...ining Progress ... In the Kootenays

...gular Dividends In Sight From the Famous Slocan Star Property.

...me Phenomenal Rich Ore Samples Are Found on Joe Joe Claim.

...he Slocan Star recently distributed $25,... ...in the shape of dividends to its share... ...ers, and as the mine has plenty of ore ...ght which it is extracting at a profit, ... certain that others will follow, says ... Nelson News. This is the tenth divi... ..., the total being $575,000. The silver... ...mines are now shipping ore in the ... quantity that they did when this ...ch of mining reached high water ..., and there is every reason for believ... ...that others of the larger producers ...be heard from in the shape of divi... ...s. Some of the companies got into ...d during the dull times and others al... ...d their advance work to fall behind. ...n the debts have been paid and the ...nce work done there will be surpluses ...and from which to pay dividends. The ...ment, which is on foot to start coa... ...g works in Eastern Canada, will ... another important forward step in ... of the silver-lead miners. It is ...ght from the very start it will con... ... at least 8,000 tons of lead per an... Further on the works will utilize ...) tons and the use of the lead for this ...se will naturally grow with the in... ...e of the population of the Domin... With the increase in the use of lead ...e manufactories of the products of ... will come an increase in the price ...ed by the mine owners, and in time ...ll receive as much for his lead as the ...ceers of lead in the United States. As ...silver-lead miners are to enjoy the ...its of the lead bounty for five years ...the time it commenced it is thought ...e expiration of that time the indus... ...ill be on such a sound basis, through ...increase in the price of lead which ...naturally come with its increased ...facture into the products of lead a... ...that the industry will be so pros... ...it will be able to get along without ...nty.

...J. Richards and Jim Williams, who ...a two-years' working lease on the ...oe, came to town last Saturday with ...phenomenally rich ore samples, says ...ndon Standard. They were rich in ... silver and covered with nuggets of ... The specimens beat the richest ...y of Poplar and created much excite... ...in the Silver City. Gold ore has ...struck on the Joe Joe before, but ...y like that brought here last Satur... ...as been heard of in the history of ...nous silvery Slocan. The gold nug... ...clustered in the rock the size of ... and threads of pure gold ran ...hout. The lucky lessees claim to ... four-inch vein of this rich ore, and ...they have a bonanza. They were ... a few days ago $100 a sack for ...ks of ore at the mine, but laugh... ...declined the offer. One of the sam... ...brought here was roughly estimated ... at least 600 ounces in gold to the ... ore. The find has created a big ... in the camp. The strike has revive... ...story of a rich gold vein found and ...ars ago around Bear lake. Accord... ...the story, in the early days a pros... ...came in one day from that section ... chunk of rock containing clusters ...den nuggets, and positively refused ...art any information as to where the ... found. He was known to have ... prospecting around Bear lake, but ...as all. Shortly after business called ... camp in Montana, where he was ...in a mine. He left no account of ...asure vault and the location was ... There appears to be some truth in ...y, as all the properties around ...the camp hold the chosen ore. The ...e is in the same range and just ... on the Three Forks side. Possibly ... extension or a smaller vein of the ...ed. It is evidently located near ...ce, as a rich strike of galena car... ...old, is reported from the McAllister ...situated in the same belt.

...entleman from Silverton brought ...for the Hume hotel cabinet a re... ...ly rich specimen of copper ore from ...ckland mine near Silverton, says the ... News. The gentleman is not in ...d in the mine, but spoke of it as a ...nal property and predicts a great ...for it. Very little development work ...en done so far. There is a tunnel ...long in one all the way, and a cross ...60 feet also in ore, and no wall has ...n struck. The ore is gold-copper ...rly high grade, but the principal ... of the mine is that specimens ... by precipitation from streams run... ...rough show a richness in copper ...no ore yet struck is rich enough ... Therefore it is a fair presump... ...at somewhere in the mine there is ...of immensely rich copper ore. The ... already penetrated without strik... ...all seems to indicate that the quan... ...re is as remarkable as the quality. ...ginal holders of the property were ...nor Judge Spinks, Jay P. Graves ...nk Watson, all of whom are prob... ...interested in it. It was visited ...by Dr. Van Baun, representing ...phia capital.

ROYAL CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

...ay Commission Meets Next ...Week — Unsuccessful Fishing Season.

...ur Own Correspondent.

Westminster, Aug 25.—Secretary ...White of the Board of Trade yes... ...received a telegram from Mr. ...ge Blair, jr. acting secretary of ...way commission, to the effect ... commission will probably sit in ...estminster on August 30th. The ... was dated Banff.

...e river boats are loaded these ...th Chinamen and Siwashes re... ...after an unsuccessful fishing ...The Indians are mostly going ...home, though yesterday morn... ...y arrived from Sevenson and ... evening train for Vernon, ...ey will be engaged for a few ...cking hops. Yesterday an In... ...oe, carrying about twenty men ...from the foot of Begbie street ...the northern coast. The craft ...ed almost to the water's edge.

...ening Dr. B. E. McKenzie, B. ...., of Toronto, Dominion medi... ...ee of the Royal Templars of ...ce, who is attending the ses... ...the medical association in Van... ...as present at the weekly meet... ...ew Westminster Lodge, No. 1, ...T. A large number of mem... ...the order went to the lodge ...to pass the evening with the ...t officer.

...ening the patrons of the Royal ...in this city were treated to an ...h was not down on the regular ...ue. While Miss Leslie was ...er "Way Down in My Heart ...a Longing For You," a row ...hind the scenes between a cou... ...are filling an engagement at ... One rushed out on the stage ...sen by his friend with a bot... ... audience dispersed and one ...ived to quell the tumult. The ...as genuine, but no damage ...done.

...SH COLLISION HELD UP.

... Aug. 26.—News has reached ... that the Russian auxiliary ...al stopped and examined the ...ller Pencalenick on August ...e Pencalenick was bound for ...m Cardiff with coal for the ...vy.

Strathcona Wing Is Dedicated

Jubilee Hospital Addition Is Formally Declared Open Yesterday.

Very Enjoyable Garden Fete Given By Mrs James Douglas.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY.

Yesterday afternoon the interesting ceremony of declaring open for the use of the public the new Strathcona wing of the Royal Provincial Jubilee hospital was performed in the presence of a large and fashionable gathering of ladies and gentlemen. The occasion was taken advantage of by Mrs. James Douglas to give a splendid garden party in the grounds near the hospital.

The beautiful grounds were decorated with bunting and flowers, while tents and marquees, in which refreshments were dispensed, were placed here and there about the greensward. Tables also were set out for the guests under the greenwood tree, so that refreshments al fresco could be enjoyed in proper style. Lines of colored electric light globes were strung everywhere in preparation for the continuance of the fete during the evening. Chinese and Japanese lanterns lent a pleasing variety to the decorations, which reflected much credit upon the decoration committee of ladies.

At 4 o'clock the ceremony of opening the new wing was proceeded with, the dedication speech being delivered by Mr. R. S. Day, president of the board of directors of the hospital. The speech was a most felicitous one, and was heartily appreciated by the large throng who had the privilege of listening to it. Mr. Day fittingly expressed the sentiments of all present when he gave utterance to the hope that the new wing would long fill its destined part in the cause of suffering humanity. The Rev. Bishop Cridge then offered up the following impressive prayer:

"O God, Father of all mercies, we, Thy unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness towards us and the city to which we belong. We bless Thee for the diverse institutions which, through Thy gracious providence, have been established amongst us for the healing of the sick and the comforting of the afflicted.

"And herein we thank Thee for this hospital of Jubilee, and the honored names associated therewith; for the beloved Queen of blessed memory, whose beneficent reign Thou didst prolong above all that went before and for the revered Governor, gone to his rest, by whose pious administration was laid the foundations out of which these buildings and the surrounding land, through Thy help and goodness, come to this their charitable use.

"And now, Lord, today we beseech Thy special help and favor on Thy servants here gathered together to dedicate to Thy heavenly care and protection this added wing, with its several wards, humbly praying Thee to bless and reward the pious donor of the building, and to crown with success the devoted efforts of those who are working, or yet shall work, to complete the furnishings of all its parts with all that is needful to their perfection.

"We humbly pray Thee also, most merciful Father, for our Governor that Thou wouldst be pleased to be his stay and comfort in his sore bereavement, and in Thy own good time to bring him back in health and strength to resume his faithful duties in his appointed station over us. All of which we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, in Whose holy words we sum up all our petitions."

The Fifth Regiment band rendered a number of classical selections, to the great delight of the many guests who had by this time gathered in the grounds. The weather was perfect for the purposes of the dedication and the garden party, and it was evident that all present were enjoying themselves to the fullest extent.

After the opening of the new wing, which was critically inspected by many of the visitors and generally admired for its excellent arrangement and situation, the gathering began to disperse, as it was the intention of most of those who had attended the afternoon entertainment to return and enjoy the evening fete, for which special preparations had been made, and when it was expected the grounds would look their best.

In this connection no one was disappointed, for the scene was one to remember. The grounds looked exceedingly pretty lit up, not only by the electric glow lamps and the many Chinese and Japanese lanterns, but also by the full moon, which poured down a perfect flood of silvery radiance on the gay throngs promenading in the grounds to the music of the band. The Fifth Regiment band occupied a position directly opposite the main entrance to the hospital. If anything, the air was a trifle cool, but the merry gathering did not seem to mind that in the least.

The festivities were maintained with great animation until long after 11 o'clock, when the last of the visitors took their departure, thoroughly satisfied with their entertainment. Mrs. Douglas has been congratulated on all hands on the complete success of the well-arranged affair, and the hope has been expressed that Mrs. Douglas may see her way clear to repeat before very long so enjoyable an entertainment.

The programme of music rendered by the Fifth Regiment band was as follows:

AFTERNOON.

Part I.

Overture—"Morning, Noon and Night" ..... Suppe

Ballet Music from Faust (Suite 2).... ..... Gounod

(a) Entry of the Trojan Maidens.

(b) Solo, Dance of Helen.

(c) Bacchanale and Entry of Phryne.

Parting, fr. J. Raff's Symphony "Lenore" .....

Highland Patrol—"Wee MacGreegor" ..... Ameres

Selection on Popular Songs .... Hare

"God Save the King."

EVENING.

Part I.

Overture—"Barber of Seville"...Rossini

Excerpts from Gustav Luder's successful comic opera, "The Prince of Pilsen." .....

Solo for Cornet—"Eternamente" .... Mascheroni

(Sergt. W. V. North, Soloist.)

Selection from Faust ..... Gounod

(Intermission of Ten Minutes.)

Part II.

Overture—"Rienzi" ..... Wagner

Solo for Piccolo—"L'Disean du Bois" ..... Le Thiere

(Bandsman S. C. Carroll, Soloist.)

Fantasia Caprice in Hungarian Style ..... Tobani

Grand Selection on Scotch Melodies ..... Arr. Godfrey

"God Save the King."

LILLOOET ELECTION.

Official Count Gives Mr. McDonald a Majority of Eighty-three.

Mr. F. Soues, government agent at Clinton, reports that the official count of the ballots cast in the recent bye-election in Lillooet took place on Monday afternoon, Mr. A. McDonald being declared elected by a majority of 83. The figures were as follows:

McDonald	193
Stoddart	110
Rejected	2
Spoilt	2
Total vote	307

His satanic majesty rarely offers to go into partnership with a busy man.

RASER CASE AGAIN.

Mr. Justice Martin Makes Order With Regard to Payment of Claims.

Vancouver, Aug. 25.—(Special)—The final chapter in the celebrated Raser case took place in the Supreme Court chambers today before Mr. Justice Martin. The story is well known in Victoria. Louis Henry Raser met Mrs. Vigelius, a widow, who became enamored of him and married him. After marriage Raser had his wife execute an agreement according to her promise before marriage, namely, that she would leave him all her property. Subsequently, however, Mrs. Raser willed her money to Mrs. Campbell, Louis McQuade and the Bishop of Vancouver Island. Before this, however, Raser had sold his interest and when Mrs. Raser died he was only nominally the plaintiff. The case came to trial and Mr. Justice Drake dismissed it, but the Full court awarded Raser the interest sued for. Today Mr. Justice Martin decided how the judgment was to be expressed. He ordered that Raser should have the property left by his wife after the funeral expenses and administration fees were paid and that Mr. McQuade should be relieved of all liability as to costs.

The Gates case was adjourned until Monday to get a material witness, Chaman Hall, to testify. This witness, who is said to have paid Gates to bring Norma Hoyt to her, left for Victoria after the police interviewed her. The magistrate suggested that a strong case against Gates had already been made out but it was well to have all the evidence in.

The schooner Blakeley returned today from a cruise in Behring sea with 200 tons of cod. She reports that one of her fishermen was lost in a fog while out in a small boat. Unless picked up by some other fishing boat the man must have perished.

JAPANESE PRESS ON THE WAR

Interesting Extracts From Leading Newspapers of Mikado's Empire.

The Tokio Asahi's Chefoo correspondent wires that the Japanese government, after conferring with Marshal Oyama, has decided not to permit any foreign war vessels to enter Yinkow, and has caused Mr. Mizuno, Japanese consul at Chefoo, to notify the foreign consuls there to that effect.

"According to the authorities of the finance department, reports a news agency, the sum disbursed for war purposes by our government, from the commencement of hostilities up to the end of July, has reached two huudred million yen altogether, of which about 70 per cent was spent at home and about 30 per cent abroad.

The Tokio Asahi's Shanhaikwan correspondent learns from Tiehling that the Russian army there has been enrolling the Chinese as mercenaries at the wages of 12 yen a month. The number so far enlisted has reached 200.

A Peking despatch, dated the 9th inst., states that eight armed deserters from the Russian camp were arrested at Ginchow, west of the Liao, on the 8th by the authorities of the administrative office there. After disarming the men, they were at once escorted to Tientsin. It is expected that there will be a still larger increase in the number of Russian refugees.

A Chefoo despatch, dated the 9th inst., states that, according to a Chinese who has just arrived at Chefoo from Liaoyang, the Russians at the latter place are greatly dispirited. Great quantities of provisions and stores were being returned to Tiehling, and it is therefore believed that the Russians are preparing to retire northward.

The Takushan army, or the Independent 10th Division, the title given to it in Tuesday's Official Gazette, having occupied Fenshuling Pass, on the end of June, His Majesty the Emperor on June 30th sent an appreciative message to Lieut.-General Kawamura, commander of the division, laying stress on the merit of its operations, which were to establish effective connections between the different armies. Her Majesty the Empress also at the same time made known to Lieut.-General Kawamura her appreciation of the invaluable services rendered by his army. The replies of Lieut.-General Kawamura to their majesties, the Emperor and Empress were immediately tendered to the court.

"The Kokumin does not share in the belief held by some people that the fall of Port Arthur and Mukden or Moukden will bring an end to one stage of the war at least, an end that will eventually make itself ultimate and final. Russia, with her inquity and crimes and her reverses and troubles—which are just just retributions to her—has apparently not yet awakened to the necessity of correcting her old ways, and the journal sees no reason why the capture of the two places by the Japanese forces will have any different effect on her; it would rather think that so long as she can Russia will insist on the blind vindictiveness of the wicked and incorrigible. Nothing but her absolute subjection to the sheer power of physical force will teach her a lesson, and in order to accomplish this end, says the Kokumin, it is necessary that we should be forewarned and prepared for a much longer duration of the war.

The war regulations adopted by the Hague conference recognize the propriety of imposing reasonable labor on prisoners of war by their captors. There is very prospect of Russian prisoners of war in our hands greatly increasing in number. It is neither just nor fair that, whereas our lower classes are experiencing hard times, captured aliens should be fed and clothed at the expense of the nation, a part of which the suffering poor has to bear. It is better to diminish the total number of idle people in the country by subjecting them to some productive labor, even though the process may provoke some local or sectional complaint, than to allow this number to keep on increasing. Such are the facts and reasons on the strength of which the Jiji urges the advisability of giving suitable employment to the Russian prisoners now at Matsuyama and other places, the journal believing that these men will be capable of performing unskillful labor for productive purposes, though they may not be fit for better classes of work, owing to their lack of education and general inferiority. It further thinks that when employed wisely, they would be free of the danger of getting involved in mischievous schemes, and it will be easier to make them amenable to discipline and control.

LIBERALS AND PREFERENCE.

Laurier Government Not Credited With Representing Canadian Opinion.

London, Aug. 25.—The St. James Gazette says: "It is unfortunate, particularly so on account of the division of feeling and the state of affairs which lie, we fear, behind the outward visible signs, that the Canadian government should be without more settled convictions in regard to the policy of preferential trade and closer union of the component parts of the Empire. Colonel Hughes has done well to press the government for an expression of opinion, but the government is not, perhaps, by any means wholly representative of Canadian opinion in this matter, and we are glad at Colonel Hughes' declaration of belief that the people of the outlying parts of the Empire would heartily accept any proposition towards full partnership in the concerns of Greater Britain.'"

Chartered For Special Service

Significant Action By Dominion Government Excites Much Comment.

Local Business Men Confident Victoria Must Benefit Largely From G. T. P.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY.

Steamer Oscar has been chartered by the Dominion government for use in the buoy and lighthouse work of the coast. She left this morning on that duty, Captain John T. Walbran in charge, and will be absent from this port for some time. It is generally believed along the water front that this arrangement by the Dominion government is the direct outcome of the condition of affairs hinted at by the Hon. Raymond Prefontaine in his speech in Victoria a few days ago, when he said in effect, as quoted in the Victoria Daily Times (Liberal) that since his visit to this coast he had seen things that had made him blush for his department.

No doubt is expressed by marine men in Victoria that the chartering of the steamer Oscar for the purpose mentioned in the foregoing lines is owing to the strong feeling aroused in the mind of the minister of marine and fisheries at what he saw here.

In this connection it may be mentioned that the D. G. S. Quadra is at present receiving some slight repairs to her boilers and machinery, which will detain her in port for some time. Shipping men also remark that the Oscar will have plenty to attend to up the coast before she returns to Victoria.

WILL BENEFIT VICTORIA.

Leading merchants and shippers of Victoria, who have been spoken to by members of the Colonist staff on the prospects for increased trade for the city through the coming to the coast of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, are unanimous in their belief that the establishing of the terminus of the railway at Port Simpson or any other place in this section will be bound to lead to a great improvement in the trade of Victoria, for the reason that the G. T. P. railway will not be satisfied with working up the trans-Pacific traffic alone, but will stretch out vigorously as a competitor of the C. P. R. for all the traffic to be had south of its terminus.

There is no question in the minds of those business men that the coming of the G. T. P. railway to the coast will mean the extension of the island railway to Hardy Bay or other suitable point at the northern end of the island, and from there to Port Simpson, or wherever else the terminus may be placed, of a line of swift ferry steamers. The G. T. P. will reach out for a share of the passenger traffic from the Sound to the East, and all that traffic, along with the freight from the south will pass through Victoria. It is very likely that the railway will establish here large warehouses, and certainly a suite of offices on a scale commensurate with the importance of the line.

The very fact that the G. T. P. railway will have to look to the southward of its Pacific Coast terminus for traffic means that Victoria will become the natural centre between the southern districts and the terminus at Port Simpson or Kitimaat, as the case may be.

The coming of the Grand Trunk to the coast will be of much benefit to this city, say the business men who have been thinking over the matter.

FOR THE ORIENT.

During the first five days of September three vessels sail from this port with full cargoes of American products consigned to Japan, China and the Philippines, says the Post-Intelligencer. They are the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's Kanagawa and the Boston Steamship Company's Lyra and Quito. The latter is merely under charter to the Boston corporation. The three will take a total of about 18,000 tons. Puget Sound ports and other cities of the state contribute a very material proportion of the cargoes, which will consist of flour, leaf tobacco, nails, wire, fish, machinery, hardware and general merchandise. The Kanagawa is scheduled to sail September 1st and the Quito and Lyra September 4th and September 5th respectively. The Lyra leaves the dry dock today, having undergone a general overhauling. She will at once begin loading cargo. Both the Kanagawa and Quito are now loading. The former takes passengers while the Lyra and Quito carry freight only.

SENSATIONAL STORY BY REVOLUTIONISTS

Claim That the Recently Baptized Czarevitch is a Changeling.

A recent despatch to the New York World from Paris says: "Russian revolutionists here declare positively that the Empress of Russia really gave birth to a female child, for whom at birth a male child was substituted—a peasant woman's baby. The revolutionists vouch for the truth of this statement and, astounding as it is, insist that it comes from a perfectly reliable source and that it will be verified later.

"The Nihilists say that the internal condition of Russia is such—and it may be made more precarious by the reverses in the Far East—that had the people been disappointed again in their hope for the birth of a Czarevitch, a revolt would have been imminent. This danger, magnified by the probability of the fall of Port Arthur at any moment, caused the Czar's advisers to take their precautions. A peasant about to become a mother was smuggled into the Alexandrin villa at Peterhof, where the Empress awaited the immenesely important event. The Nihilists aver that the Czarina was blessed with a girl (the fifth) the day before a boy came to the peasant, and that the Czarina's accouchement was concealed until the baby boy was taken from his mother's arms, presented to the Czar's relatives and the court and placed in the Imperial cradle.

"Improbable as this story appears, it must be remembered that the revolutionists have extraordinary underground means of inter-communication all over Europe."

A CONVENIENT DISTINCTION.

Mail and Empire.

It is worth noting that Gen. Keller, who was killed while commanding the Russian forces at Motlen Pass, was a great admirer of Tolstoy, of whose work he once wrote an appreciative criticism. Recently, however, the general found it politic to explain that his admiration was for the novelist and not the philosopher. Tolstoy, however, will not be wounded at the apostasy of converts in bureaucracy. His hold is upon the common people, with whom he mingles every ady.

IN THE FLAT.

Old Mother Hubbard
She went out and rubbered,
New neighbors were just moving in.
"I'll just take a peep,
My! their furniture's cheap!"
She said, with a satisfied grip.

FIRE AT HELENA.

Helena, Montana, Aug. 25.—Fire today practically destroyed the stock of dry goods of Champeny & Iverson, in South Main street. The stock is valued at between $20,000 and $25,000. The insurance is about half of the value of the stock. The fire is still burning, but it is believed to be under control. It started, it is thought, from an electric wire in the basement. The greater portion of damage was done by smoke and water.

DYNAMITE FOR BOOKMAKERS.

Attempt to Stampede Betting Ring at Chicago to Secure Plunder.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 25.—Three persons were injured by dynamite caps thrown into the betting ring at the Hawthorne race track this afternoon. It is supposed that an attempt was made to create a panic in the betting ring for the purpose of robbing the bookmakers. Several dynamite caps were found on the cement flooring of the betting shed.

AUTOMOBILE TOUR.

Boston Journalist Will Cross Continent on the C. P. R. Tracks.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 25.—An interesting party is making arrangements to travel through Canada. The C. P. R. has agreed to allow Mr. and Mrs. F. Glidden of Boston the privilege of the running a railroad automobile over their tracks from Portland, Mass., to Vancouver. The automobile is one especially designed for running on the rails, and in it Mr. Glidden and his wife are making a tour of the world. He is a journalist of considerable note, and is writing letters for the Boston Globe on the events of his trip. At Portal the party will be placed in charge of a C. P. R. conductor and the touring car will run on regular train schedule under his orders. The trip will be made entirely by daylight, and stops will be made at all points of interest.

REPORT ON AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Information Presented at Meeting of Council of Board of Trade Yesterday.

At an important meeting of the council of the Board of Trade, held yesterday morning, the secretary, Mr. F. Elworthy, presented the following report:

August 19, 1904.

Gentlemen—Acting under instructions received from the president, I attended at the local office of the Department of Marine and Fisheries this morning and there met Col. F. Gourdeau, the deputy minister, Commodore Spain and Capt. Gaudin.

Col. Gourdeau went very thoroughly into the various aids to navigation recommended in the memorandum which the board yesterday presented to the minister, Mr. Prefontaine, and by request I made the following notes:

Sehl's Point—The immediate installation of a light ordered.

Brotchie Ledge—A more powerful fog alarm has been ordered.

Estevan Point, Hesquiot—A light will be placed without delay.

West Coast—Whistling buoys will be placed as soon as possible.

Trial Island—Light house and fog alarm approved.

Pine Island—Light house and fog alarm approved.

Egg Island—Fog alarm approved.

Rivers Inlet—Bell buoy and gas light approved.

Grey or Green Islands—Lighthouse and fog alarm approved.

Watson Rock—Wigham light approved.

Christie Pass—Lighthouse approved.

Fraser River—Lightship, Sandheads, approved.

Capt. Gaudin received instructions to promptly report upon the following recommendations of the board:

Cape Beale—Fog alarm.

Quatsino Sound—Lighthouse.

Lookout Island—Lighthouse.

In regard to the Esquimalt hospital, Col. F. Gourdeau said that the improvements recommended by the board will be completed, and that the necessary furnishings, etc., would be purchased; also that a seaworthy boat would be provided.

That arrangements would be made for daily medical attendance and for the treatment of seamen with trifling complaints at the hospital as out patients when it is not advisable for their treatment in the hospital.

The cost of bedding will, in future, be a charge on maintenance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

It was decided to also bring the matter of the need of a light at the entrance to Victoria harbor to the attention of the department.

Probably the most important matter before the council was the question of what representations the board should make to Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, who is expected to arrive shortly, and it was decided to base these on the secretary's report of September 13, 1902, which was adopted and forwarded to the honminister on April 17, 1904.

George Riley, M. P., was present and learned the board's views respecting mail requirements. It was decided to further discuss the subject at the next meeting.

The report as to what transpired in connection with Hon. R. Prefoutaine's visit will shortly be available for publication.

Messrs. Findlay, Durham & Brodie was accorded a vote of thanks for information on the South African preferential tariff. The firm has been advised by its London house that the South African Customs Union has agreed to give a rebate of 25 per cent on the ad varlorem duty charged on Canadian goods. A special form of certificate has to be filled out, a copy of which the firm forwarded to the council.

The president called the attention of the council to the announcement in the newspapers that the Hon. Mr. Blair, chairman of the railway commission, would visit Victoria next week, and desired to know what action it was proposed to take in bringing local interests before him.

After some discussion it was decided to ask the standing committee on railways and freights to prepare a statement for submission to Mr. Blair.

In this connection the following letter was read from Mr. J. C. Pendray, manager British American Paint Company:

Dear Sir,—We understand the Hon. Mr. A. G. Blair, railway commissioner, is expected to arrive in Victoria shortly. We are accordingly taking this opportunity of advising your board of some of the freight rates which are discriminating against the coast in favor of Winnipeg. We might add that should we be unable to get more favorable rates into the Kootenays, Crow's Nest, Calgary and Edmonton districts, we will have to discontinue competing for business in these sections, as the freight rates are so much against us.

Following are a few of the rates showing a difference from Victoria to Kootenay common points, Crow's Nest and Calgary, as compared with those from Winnipeg to these points:

First—The carload rate on paints, etc., from Winnipeg to Kootenay common points is 64c, and from the coast to Kootenay common points is 85c; a difference in favor of Winnipeg of 21c (though there is almost a thousand miles greater haul from Winnipeg than from the coast.

Second—The carload rate from Winnipeg on the same commodity to Fernie and Cranbrook is 64c, and from Victoria to Fernie is 99 1-2c, being 35 1-2c against this point. Another point that makes it almost impossible to do business in this section of the country is that the merchants at Cranbrook and Fernie almost always get the car rate on paints, etc., by enclosing same in a car of glass or hardware from Winnipeg, whilst we have to pay the local rate (third class) $1.47½.

Third—The carload rate from Winnipeg to Calgary is 74c, and from the coast to Calgary is 91c, giving Winnipeg the advantage of 17c over the coast, which is some 220 miles shorter haul than from Winnipeg. The same conditions apply on all points north and south on the C. & E. branch, it would be of great advantage to us if a clause were inserted in the eastbound tariffs, that goods taking the same classification, and being manufactured by the same manufacturer and consigned to the same consignee, be included in the same car, and take the same carload rate.

As we are manufacturers of paints, varnishes, oils, etc., also soap, sodas, lyes, blues, ammonia and vinegar, and sell all these commodities to the same merchant, we feel it a hardship that we cannot include them in the same car so as to take advantage of the carload rate.

We would also call your attention to the special "traders' rate" from Calgary out, while clause 252 of the Railway Act provides there shall be no discrimination in favor of or against any person, these trader's rates discriminate against the local manufacturers and wholesalers, to the extent of about 10c per 100 pounds.

We trust your board will assist us in laying these matters before the Hon. Mr. A. G. Blair, as we are constantly in receipt of communications from our customers stating that they have to look East for all their goods. We are just in receipt of a communication from our representative, Mr. H. H. Welch, stating that, owing to the new freight rates into the Kootenays, a customer of ours in Sandon, B. C., has had to order all his goods in our line from Winnipeg, as the carload rate from that point, by way of Nelson, is 82c against a rate of Nelson, is 82c against a rate of $1.05 from Victoria.

It was pointed out by the secretary that the wholesale grocers went into this matter some few months ago and their representations had already been forwarded to Ottawa, but Mr. Pendray will be informed that his complaint will be embodied in the presentation of the case to Mr. Blair. It is requested that shippers immediately communicate, in writing, with the secretary of the board, setting forth all the disabilities under which they labor in securing the trade of the interior.

The committee reported upon the complaint handed in at last meeting as to delay in the handling of fruits and perishable goods, but as further information is looked for, the matter was allowed to stand over for the present.

Those present were: S. J. Pitts, president; D. R. Ker, J. J. Shallcross, C. F. Todd, S. Leiser, S. Jones, J. Kingham, L. G. McQuade and W. H. Bone.

Seal Hunter's Sad Experience

Story of Wounded Boat Puller of Carmencita Fired on By Russians.

Did not Know He Was Poaching —Pleads Ignorance of Laws.

"If we were poaching or in any way encroaching upon the rights of Russia respecting seal hunting, I did not know it. It was ignorance upon my part. Any way, I was under orders and had to go with the boat where directed. Dan Glowson, the seal hunter, had full charge."

Such were the declarations of Walter York, the wounded boat puller fired upon by Russian soldiers or natives of Copper island, Russia's best seal rookery in Behring sea, says yesterday's Seattle Post-Intelligencer. York, at the time he spoke the above words, lay on a cot in the Marine ward in Providence hospital. The young man, though resting more comfortably than at any time since he was shot in the North, is weakened and emaciated. The loss of 75 pounds in three weeks has reduced him to a mere skeleton.

Today York will be operated upon. The surgeons yesterday, on examining him, found that his left lower jaw bone is fractured and that the bullet is still imbedded in his head. They will make an effort to extract the ball. Up to this time there is no reason to assume that operation will not prove successful, despite York's weakened condition. Though scarcely able to speak, he is full of hope and courage.

York says the Carmencita hails from Mazatlan, Mexico, though she sailed from San Francisco. She is an American bottom, 138 tons register, flying the Mexican flag. Captain McLalin, her master, has long been master of sealing vessels plying Behring sea. His home is in Victoria, B. C., where his family resides.

The Carmencita sailed April 5 from San Francisco. Her voyage north was uneventful until she reached the Aleutian archipelago. Here she ran into a gale which sent the vessel ashore on Attu island, the most westward one of the chain owned by the United States. The Carmencita piled up on boulders, though after hanging up for three days she managed to haul off uninjured. Then she took up the sealing cruise through Behring sea. She met with fair success. Four seals were taken in the vicinity of Copper island, though York is not prepared to say that any were killed within the three-mile limit. At the time his boat was fired upon by the islanders, the Carmencita was fifteen miles off shore. He asserts she was certainly not violating any international law. There were eight of her boats out and around the island. But when the news of the wounding of York reached the Carmencita all were picked in. On the voyage to Dutch Harbor twelve seals were taken, making a total catch of fifty.

York says he is done with seal hunting. He thinks he will give up the sea. Though only twenty-two years of age he is the senior of a family of twelve children, all living. He has nine sisters and two brothers. "I wandered west from my Missouri home," he observed, "and went to sea. Here I am now in a hospital ward. I don't think I deserved such a fate. Any way, I shall try to get well. What I do then is hardly worth speculating on now.

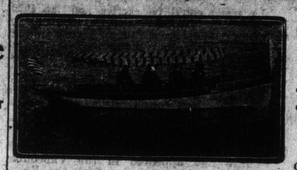
"If I violated any law it was through ignorance upon my part. I don't believe in law breaking."

CONGRATULATED BY EMPEROR.

Shanghai, Aug. 25.—The dismantling of the cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grosovoi has been completed, and the Czar Nicholas, who sent a message to the crews congratulating them on saving the vessels and thanking them for their services to the empire.

VISITED FRANKLIN CAMP.

H. W. Warrington, general superintendent of the Kettle Valley Line Railway, accompanied by George A. McLeod, recently returned to the city from a tour of inspection of the well known McKinley claim in Franklin camp, some 45 miles up the North Fork. In speaking of Franklin camp generally, Mr. Warrington said that there is at once begun a large influx of prospectors into the camp being no doubt the result of recent rich strikes in the camp. The McKinley claim, he says, is a fissure vein and there are some men working definitely proven to be 352 feet in width. Rich ore has also been discovered at two distinct points 220 feet apart on opposite sides of the large gulch and on the trend of the ore body. At the main workings a body of ore is visible 64 feet long by 20 feet wide, averaging 5 per cent. copper and $1.50 gold and silver per ton. As already stated, the grade will be only about one per cent., and the entire railway is an ideal one from an engineer's point of view.—Grand Forks News-Gazette.



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Where located: Mount Sicker in Seymour and Somenos Districts.

Take notice that The Tyee Copper Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B85299, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvement.

Dated this 11th day of July, A. D. 1904.

CLERMONT LIVINGSTON, Attorney-in-Fact for the Tyee Copper Company, Limited.

TAKE NOTICE that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands at Bella Coola: Commencing at a post marked J. Simister's S. E. corner, thence north 11 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south to the shore, thence following the shore east to point of commencement; containing 22 acres more or less.

J. SIMISTER.

Bella Coola, June 1, 1904.

NOTICE

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land situated on the west shore of Kitimaat Arm, commencing at a post on the shore of Enterkin Bay, south of the R. R. Reserve, marked M. M. Long's S. E. Corner, thence north 40 chains, west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, the place of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

M. J. M. LONG.

Kitimaat, June 28, 1904.

NOTICE.

Sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land situate on the west shore of Kitimaat Arm, commencing at a post on the shore of Enterkin Bay south of the R. R. reserve marked F. E. M.'s N. East Corner, thence west 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence north 20 chains along shore of said bay to place of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less.

F. E. MITCHELL.

Kitimaat, June 28, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for