

Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

George R. Maxwell, M. P. leaves for Victoria on Thursday.

One of the sailors on the steamship Empress of China fell down a hatchway on Monday and was rather badly injured.

A shipment of machinery is being sent from here for the Pot Hook mine at Kamloops.

City Clerk McGuigan has received a telegram to the effect that Nurse Clannagan, the new superintendent of the city hospital, will probably reach here about March 23rd.

The C. P. R. steam shovel while being shunted into the yards on Monday morning, ran over a car on Powell street. The damaged wire gave the British Columbia Electric Railway Company's men a considerable amount of work.

The firemen were called out 10 times last night. Five calls were owing to chimney fires; 2 were false alarms; on February 5th they extinguished the fire in Moore's store on Cordova street; on February 8th, Jim Lee's Chinese laundry on Seymour street gave them a smart run and some work; and on the 22nd they put out a small fire in Messrs. Martin & Deacon's office.

This promises to be a most important year for Cariboo, the Province, and during the last month or two, preparations have been made for work on a most extensive scale on many claims. J. B. Hobson, manager of the West Kootenay Mining Company, and the Horse Fly Hydraulic Company, is now in Cariboo, seeing that everything is ready for this season's work. He may return to Vancouver this week. Ninety experienced miners have arrived in Vancouver from their homes in California to proceed to Cariboo, and they may leave any day.

A deputation interviewed the council on Monday night in support of a public gymnasium, in connection with the library or separately. Mr. Black hoped that the corporation would look to the organization of such scheme, entrusting the oversight of same, when in order, to a representative body of citizens. Referred Mr. McLaren added a point in connection with the plan by pointing out that any interest to be paid on the sum necessary for the establishment of a building would be refunded in the way of rent, which of course it was intended to pay the city. Mr. R. W. Clark spoke a few words in support of the project. His worship understood that it was the Dominion government's intention to put a gymnasium in the way of the drill shed, which was about to be erected. This would be a good place and would probably fill all wants. Rev. Mr. McLaren understood, from Colonel Forsyth, that any such gymnasium would be for the militia exclusively. The deputation then withdrew.

The death of Dr. Richard R. Sage, of Cemetery road, was recorded on Tuesday. The deceased was 35 years of age and a well-known member of St. Michael's Church, Mount Pleasant.

Mr. O'Connell and several other popular Vancouverites, leave for the Al-Can gold fields to-day.

The city aldermen left the Union Steamship Company's wharf, on Tuesday morning, on the Tuesday morning, to visit several quarry sites up the North Arm. A definite offer of the Granite Falls quarry, including 70 acres of land and several buildings, has been made to the city. The price asked is \$1,500. A gold poisoner is at work in the city and a number of valuable canines have been bitten the last recently. Two dogs reported from the vicinity of English Bay, and Mr. Evans's splendid St. Bernard dog was found dead at the wharf.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

It is understood that work will be commenced this week, on the new wharf and warehouse of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co.

No word has been received from Burnaby Lake for several days regarding the missing boys, Howison and Fisher.

Teams representing the right and left halves of No. 1 company played a game of basketball in the armories on Friday night. The teams were as follows: Right half (green)—Point, T. Conningham, cover point, Joe Mahoney; right half (blue)—D. Bower, left back, C. Leary, right forward, Joe Pittendree; centre, A. Leaney (captain); left forward, E. Fraser; left half (blue)—Point, F. Cameron; cover point, C. K. Snel; right back, J. Cotton; left back, G. Corbould; right forward, Matt Knight; centre, Alex. Turnbull (captain); left forward, George Diddy. The contest was exciting throughout, and resulted in a win for the right half company, the score standing 3 to 6.

Mr. B. W. Shiles is about to erect at his home a two-story residence on the site of his former home, wiped out by the late fire.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Knight took place on Tuesday morning. The Rev. J. P. Bower and Rev. E. Stouffer officiated. Quite a number of friends and relatives were present to pay a last respectful tribute to the departed one.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Major have returned from a visit to San Francisco. Their trip, which occupied about three months, extended into Mexico and Southern California.

The jury which inquired into the death of Eva Douglas, killed by a tramcar on Monday evening, returned a verdict that the child was accidentally killed by the car, exonerating the motorist and conductor from all blame.

The death was announced on Monday of Annie Armstrong, beloved wife of the Rev. Mr. Knight, Fifth avenue.

The deceased lady, who was only in her second year, had been a sufferer for several years, from a complication of diseases, culminating in death.

Frank Dillabough, son of Sergt. Dillabough, who is on the local telephone exchange, will shortly be promoted to a position on the telephone staff of Vancouver, where he will take the place of another John, who has been "repaired" for some time, and has been promoting a lot of trouble.

Work of driving the piles for the extension of Constable & Co.'s new fish curing establishment, on Front street, is nearing completion. When finished, about 700 piles will have been driven, on which will be built a wharf, strong enough to hold a brick block.

Mr. Michael Gowan and Miss Annie Macdonald were united in marriage on Thursday night by Rev. Father Mor-

gan. Father Morgan is ill at the hospital, but was easily persuaded to make two people happier, so, in the presence of a few friends only, the nuptial knot was tied in the hospital chapel.

The Royal City Planning Mills Company is running its branch mill here to its fullest capacity, having a large number of orders to fill, including new timbers for the Hastings sawmill at Vancouver, and large eastern orders. The company is also making preparations for the loading of several ships, two of which are now at the wharf here; one of them will be in port early next week.

Some excitement was caused on Monday morning on Front street, among the workmen engaged on the new Swanson hotel, by the boiling over of a tar-pot. The boiling tar, poured out over the street and, taking fire, caused a stampede among the workmen in the immediate vicinity. No damage was done, however, the fire being extinguished as quickly as possible.

Among other fine private residences that will be erected as soon as the two-story frame structure for ex-Mayor Shiles, and it will occupy the same site as the one that was burnt on Camarvon street.

The prospects are becoming brighter every day that before a year has passed from the time of the great fire brick blocks will cover the entire distance in the fire limits on both sides of Columbia street.

On Saturday afternoon, Messrs. C. C. Fisher, T. R. Pearson, R. Armstrong and H. Cook went out to Burnaby Lake for the purpose of using dynamite in the hope that the concussion might raise the bodies of the boys, Howison and Fisher, who were presumably drowned there three weeks ago. In all seven shots were fired, some from a boat on the surface of the water, and some from logs on the bank. Another large charge of twenty-five sticks was fired at the entrance to the Brunette river, and three or four more of ten each, at different points in the river itself. But the result was the same. No further trace of the missing lads was found.

ALBERNI.

(Special correspondence of the Times.)

Mr. Short, of Spokane, who has bought the Three W's property on Granite creek, took a gang of men down on Sunday to start work.

Several capitalists who are interested in Mr. Hayes property at Nahmit have been in town lately on a visit to the mine. They went out on a stage on Friday with Mr. Hayes.

Mr. George Smith, C.E., intends to start surveying the claims at Nahmit this week if the weather appears suitable. There are nine claims to be surveyed in that district.

Mr. Childs returned to Alberni on Sunday's stage. He intends to leave for Anderson Lake district this week to visit his properties there.

It is rumored here that the Alberni Consolidated mine at Mineral Hill is to start up again at an early date. It is a pity that a valuable mine like this should lie idle so long.

Messrs. P. A. Havelaek and J. M. M. are working steadily to their claim, the Regina, opposite the Alberni.

Mr. Neill, M.P.P., returned to Alberni on the last boat.

Mr. A. Searault, of the Alberni hotel, is a proud father, his wife having given birth to a fine boy last Tuesday. Both mother and child are doing well.

His brother, Mr. George Searault, is a little better.

On Wednesday the Alberni football club played H. M. P. P. team, and came out the winners by a score of 20 points. 1 goal 5 tries, to nil. A game was arranged for Saturday between the A. F. C. and the rest of the town, but the time was changed to the 14th.

The only ones present on the ground.

Mr. Huff is making regular trips up and down the canal twice a week after the boats.

Capt. Spring's boat has arrived from Hesquit.

Mr. Halpin started his sawmill this week. It has a capacity of 10,000 feet per day. He intends to go down the canal on a cruise looking for timber, this week.

NEW DENVER.

Rev. C. F. Yates has received a call

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We believe the physicians of Canada to be the best in the world.

Sometimes, though even they, with all their skill and knowledge, fail to cure diseases that Burdock Blood Bitters can completely and permanently eradicate from the system. We have given instances where B. B. B. cured cancers, malignant scrofulous sores and ulcers, and deep seated abscesses, after doctors failed to do good.

Now we give a case of dyspepsia, that most common and distressing disease of civilized humanity, and show how B. B. B. cured it permanently after three doctors couldn't give relief.

The case of M. Napier, Garant, merchant, Chapin River, Bonaventure Co., Que., is the one referred to, and this is what he writes:

"After being treated by three doctors for a severe case of dyspepsia and receiving no benefit, I decided to try Burdock Blood Bitters. By the time I had taken two bottles of B. B. B. I was completely cured and have had no return of the trouble since."

"At the time I had dyspepsia I was so weak and thin I could hardly walk. To-day my weight is 161 lbs., and I am well and strong, and owe it all to B. B. B."

to Greenwood from the Anglicans of that city.

The initial plans for the new Anglican Church here have been found to be too expensive, so others of a smaller scale are being drafted.

It is said to be the intention of the Canadian Pacific Railway to spend a large sum of money on the improvement of the Nakusp & Slocan Railway during the summer. Many of the gribbings are to be filled up, curves straightened and bridges strengthened. A steam shovel, with a couple of hundred men, will be employed.

NELSON.

Mr. W. J. Goppel, inspector of government offices, has just recovered from the illness that almost ended fatally last week.

The tenders for the erection of the Hudson Bay Company's new block at the corner of Baker and St. James streets have been forwarded to the head office at Winnipeg, and the work of excavation for the foundation will be commenced as soon as the successful tender is accepted.

Alderman McKillop, who has been from some time and is still laid up suffering from the prevailing epidemic of grippe, is on the road to recovery and expects to be out in a few days.

At the annual meeting of the Nelson Liberal Association officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Honorary president, Hewitt Bostock, M.P.; president, W. A. Galt; secretary, George A. Dr. Alex. Forin; treasurer, George A. Tunstall, Jr.; treasurer, J. A. Gibson; executive committee, Dr. E. C. Arthur, James Bennerman, G. Frank Beer, A. M. Johnson, Dr. A. B. Hall, John A. Turner, John Lapointe, A. H. Clements, William Walde, Thomas Madden and John Hamilton. It was decided to hold monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month.

Edward White, a middle-aged man, made a deliberate attempt at suicide on Thursday by jumping from the end of the wharf. Two men saw him remove his coat and jump into the water. One of them secured a life-preserver from the tug and secured a hold in White's clothing until the other put a rope around the body. White was then fished out, where he was afterwards removed to the Kootenay Lake General Hospital.

G. R. G. O'Driscoll, a clerk in the mining recorder's office at Nelson, will leave the service of the province on the 15th to engage in other pursuits.

Theo. Madson will begin the erection in a few weeks of a residence on lots 18 and 19, block 100. The house will face on Mill street.

Edward White, who attempted to commit suicide by jumping off the city wharf on Thursday morning, is still in the Kootenay Lake General Hospital. He is suffering with grippe. It is probable that he will not be prosecuted. The case is in the hands of the Provincial police as the offence was committed just outside the city limits, which reach only to the C. P. R. track along the lake front.

The blast furnace at the Hall Mines smelter was blown out on Sunday.

Mr. McDowell, who is trying to secure the site for the erection of a new government building in Rossland, is still hopeful that he will succeed.

The second large transfer barge of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's was launched at the local shipyard on Monday. The two barges will enable the company to move thirty freight cars daily from Kootenay Landing to Nelson.

The fire department had a call on Saturday to a brick residence owned by L. Pogue on Victoria street. It is supposed that the fire originated in an attempt to thaw out a frozen water pipe. The fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

During the month of February the collections of the inland revenue department in Nelson, as made by F. W. Swannell, amounted to \$4,457.91. Of this amount \$3,535.33 was paid on spirits; \$210 on malt; \$302 on tobacco; \$26.10 on raw leather; \$268.50 on manufactured cigars; and \$17.95 on petroleum inspection. The figures for the month show a considerable increase in the business of February over that of the previous month.

An effort is being made to induce the city council to require the closing of all hotels and saloons in the city from 12 o'clock Saturday night until 6 o'clock on the following Monday.

Judging by the arrivals at the hotels, travel to and from Nelson continues good, the arrivals averaging over sixty a day.

TRAIL.

Mrs. Geo. Yeo and daughter have arrived from Kamloops and will make Trail their home. Mr. Yeo is a fireman on the Trail-Rosbon road.

Chas. Keeley will move in a few days to his new quarters in the Klondyke Hotel, adjoining the present stand. Carpenters have been at work there the past week making extensive alterations.

GRAND FORKS.

W. B. Bower, having completed his residence building in this city, has moved down from Columbia and will make his home here in future.

Little Gus Anderson, while splitting kindling last Monday evening, had the misfortune to cut off two fingers from his left hand, by a slip of the axe he was using.

An addition has just been added to the bar of the building used as an office by the townsite company, and it will be fitted up as a dwelling house.

The organization and first meeting of the local board of health took place in the city clerk's office last Tuesday, the members of the board present being Mayor L. A. Manly, City Physician B. Stanley Smith, and Police Magistrate Johnson. Mr. Johnston was appointed secretary of the board, and it was decided to ask that the city council set apart the sum of \$75 for the purchase of lime, etc., to better the sanitary condition of the city.

GREENWOOD.

Dr. G. M. Foster has arrived from Cascade to take charge of the railway hospital at Greenwood.

The fence now being put on the channel for Boundary Creek is to be increased. The contractor has received instructions to rush the work.

E. C. Wickwire has entered into partnership with W. G. Gaunce, in the real estate and mining business.

It is expected that the pipe for the waterworks will be in place from the flume to the dam early this week.

The travel to Greenwood from the past two weeks has been exceedingly heavy.

One day last week a telephone message from Rossburg informed the Robbins Bros. that 25 passengers for Greenwood were unable to secure seats on the stage.

Messrs. Blue & Fisher have arranged their plans for a large hotel on the Fisher addition. The work of construction will be commenced in a few days.

REVELSTOCK.

The spring meeting of the Kamloops Presbytery took place at Revelstoke last week. Among the interesting items of the home missions committee report was the news that Revelstoke has risen from a mission station to a self-sustaining charge. Trail it was announced, had been placed on the augmentation list from the mission field status, and Greenwood and Midway are expected to reach the same position before the end of the year.

Each of the three churches has been authorized to organize with a congregation, and three new mission stations were authorized opened along the Crow's Nest Pass route. The Sunday school committee reported a number of changes in the number of Sunday schools within the year and that all working schools were in a flourishing condition. Another interesting matter dealt with was the question of dividing the presbytery. By a majority of one it was decided to make overtures to the general assembly praying it to divide the presbytery of Kamloops into two, the all South Kootenay tributary to the Crow's Nest Pass Railway the presbytery of Kootenay and leaving the balance of territory, which goes east to British Columbia, to the north, to the Barkerville, and south to Vernon, remain under the old title.

J. Allan is very seriously ill at the Oriental and hopes of his recovery are slight.

Local Foresters have invited Dr. Oronyhatka, supreme chief ranger, to stop off at Revelstoke should he come west this spring to institute a high court of B. R.

Miss Wilkinson, who has been to the old country on a vacation trip, is again at her old place in the superintendent's office at the depot.

Edward White has resigned his position in the Imperial Bank and expects soon to go north to Adlin in the interest of the Parson-Product Co.

ROSSLAND.

J. B. McArthur has gone to Toronto. Mr. McArthur has been delegated by the Rossland board of trade to represent that body in urging upon the federal government the necessity of constructing a suitable public building in Rossland.

Patricia Barnes, a miner at the Le Roi mine, was struck by a piece of flying steel from a machine on Thursday and considerably bruised and marked up on the right side. Nothing serious is expected from it, but he will have to lay off a day or two.

J. B. Johnson & Co. have closed the deal with John Cort, a theatrical notable, for a ten years' lease of two lots on the southeast corner of Columbia and St. Paul street, upon which a \$10,000 opera house is to be erected. McMillan Bros., the owners, now in England, have been called by Mr. Johnson for confirmation of the bargain, and it is obtained Mr. Cort will without delay commence the erection of the opera house. Mr. Cort is at present manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

On Thursday night a fire broke out in the south end of the Bellevue hotel, occupied by F. Curry as a cleaning and dye establishment. He was engaged in putting some chemicals for dyeing purposes when he kindled a fire to a can of turpentine sitting near by, which also exploded. Mr. Curry's hands and face were badly burned. The fire was extinguished in the room in which it started, and while the damage was small to the building.

H. B. Smith, the city engineer, who has been making surveys from Rock creek to Rossland, for the proposed new water system, says that he demonstrated the fact that an abundant supply could be obtained by gravity from that stream and that the quality would be of the best.

The work from Rock creek to the town has been completed, with the exception that in order to make a proper hydraulic grade it would be necessary to run the line about 400 feet further to the stream. The line would then cross the summit at the proper level so that the main pipe from the creek to the city could be all one size.

The distance from the point, whence the water would be kindled, to the proposed reservoir would be about five and a half miles, and there would be a fall of about 200 feet in that distance, which would be ample. From the reservoir to the town the line would be about three-quarters of a mile, in which distance there would be a fall of 300 feet. Of course the council might decide not to run the reservoir such as he would recommend, and if they did not, the cost of bringing the water into the city would be approximately \$100,000. The reservoir, if of cement, with a capacity for a 10 days' supply, would cost about \$50,000.

Jerry Spellman, who has been in Revelstoke for the past two weeks, has returned and reports business in general in that camp as much improved, and a great many strangers going in there all the time.

Monsieur Emmelsen, pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, is leaving for the west, and if they did not, the cost of bringing the water into the city would be approximately \$100,000. The reservoir, if of cement, with a capacity for a 10 days' supply, would cost about \$50,000.

Mrs. Leach is a sister of Mrs. Ritchie and of Mrs. G. M. King, and is on a visit here from Brandon, Manitoba, where Mr. Leach is official of the Canadian Pacific railway.

It will not be long now before the weather will be suitable for the playing of lacrosse. In 1897 there was a lacrosse club here and a team from it played at Nelson team. Last year it was not re-organized. This year a club should be formed and ground secured for the playing of this splendid game. There are a number of old players here, and they should learn the young men how to play. There is some excellent material for lacrosse players among the hockey team of old players here, and they should be held and a club organized at an early date.—The Miner.

Rev. W. F. Staebchen, the new Baptist minister who succeeds Rev. Best, has arrived from Toronto, and on Thursday night the members of his new congregation gave their new pastor a rousing reception up at the church. An address of welcome was read by A. B. Glaydon, after which the visiting clergy,

Rev. Sweet, of Trail, and Rev. Rose, of Nelson, spoke of the pastor's new field of usefulness.

Louis Bonis, who last week had a rib fractured on the left side by being struck with the bar of a machine drill, is rapidly recovering. He is at the Sisters' hospital under the care of Dr. Coulthard.

Dr. McKenzie and Senior, who are in charge of W. A. Carlyle, are very hopeful of his permanent recovery, but admit that much depends on the next few days. If, in that time, say five days, no suppuration takes place, Mr. Carlyle will be the owner of the perfect use of his knee and will be able to sit in a chair and personally receive the reports of the mine managers. For three days, however, the physicians have ordered him to be excluded from everyone and to take entire rest.

John M. Finch, manager of the Silver Queen Mining Company, has bought the lot and building on the north side of Columbia avenue between Jacob and Miller streets, from Alexander Miller, who is the manager of the branch of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax at Grand Forks. The price paid was \$7,000 and it was a cash transaction. The property has a frontage of 20 feet on Columbia avenue and there is a three-story building upon it.

GREENWOOD.

J. E. Hooper and wife have arrived from Sicamous. Mr. Hooper has leased the hotel building that is being erected by J. W. O'Brien.

Men are now busy placing W. S. Fletcher's sawmill plant on Bholet creek on Saturday. Mr. Fletcher first thought of locating the mill in the city, but afterwards decided that it would be cheaper to haul lumber than logs.

Aldermen Nelson and Campbell have resigned.

Messrs. Wallace, Miller and George, who purchased the three lots at the corner of Centre and Copper streets, have decided to erect a two-story brick building on the property.

A brickmaker is coming in to start a yard. This will be the first brick building erected in Greenwood.

H. B. Munroe has leased a lot on Copper street the second below the Barrett block. He intends erecting a building there in the near future.

Arrangements are being made to build a large first-class hotel near the corner of Louise and Government streets. The building, when erected, will cost \$30,000.

Work is well under way on the big building for the Hunter-Kendrick company. This is to be a busy locality in the building line. In addition to Mr. Powell's, big hotel and the Wood Fletcher-Edkins blocks, it is quite possible that the Odd Fellows may erect a hall in the vicinity. W. S. Fletcher is planning to build on the lot recently purchased from Shipley & O'Rourke.

KASLO.

Ex-Mayor McAnn has begun the erection of a two-story office and store building on Front street, west of Fourth. Kennedy is the builder.

W. J. Twiss has also awarded a contract to George Whitelaw for the erection of an ornamental office building on the same street east of Fourth street.

Recent reports from the Swede group and Pontiac on the north fork of Woodbury creek, are very favorable. The former, which is under bond to a Rossland syndicate, is showing a vein of high grade ore, and the latter, owned by Frank Hawk and partners of Ainsworth, is showing regular channels of ore.

The steamer International made an unusually quick run up the lake last Wednesday evening, although having to discharge nearly 6,000 feet of lumber at Kokanee creek, she arrived at Kaslo at 8:10, some minutes ahead of schedule time. The International is now in charge of Captain Reed.

Superintendent Copeland, of the Kaslo & Slocan railway, has built a new bridge of a clear span of 100 feet upon the site of the treacherous McAlgaun, which was carried away last winter, detouring travel for seven or eight days at that time.

KAMLOOPS.

J. N. Moore has bought out the Thompson Valley Meat Market Company's business.

The Copper King intends shipping another carload of ore this week.

H. E. Hobbs, of Vancouver, and formerly foreman of the C. P. R. shops, Donald, is visiting Kamloops.

An enthusiastic meeting of the directors of the proposed new hotel was held on Monday night, when everything was arranged for the incorporation of a company. The capital of the company is to be \$50,000, in shares of \$10 each. The site has not yet finally been decided on.

CARIBOO.

Mr. John Ross, an employee of the Cariboo Mining Co., at Horseshoe, passed down the road with Mr. John Hagin, another employee, who is en route to Ashcroft for medical attention, he having recently had the misfortune to fall and break several ribs, and otherwise sustain serious bodily injury.

Notices are up at various places along the Cariboo road calling for tenders for the erection of a school house near the T15 Mile House, known as the Lac in Hattie school.

Messrs. Fred Tingley and Wm. Parker are en route to Ashcroft, making arrangements along the road for stopping places and stable room.

For the past four or five days it has been one bake upon another until the length and breadth of Cariboo has received an unusually deep carpet of snow. The outlook for the mule is therefore promising. In all likelihood the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company and other concerns to whom the water supply is of the first and last importance will have a most successful season. The ground beneath the snow is frozen hard, so that the water in the spring will seek the usual channels in full force instead of in part finding its way into the soil.

NORTH BEND.

The engine of a freight train ran into a rock slide near Boston Bar on Friday, and was derailed along with several cars. The engine went down the slide a distance of nearly 50 feet towards the river. The engineer and fireman escaped. The track was cleared in a few hours and traffic resumed.

Ministers, Lawyers, Teachers, and others whose occupation gives but little exercise, should use Carter's Little Liver Pills for torpid liver and biliousness. One is a dose. Try them.

W. W. B. McNamee, M.P., will leave tonight for Ottawa.

Wrangel To Be Canadian

Col. Crittenden Circulating a Petition To Be Transferred to Canada.

The Proposition Receives the Endorsement of the Wrangel Press.

The movement among Northern cities looking to a transfer of part of the territory now under United States jurisdiction to British control is by no means confined to Dren. Latest advices from the North indicate that Wrangel also is anxious to pass under the British flag. Col. Crittenden, one of the most prominent citizens of Wrangel, is fathoming the movement and is having the support of the Stikine River Journal. It is claimed by them that the South cities dictate the law for the Northern cities, without any reference to the wishes of the people concerned. They further claim that the officials appointed by the government have no knowledge of the needs of Alaska and that the people of Alaska have no voice in their selection. The Stikine River Journal in a leading article says:

There is a movement on foot, started by Col. Crittenden and backed by all the prominent men of the town, to respectfully petition the American Commission to give Wrangel to Canada, as a Canadian port, which would make an all Canadian route to the great undeveloped Northwest Territory. According to the doctrine of all just power of government being derived from the consent of the governed, the people of Wrangel know better what they want than the good intentioned people who never saw Alaska, but persist in holding mass meetings to dictate what should be done with us. It is certainly an unheard of circumstance to hear of Americans asking to be allowed to transfer their allegiance to Canada, but the principles of government as taught among the free and liberty-loving people of the United States are not practised in Alaska where the government consists of officers appointed by the powers that be, usually without any knowledge of the needs of Alaska, and certainly without the people having any voice in their selection. Col. Crittenden is a man of much influence and has the best interests of Wrangel at heart.