the parties were arrested and the following day were fined respectively $200 and costs or six months, $100 and costs or three months, and the other two $25 each or a month—the first for resisting and assaulting the constable twice, $100 for each offence.

In the afternoon one of the stages ran away up Main, along Monckton and into the sidewalk on the next street, smashing the pole and harness badly, but not doing much damage otherwise.

From an item in the News-Advertiser it would appear that a few of the canners are hostile because they cannot rule the roost and run the government to suit themselves. They have their pack up, but there are other establishments which have not, such as Short & Squair's and all the Canoe Pass canneries, and those higher up the river, the Delta, Wellington, Ewen's, and the Chinese cannery. Some of these are going to can cohoes, whilst the last named is reported as about to can all it can get, humpbacks included, for the China market.

A man charged with issuing spurious cannery tickets was sent up for trial.

Numbers of the fishermen have already left, whilst most of the rest will leave about Wednesday after receiving their pay. PISCATOR.

SUICIDE STORY DENIED.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—A special to the Herald from Havana says: "The report recently published in which it was stated that Gen. D. Frederico Ochando, of the Spanish army in Cuba, had an encounter with swords with Capt.-General Weyler in the palace in Havana is untrue. It was said that while General Ochando was away from Havana his nephew, a Spanish lieutenant, was summoned to the palace and that Captain-General Weyler accused him of being in correspondence with the insurgents. According to the report the lieutenant was then given the choice of a courtmartial or suicide, and that he chose the latter and shot himself. This, it was stated, caused the encounter between General Weyler and General Ochando. General Ochando's nephew died of yellow fever and the General was at his bedside when his death came. He was never accused of disloyalty. General Weyler and Senor Palmerio, secretary of the general government in Cuba, and several other palace officials attended the young man's funeral.

THE TROUBLES OF SPAIN.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The developments of the troubles of Spain are followed with considerable interest. The outbreak in the Phillipine islands is regarded as seriously increasing her difficulties, and the news of the discovery of the conspiracy has caused great excitement in Madrid, where it is said that the government is considering the Spanish garrisons. The object of the conspirators is to secure the independence of the Phillipine islands, and a committee of refugees at Hongkong is said to have relations with the Cuban insurgents.

The embarkation of reinforcements for Cuba commenced to-day. The Spanish police are extremely alive in the towns throughout the country just now endeavoring to get at the bottom of the supposed Republican plot to cause an uprising by exciting the masses, who oppose the departure of further troops for Cuba. Numerous arrests have been made among the Republicans, and great precautions are being taken in Madrid and other large cities.

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Alfred Couldry of West Shefford, Quebec, Completely Cured of Heart Disease of Four Years' Standing by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart—A Pembroke Lass Cured of the Worst Form of Chronic Catarrh by Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder—Dr. Agnew's Ointment for Piles, and His Pills for Liver Ills.

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The development of science in recent years gives hope for the curing of many of the worst forms of disease that afflict humanity. Even so dreaded a complaint as heart disease is curable. This is being demonstrated almost daily by the use of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. It positively gives relief in any case within half an hour after the first dose, and this often means the saving of a life. Alfred Couldry of West Shefford, Que., suffered from heart disease for four years. He found no relief until he made the acquaintance of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, and says: "After using eight bottles of this medicine I know nothing of this dreaded trouble."

Catarrh in its worst forms is deemed incurable. But here is what Mrs. George Graves of Ingersoll, Ont., says: "My little daughter Eva, aged thirteen years, four years ago was taken with catarrh of the very worst kind. We used all known catarrh cures and doctored with the most skilful physicians for over three years, but with no avail. We considered her case chronic and incurable. Last winter I heard of the fame of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, and was persuaded to try a bottle, and I must confess, for the sake of all suffering humanity, that after using two bottles my child was completely cured."

Dr. Agnew has given to the public four valuable specifics, and all alike do the most satisfactory work. His famous ointment will cure the worst cases of itching piles in from three to six nights, and one application alone will bring comfort.

In an age when there is no end of liver pills, it says much for Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills that they win friends wherever known. Ten cents is the charge for a phial of forty doses.

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POINT ELLICE BRIDGE.

Department of Public Works Refuses to Allow Completion of the Pile Structure.

Aldermen Leave a Private Meeting as a Protest Against Introducing Politics.

Those members of the city council who were of opinion that the new Minister of Public Works, Hon. Mr. Tarte, would grant a ready acquiescence to the completion of the pile bridge across the Arm have found themselves mistaken. A letter has been received from the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, not only refusing to agree to a dissolution of the injunction stopping the completion of the bridge, but expressing surprise at the style of structure the council had thought of erecting. This correspondence was discussed at the private meeting of the city council on Monday night, but the meeting adjourned till yesterday afternoon without coming to any decision. It is understood that the Department of Public Works takes the view that the bridge should be a steel and stone structure with two spans 100 feet wide, so as not to interfere with navigation.

Before the meeting adjourned on Monday night it was suggested by one alderman, a supporter of the present Dominion government, that Dr. Milne and Mr. Templeman, the two defeated candidates in the last general election, should be invited to attend the meeting next day to see whether they could assist the council with the Dominion government. This suggestion was looked upon as a joke by others of the aldermen, but to their surprise when the council met yesterday afternoon Dr. Milne was found to be present by invitation, Mr. Templeman being out of town.

This presence of an outsider and the introduction of politics appeared to Ald. Tiarks and Ald. Partridge as undignified and unbecoming, so by way of protest they refused to have anything to do with the meeting and withdrew. As Ald. Williams was out of town and Ald. Glover was absent, there only remained at the meeting the Mayor and Ald. Macmillan, Cameron, Humphrey, Marchant and Wilson. It is understood that the result of the conference was that the Mayor was requested to telegraph to Hon. Mr. Tarte asking permission to go ahead with the pile bridge, and Dr. Milne was asked to wire to the government in the hope that he could influence them against the advice of the skilled engineer.

The statement was made by an alderman at the meeting on Monday night that the Messrs. Dunsmuir were getting tired of the city using the railway bridge. As a matter of fact, however, the E. & N. Railway Company have not forwarded any communication of this nature to the city. The public, however, who use the bridge have good reason to feel tired at the niggardly manner in which the city has placed the double planking on the roadway, to comply with the requirements of the owners of the bridge. The roadway planked is not wide enough to allow of two vehicles passing on the bridge. In consequence if two wagons aproach, one at either end of the bridge, the watchman has to decide which one is to have the precedence. As may be imagined this causes long delays frequently in the busy hours of the day, the loss the public sustains being very great in comparison with the paltry sum that would have completed a proper roadway.

INVESTMENTS IN ROSSLAND.

TORONTO, Aug. 25.—(Special)—A Rossland special to the World says that, in addition to other investments, George Gooderham, of Toronto, has purchased large shares in the Uncle Sam, Gem and Tiger mines, his total investment being about half a million. Another despatch to the World says there is great excitement there over numerous large sales, and a large number of strikes of good ore are reported from every direction. Recent developments, the despatch adds, have been beyond the most sanguine expectations.

BIRTH

BAKER—In this city, at 25 Work Estate, on the 20th inst., the wife of Capt. Baker, of a daughter.

HOLLAND—In this city, on August 25th, at 98 Pandora street, the wife of F. J. Holland, of a daughter.

DIED.

WILKINS—In this city, on the 21st August, William Wilkins, a native of Wiltshire, England.

CREIGHTON—On August 25th, at 107 Pandora street, Clarence Iredale, infant son of J. W. and Beatrice Creighton, aged 4 months and 3 weeks.

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