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The Wonders Of Cassiar

A Vast Region of Immense Mineral Wealth Awaiting Development.

Necessity for a Railway Becoming More Obvious Day by Day.

Mr. C. W. D. Clifford, M.P.P. for Cassiar, who has just returned from his constituency, is more than ever convinced of the great future in store for this portion of British Columbia.

Wherever he went he found people at work utilizing the gifts which Nature has so lavishly bestowed upon that favored district.

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Islander From Skagway

Brings Small Number of Passengers—News of the Yukon District.

New Strike on Stewart—Wreck of the Florence S. Raised.

Steamer Islander, which arrived from Skagway yesterday, did not have a large passenger list, as was anticipated.

It was reported at Skagway when she left on Saturday last that the steamer Dawson, which was bringing a crowd up the river, had had an accident with her wheel and been delayed, and what few arrivals from the interior who had come out on the earlier steamers to arrive at White Horse, had taken passage down to the Dolphin and Cottage City, which sailed prior to the Islander.

There were but sixteen down passengers on the Islander, three of whom were landed at Vancouver, and the remainder came here. Those for Vancouver were Mrs. Darling, wife of the manager of the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company's river steamer; Mrs. Boyle and E. A. S. Barrie. Those who landed here, nine of whom were for Victoria, and the others for Seattle, were: M. J. Maistad, A. R. Gordon, and W. French, who left on the night of the Sound; A. J. Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, John Whalen and wife, W. E. Loos, and J. C. Gillman, W. G. Mitchell and A. Andrew.

The Dawson News of June 5, received by the Islander, says: "It is believed that a strike of importance had been made on the Stewart river, 12 miles from its mouth. A number of men are understood to have left Dawson last evening on the Sifton, bound for the new discovery. No details were heard as to the nature of the strike."

The office of Mining Inspector Robinson at Grand Forks has been robbed of a large sum of money and there is considerable official circles over the loss, says the Dawson News. Two thousand dollars was taken. Details of the robbery are difficult to obtain, as the officials are keeping it as quiet as possible and refuse to divulge any information. It is reported that the thief or thieves had the money locked up in the safe, together with several additional sums received in payment of royalty, and that the money was hidden in a hole in the wall of the safe.

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MEET TODAY. Opening of the Provincial Convention of the King's Daughters.

The first convention of the British Columbia branch of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons will open this morning at 11 o'clock in Christ Church Cathedral Sunday School room. Rev. W. Burch Allen will lead the devotional exercises and Mrs. Fred Macdonald and Douglas, the provincial secretary will preside. Mrs. Isabella Charles Davis, secretary and treasurer of the International order will represent the central council at the convention. The morning session will be given to the organization of the convention and the afternoon session, which opens at 3 o'clock, will be open. Reports of the various circles will be presented during the afternoon, and in the evening Mrs. Davis will speak on "The Aims, Purposes and Work of the Order." Mrs. George O. McKel, Mrs. Maria. An invitation is issued to the public to attend all the sessions of the order.

Garden Party.—The Ladies' Aid of St. Barnabas' church will hold their annual garden party on Thursday, June 20, at the residence of Mrs. Dalby, 84 North Chatham street.

Flower Sunday.—Sunday next will be observed at the Jubilee Hospital as flower Sunday. A special musical programme will be arranged for the afternoon, and all friends of the institution are invited to attend and take flowers or plants.

Successful Student.—Arthur W. Thomas, of this city, who has been studying at the Toronto medical college, has succeeded in passing his second year's examination. The examination was a most difficult one, 40 per cent. of the students failing.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS. The divers at work on the wrecked ferry boat Northview up to a late hour last night, were unable to find any bodies, though a number of people are thought to be missing. The captain of both boats is under arrest, charged with criminal neglect. The body of a boy found floating in the East river is thought to be one of the victims.

The Shamrock acrossed the Crescents of New York by 9 goals to 5.

Point Raised

Is a Half-Sister a Blood Relative or a Stranger.

Full Court Asked to Decide in the Case of Grace M. Parshale.

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