

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Methodist District Meetings at Westminster and Nanaimo—Electric Lighting and Power.

News From the Mines—Shipments From Revelstoke—Operations at Illecillewaet.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, May 1.—At Monday night's meeting of council the Sunday closing by-law is likely to be carried. It is meeting with little if any opposition in the city. Merchants who are in the habit of keeping open as they will willingly close if all are obliged to refrain from selling goods.

Some men in the dusk last evening deliberately scattered broken glass along the asphalt pavement of Cordova street where the cyclists are accustomed to practice. A number of pneumatic tires were punctured before the glass was discovered. There are witnesses to identify the man if he can be found, and the city will prosecute.

There was no record during April. For the past six months the natural increase of Vancouver's population has been very marked, and during the last month the vital statistics show 21 births, 14 marriages and 16 deaths.

The local board of trade, at the request of Eastern boards, will sign a joint petition to the federal government to appoint a board of customs appraisers to the coast, so that importers may appeal if necessary against the local customs appraisements.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, May 1.—The chief topic of conversation in the Royal City is Mr. Bernard's proposal to give cheap light and a tramway to Stevenson, provided the city gives certain financial encouragement. All recognize the enterprise displayed in utilizing the water power of Seymour creek, but the council are struggling with the bridge question, and it is safe to say that the proposition will be left for some time longer until the fate of the bridge question is settled. The railway to Stevenson, sooner or later, must be taken into consideration.

The Quigley court of appeal have made an all round reduction of 20 per cent. on the assessed value of taxable property. The law students at Westminster are arranging for a series of lectures prescribed by the law society, and are organizing a debating society.

The annual district meeting of the Methodist church is in progress. Rev. Mr. Hall presiding. Six candidates for the ministry are being examined. District officers will be elected on Thursday.

An injunction to restrain R. Watson from interfering with the effects of his son, G. A. Watson, deceased, was dissolved in supreme court chambers today. The wife of deceased applied for the injunction. The evidence proved that she had consented to the father's conduct of his son's estate.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, May 1.—The district meeting of the Methodist church of Vancouver Island, which opened yesterday in the Wallace street church, occupied its time in the examination of candidates for the ministry and routine business, there being a good attendance of clergymen and lay delegates.

Rev. Mr. Pedley's lecture last night on "Victor Hugo's Masterpiece" was an eloquent effort, and was much appreciated by a large audience. The trial of Paugler, who had been released on bail, takes place to-morrow.

REVELSTOKE.

REVELSTOKE, (From the Kootenay Mail.) The Revelstoke smelter has been leased to a syndicate of firms in Chicago, but nothing more than the bare fact is known here at present. When the preliminary arrangements are perfected, the necessary daily quantity of ore, which is 50 tons, can without doubt be secured, and the smelter kept in continuous operation.

The 10 stamp mill at the Poorman mine will be started in about 10 days. A. L. Davenport and Robert Ewart are now at the mine. A large quantity of ore is ready for crushing and concentrates will be sent to the Pilot Bay smelter.

This has been the banner week so far in the quantity of ore shipped from Revelstoke. On the 18th April, 9 carsloads were moved; 21st, 9 cars; 22nd, 3 cars; 23rd, 7 cars; 25th, 12 cars; and 26th, 8 cars.

NELSON.

NELSON, (From the Tribune.) Reports from Forty-nine creek are that the Nelson hydraulic company has ample water and that the first cleanup will show good results.

Six men are at work on the Eureka group of claims, Kaalo district. The drift on the Yosemite claim is in 125 feet, the pay streak showing ore that runs over 100 ounces of silver to the ton.

Advices have been received at the Nelson office of the Hall Mines, Limited, that the chairman of the board of directors would leave London so as to arrive at Nelson about May 20. There are 80,000 tons of ore blocked out and in sight in the Silver King mine.

Returns from the second shipment of ore from the Goodenough mine, have been received. The galena ore went \$174 tons and silver and 64 per cent. lead to the ton, and after deducting freight, duty and smelting charges netted the owners \$328 a ton—the highest returns ever received from a shipment of Sloan ore.

Several engineering parties under W. H. Tye are making a final location of the Kaalo & Sloan railway. Mr. Guthrie, of the firm of Foley Brothers & Guthrie, who have the contract for building, arrived in Kaalo on Wednesday. Mr. Guthrie, accompanied by engineer Tye and D. J. Munn, took a look

over the Kaalo end of the railway line on Thursday.

Very little ore was shipped from No. 1 mine this month owing to the breaking up of the road. About 70 tons of concentrates are lying at the mill awaiting shipment to the Pilot Bay smelter. About forty men are working on the Blue Bell mine, which is turning out some 200 tons of ore a day. The snow is fast disappearing from the hills.

ROSELAND.

ROSELAND, (From the Nelson Tribune.) A short time ago Clarence King, the celebrated geologist and mining expert, visited the Roseland camp and looked over the properties. Now Louis Janin, famous in connection with the Comstock, is here. From Yacatan to the Yukon no man is held in higher respect among well informed men. Mr. Janin comes from San Francisco, and California, said to have made a big strike in the asphalt mines of California, who is a heavy owner in the Bunker Hill and Sells of the Coeur d'Alene, and who graduated with a high degree from the mining college at Freiberg, Germany. Messrs. Janin and Oshorn arrived Sunday night and since have paid strict attention to business. They made a survey of several hours of the surface of the Le Roi claim, being shown over the property by General Manager Peyton and Superintendent Bent.

NEW DENVER.

NEW DENVER, (From the Ledger.) During the week ending April 25, ore shipments have shown a decided falling off, as it is between seasons and bad roads prevent supplies being handled. Several of the leading mines will start up during May and the shipments will then be in excess of those of the past winter. The Mollie Hughes, loaded close to town, is entered as a shipper, having made a small shipment to Pilot Bay, the first to that point from Sloan. During the last fortnight, with the exception of 52 tons sent to Tacoma, the balance of 497 tons shipped went to the Omaha works. From the initial shipment on Sept. 13, 1894, to January 1, 1895, the Sloan mines sent over the Nakusp and Stoom railway 2,151 tons of ore, valued at \$215,100, and to the end of March 3,065 tons, valued at \$303,500. From April 1 to April 17 there were shipped 1,337 tons, worth \$131,700.

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SHOT FOR COWARDICE.

HAVANA, May 1.—Lieut. Valentine (Gallegos), who surrendered fifty Spanish soldiers to the rebels and who was afterwards captured and turned over to the military authorities here, was, after trial by court-martial, sentenced to be shot. This sentence was carried out today in the fortress of Cabana. In confirming the sentence of the court-martial Capt. General Martineau, the Campos issued a proclamation, during the course of which he said that it was the first time in his military life that he had known a Spanish officer to be executed as a coward. Lieut. Valentine Gallegos's execution was conducted with the usual military ceremonies, and he personally gave the order for the firing squad to shoot. The Captain-General has left here for Matanzas, Gardena, Santa Clara and Cienfuegos. The Captain-General ordered work to be given to the unemployed, and thus prevent any discontent and idle persons from joining issue with the rebels on the ground that they have nothing else to do, has been the case in many instances. He has ordered the commencement of a number of public works, which it is hoped will result in material benefit to the island and to the laboring classes. During the absence of General Campos from Havana General Joseph Arderius will act as Captain-General.

STRIKE AMONG COOLIES.

VANCOUVER, May 1.—(Special.)—The day the Empress of China left Hongkong there was an immense strike among the coolie laborers of that city. The authorities had recently required the Chinese coolie element to certify on oath that they occupied the amount of space in their dwellings required by law, to be photographed, and to answer a number of other questions. These steps were thought necessary owing to the plague having broken out in Orient. The coolies met in companies to consider the matter, and finally met in hundreds on the streets. Not a coolie in the city complied with the law, and not one could be found who would certify of manual labor and of good price. The Empress was in consequence loaded by sailors of the British men of war and "black" soldiers at a station not conspicuously in sight of Hongkong in order to avoid trouble. All the other steamers in port were being loaded and unloaded by their own crews and men belonging to the warships. Residents were assured of perfect safety by the authorities and the military were preparing to quell the slightest resistance to authority. Besides the black regiment, composed of 500 natives of India, there were fourteen men-of-war in port, while more vessels were waiting to be unloaded than had been seen together for many years at Hongkong.

TO A PLEBISCITE.

St. JOHN'S, May 1.—(Special.)—Hon. Robt. Bond and Hon. George Emerson have been appointed to seats in the Legislative Council. Canada's answer to Newfoundland's counter proposals in regard to confederation is expected to-morrow. The White party will meet on Friday night to consider the terms and decide upon their policy. It is understood that they will submit the question to a plebiscite instead of having a general election. The members of the government will thereby run no risk of defeat whether the question is carried or rejected. Public feeling continues adverse to annexation and meetings are being organized and pressure brought on the representatives in order to prevent the matter being carried.

Toronto, April 28.—McKee, Farley and Spott, who were arrested on the strength of the verdict of a coroner's jury for alleged implication in the Simpson fire were charged to-day.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Reductions in the Civil Service—Justice Fournier to Retire—Increased Revenue.

Mean Tactics—Salvation Army Colony—British Columbia on the Bisley Team.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 1.—Sweeping reductions in the public service will be made shortly. Many superannuations are contemplated, and no new appointments will be made. Judge Fournier has obtained six months' leave of absence. He will retire from the Supreme Court bench at the end of that time, if he lives as long; he is now in very poor health. Judge Fournier is one of the original members of the Court, having been appointed by the Mackenzie Government.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union petition for the extension of the parliamentary franchise to women. The arrears of interest on the loan owing by the Government to St. Mary's railway bridge company was the subject of a long discussion in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. The opposition tried to get Mr. Charlton's Sabbath observance bill read a second time to-night.

The revenue shows an increase of \$454,000. Hon. Mr. Daly stated that arrangements had been made with General Booth for a Salvation Army colony in the Northwest. The budget is definitely announced for Friday.

Gunner J. C. Chamberlain, of Westminster, has secured a place on this year's Bisley team.

The census of Manitoba will be taken next year.

Senator Bolduc wants the upper house adjourned on Friday for eighteen days. A P.P.A. circular just published says that the officers of the organization have had a conference with Dalton McCarthy, who stood by every plank in the platform of the organization. Mr. McCarthy recently denied any knowledge of the association's affairs.

SYNDICATE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

NANAIMO, May 1.—(Special.)—The Syndicate of British Columbia met in St. Andrew's church this evening. Mr. Herdman, the retiring moderator, presided on an appropriate sermon. Rev. Mr. Leach, of Kamloops, was elected moderator, and Rev. Mr. Logan, clerk. The committee on bills and orders was named, and routine business was transacted. The court will enter on its regular business to-morrow morning.

Napoleon's Marshals. The families of the most famous of the first Napoleon's marshals are still represented in France. Bernadotte, prince of Monte Corvo, is represented by the Swedish royal family; the Princes Murat bear the title of the brilliant cavalry commander, Berthier's descendant is the Prince of Wagram; Lamme is represented by the family of Montebello, Oudinot by the Duke of Reggio, Mortier by the Duke of Rivoli and the Prince of Essling, Grouchy by the Marquis de Grouchy, and Poniatowsky by Prince S. Poniatowsky. The lines of building standing in a garden of five acres of the North German Exposition, among the features of the exposition are a midway, an electrical restaurant, a world's bazaar and an exhibit of hotel and travelling accommodations.

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CABLE NEWS.

Formosa Objects to Annexation to Japan—Relations Between Russia and Japan Strained.

The Wilde Case—Ship Boarded by Riflemen—World's Fair in Holland.

LONDON, May 1.—A Shanghai dispatch says that the Chinese inhabitants of the island of Formosa recently sent a deputation to the British representative there, urging him to request the British government to prevent the Japanese from annexing the island, and offering in return for this protection a large share in the profits of the Formosa mines. The matter was referred to the British government, which replied that it could not entertain the proposal.

The Times publishes a dispatch from Kobe, dated April 28, saying that there is evidence of a serious conflict in the relations between Japan and Russia. Mr. William Saunders, M.P. for the Western division of Newington, is dead. Queen Victoria arrived in the city last night from the continent and has gone to Windsor Castle.

To-day being the regular semi-annual settling day at Bank of England the stock exchange is closed.

Sir Patrick O'Brien, Bart. died in Brighton on Friday. He was born in 1823 and was a member of parliament for King's county from 1852 to 1885.

A necklace formed of 362 pearls, which the late Duchess of Montrose bequeathed to the benefit of the poor of East London, brought at auction £11,500.

A dispatch from Seville, Spain, says the condition of the Duke of Orleans, who broke his leg on Friday while out hunting, is serious.

The French troops, Tibet, conveying troops for Madagascar, is ashore at Suva, and the health of the canal is suspended pending her floating.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Shaw Levee, President of the local committee, has introduced a bill providing for the abolition of plural voting and for the holding of all elections on the same day. The bill passed the first reading.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says:—The town of Dubno, in the province of Volhynia, has been destroyed by fire. Dubno is situated on the river Irwa, about 38 miles west of Ostrog. It has a population of about 8,000.

A dispatch from Gibraltar says: The Dutch brigantine Anna, while becalmed off the Rif coast of Morocco, was boarded by boat loads of Rifians, who fired upon her crew as they pulled alongside, killing the captain and injuring the mate. The Rifians then ransacked the vessel of everything of value, and then set her on fire. The vessel was left a burning wreck, and the crew, who were saved, reported the occurrence.

A Paris dispatch announces that M. Leygues, minister of the interior, who has returned from his visits to the districts devastated by the breaking of the Brest reservoir, reports that he will fix the blame for the disaster, no matter how high the officials may be who are responsible for it. The government will compensate all the people who have been injured by the accident.

The World's Fair, or Exposition Universelle, promoted by the Queen Regent of the Netherlands and under her patronage, was formally opened to-day with appropriate exercises, presided over by a large concourse of people. The exposition occupies a vast tract of ground in the fashionable suburbs of the city, the palace or principal building standing in a garden of five acres filled with tropical plants, and among the features of the exposition are a midway, an electrical restaurant, a world's bazaar and an exhibit of hotel and travelling accommodations.

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a sovereignty over the territory, and thus control the future development of the canal and of the traffic that may pass through it. I believe congress at its next session will, if nothing shall be done meanwhile by authority, powers now in authority, effectually and finally stop the aggressions of Great Britain and absolutely prevent her gaining a foothold in this most important point on the American continent. I think there is a strong spirit in the American people to put a stop to this proceeding. Great Britain is not going to stop of her own volition. Somebody must step in and be disagreeable, and this seems to be a very good opportunity for the United States to assume that role."

TRAINING FOR THE PIANO.

The Age at Which a Pupil Ought to Begin—When to Practice.

The question is often asked, "At what age should a pupil begin a musical training for the piano?" This question is answered as follows by an authority in such matters in the columns of The Ladies' Home Journal:

My answer would be as soon as she can read a little and knows enough of the multiplication table to recite "four times." Indeed a child need not know that an object may be equally divided into eight parts, that she may understand the relative value of notes, to commence training. The advantages of early training are principally for the physical development. The mental training, although never neglected, should be slow until the mind is well matured. In fact, the mental training in music should keep pace with the general scholastic progress. Without either a liking for the study of the piano or a talent, it is worse than folly to compel a child to take lessons. It is cruelty to the child, a waste of time and money for the parent.

The length of time for practice must depend upon the health and the circumstances surrounding the pupil. As much time as possible should be given to daily practice, and two hours at the best time of day is in the morning, as the mind is freer and the body in a refreshed condition. Practice amounts to very little if the body and mind are tired. Persistence in practice under these conditions—through a mistaken sense of duty—is often injurious to the delicate health of a child.

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BRITAIN AND NICARAGUA.

Honduras Offers Military Assistance to the Neighboring Republic—England's Attitude.

Does Not Covet the Canal—Her Terms Will be Accorded to.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, May 1.—Honduras has given assurance to Nicaragua that her troops will be at the disposal of Nicaragua should they be necessary. This is the only tender of troops that has been made by the Central American governments, although the other republics have shown their interest and co-operation in other ways. The offer from Honduras is not likely to be accepted owing to the present favorable turn of affairs; but at one time there was a prospect of concerted action by the forces of the two countries. The good offices of the ministers of Honduras, Guatemala and the other American states are being exerted to secure a peaceful settlement.

Officers belonging to the British fleet were ashore yesterday at San Juan del Sur, the small port near which the Pacific entrance of the Nicaragua Canal is to be built. It was noted that they were making measurements and topographic sketches of the land in that part of the country and, apparently, were making observations along the route to be followed by the canal from the Pacific to Lake Nicaragua.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—At the State Department the news that Nicaragua would pay the \$77,500 indemnity within fifteen days after the departure of the British troops was seemingly expected, though no direct advice had been received by the department.

The guarantee of the payment by Nicaragua of the indemnity as required by Great Britain will be made in the simplest manner possible and will be in any one of several forms as follows: First—Promise of the Nicaraguan government, which in view of the fact that the government has never defaulted on its obligations, is itself regarded as a guarantee. Second—Bank of Nicaragua, a national institution, with a recognized standing in London, will, if need be, give a guarantee. Third—The Republic of Guatemala, one of the richest Central American states, stands ready to deposit \$15,500 pounds sterling in a London bank if Nicaragua desires the favor. Fourth—The Nicaraguan Canal Company, whose word in London would be acceptable in the highest financial circles, will give either guarantee or cash if need be.

The final proposition, as now concluded between Nicaragua and Great Britain, is therefore as follows: Great Britain agrees to immediately evacuate Corinto and withdraw her fleet. Nicaragua agrees to pay \$15,500 in London in fifteen days from the sailing of the fleet out of Corinto harbor. The latter condition was insisted upon by the popular agitation and a step towards maintaining her dignity.

The affair has cost Nicaragua more than the original \$77,500. It was necessary to raise 3,000 extra troops at a cost of \$3,000 per day. The abandonment of Corinto as a custom port has also resulted in much loss. Disturbance to business and commerce is also a loss which cannot be measured in dollars.

CANADIAN NEWS. (Special to the Colonist.) MONTREAL, April 30.—Rev. Canon Morison, chaplain of the Canadian Pacific Zouaves on the occasion of their expedition to Italy, died at St. Bartholomew last night. Rev. Abbe Leclerc, for sixteen years chaplain of St. John de Dieu asylum, died at Longue Pointe last night.

WINNIPEG, April 30.—It is reported from Ottawa that the contractors for the Hudson Bay railway will commence work immediately on the strength of the order-in-council passed, then if parliament