

British Columbia.

CHILLIWACK.

Large quantities of farm produce are daily coming to town for shipment on the river boats.

to lift weights for the world. ELLES FORTS.

Description of their in 1878.

rest excited by the news that a British fleet was about to sail from the British possessions...

It is arranged that a deputation composed of the municipal council and several of the hon. Mr. Tarde...

Hay is in better demand below the last few days and the market has an upward tendency. The impression is that all kinds of provisions and produce will go up this winter.

On Thursday was celebrated the marriage of George Marshall to Bertha, second daughter of Jonathan Reece.

VERNON.

Henry Ward Base, custodian of the public reading room, died suddenly of heart trouble on Thursday.

Several specimens of iron ore recently found from the newly-located claims on the summit of the B X mountain...

The Vernon Farmers' Association sent out on Thursday another car of farm produce to Mr. Frank French, their agent at Trail...

MIDWAY.

Mr. Cordick is visiting Kruger mountain and there is a prospect of a good deal of work being done on Captain Adams' group of claims this winter.

It is reported that the Lake View claim at Fairview has been sold by Mr. Stevens to the Messrs. Schell-Cohen of Vancouver...

VANCOUVER.

Vanover wants a smelter very badly, and is greatly irritating the people to see one constantly proposed on the route to Tacoma for smelting.

Some of the finest silver ore ever seen in Vancouver, B. C., is on exhibition at the offices of C. T. Dunbar, president of the Bondholder Mining Company.

The Golden Cache company are building a road as fast as men and money can be procured from the termini of the Government and the company's mines.

The announcement is made that Mr. Johann Wulfschlag has resigned the position of chief of prospecting.

The members of the city are to be looked more closely after by the milk inspectors. Medical Health Officer Dr. Thomas has called the attention of the board to the fact that milk below the standard 3.5 per cent. of butter fat...

James McCee slipped on the sidewalk and broke his leg. He was taken to the city hospital, where his injuries were attended to.

Who has been brought to this city who left here in R. A. Anderson's steam launch on a prospecting trip.

An interesting case came up at the court. The information alleges that A. M. Bullock, of the city of Vancouver on August 14th did carry on a business of insurance on behalf of the Citizens Fire Insurance Company.

of Columbia, S.C., without the seal company first obtaining a license from the Minister of Finance of Canada.

At the quarterly meeting of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association held at Chilliwack, the principal business consisted of a discussion as to the best mode of securing a profitable return from the co-operative system of fruit shipping.

Mr. Frank Devlin, Indian agent, who has just returned from a trip to Pemberton Meadows, says the high water this season flooded a large area of the land owned by the Indians in that district and destroyed their crops, consequently government aid will have to be given to some of the older Indians this winter.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

A few days ago Fisheries Inspector McNab received three white fish which had been caught with a line in Pitt lake. The largest of the three was over a foot long and this was forwarded to Prof. Prince, at Ottawa.

At the assizes the case of libel against Levi Cartier was settled by the withdrawal of the statements in the letter which was published in the Victoria Standard.

Mr. D. B. Boble, a well known newspaper man in Kootenay, to-day bonded for \$75,000 a group of two claims on Big Sheep creek, about six miles from Rossland.

Chief Mackley handed in to Secretary Fagan the resignation of fifteen members of the department. They give as their reason that should a fire break out they will be blamed for their work.

Customs for the month of October at Rossland amounted to \$11,217.15, the highest of any month yet.

Steel has been laid on the Red Mountain railway almost to opposite the O.K. mine.

Rossland on Wednesday evening. He reports everything in a very flourishing condition in Rossland. It is his intention to remain here about two weeks, during which time he will pack up his furniture, etc., and settle his business affairs.

Good progress is being made with the work of construction of the new traffic bridge over the Coquitlam river.

The Coquitlam dike stood well the test of the past season's high water, thereby demonstrating that it had been substantially constructed and is well suited for the protection of the lands lying behind it.

This part of the province is, as a rule, peculiarly free from electric storms, thunder bolts, cyclones, cloudbursts, etc., but Wednesday was no exception which are supposed to provide fishes of lightning were noticed, each followed by very loud claps of thunder.

Since the first of the year the number of mineral claims recorded in this district alone give an average of about one and a-half per day, counting no holidays.

Reports that have come in from Christina Lake recently go to show that a prosperous mining district is to be developed there. Albert P. Hunter and W. H. Latta came in from there on Thursday last.

This week there was brought in from the Salmon small pieces of oxidized surface rock, showing free silver in beads and flakes among a soft decomposed rock.

A solid body of pay ore from ten to twelve feet in length has been developed on the Jumbo. Preparations are being made to ship as soon as the Red Mountain railway is in operation.

At St. Paul's church on Saturday took place the wedding of Mr. Reginald Clifton, Somerset House, England, and youngest son of Hon. Edward T. Granman, auditor general for the Barbadoes, British West Indies, to Miss Alice Edith Simpson, eldest daughter of Mr. James H. Simpson, barrister-at-law of this city.

At the evening of the 9th inst. the much expected annual Guy Fawkes performance came off. It was very interesting and delightful, consisting of fireworks, balloons, etc., and in the end the burning in effigy of the celebrated Guy Fawkes. The crowd remained at the Bonaventure until a late hour and dispersed feeling well paid for their attendance.

fine samples of arsenical iron from the North Fork, which adjoins the Fairview, both of which they own. Carver described his having some mining showing of iron, copper, and practically a whole mountain of it, but it is not surmised that the whole of it covers a body of ore.

Mr. Wood left on the 5th inst. for his home at Gordon Head. He was greatly esteemed by all whom he came in contact with.

Mr. A. R. Bitancourt has completed the erection of Mr. Mansell's new cottage. The building of the creamery and cheese factory by Messrs. Bullock and Collins is progressing.

The importation of hay to the island is greater than usual on account of the shortage of this year's crop.

Port Simpson, Oct. 30.—At the beginning of this week the weather was beautiful, but since then it has turned stormy. There were slight touches of frost during the nights of the 25th and 26th inst.

Considerable building is going on here this fall, including ten new houses which are in course of construction.

Mrs. Towl, of the Metlakatla Industrial school, is among the nine patients of the Port Simpson hospital.

Mr. P. Latic and party are away on another prospecting trip to the Skeena river in a sail boat.

Master Walter Williscroft, while on his way here from Georgetown, yesterday shot a deer weighing 185 pounds, dressed.

Mr. George Cunningham and Mr. H. Kirby, of Skeena River, are spending a few days here.

The Danube arrived very unexpectedly to-day at 10:30 a.m., and after remaining for three hours went on to Naas river.

Mr. Ashdown Green was the only passenger here for the Danube.

Bella Coala. Bella Coala, Oct. 28.—A cannon ball, 6 inches in diameter was found in the centre of an old cedar tree the other day by Frank Jacobson, while working near the water front.

The work on the Bella Coala wharf is going on. The wharf will be finished in four weeks, and a good wharf it will be.

Methodists opened their new church. Rev. Mr. Betts, of Victoria, preached both morning and evening. The church is a very comfortable and attractive looking building, and had, so the pastor stated, only \$170 remaining unpaid when the dedication took place.

Mr. Hazreaves, surveyor, was up here on Friday last, laying out a site for a lighthouse on Bare Point, which our present government, seeing the extreme need of a lighthouse, ordered to be placed at once.

Robert H. Allan moved into his new house last week. The house has finished loading and will proceed to sea in a few days.

Mrs. Hill went to Victoria last week to spend a few days with friends.

P. J. Pearson has just returned from Texada Island and reports having located some very fine mineral claims.

Mr. Howe's bar was broken into last Friday night and a few bottles of liquor stolen. A constable was asleep in the house, but he did not take him.

Alberrn, Nov. 7.—Several prospectors came down from the mountains and reported that a few inches of snow had fallen around the Alberrn mine, but everything is in good shape at the tunnel, so that snow will not delay the work this winter. The wagon road is progressing favorably.

Prospectors are coming down from the higher points and are preparing for a few weeks' activity down the canal as well as the first break in the weather occurs. Several rich finds down there are looking well, and parties of prospectors are quietly pulling out for that locality.

The copper belt has been found here with large leads of ore which closely resembles that of Trail Creek. Prospecting will be carried on in this section more or less all winter.

Everything considered, the season has been a satisfactory one. Developments on Mineral Hill have fairly filled expectations, and the Duke of York Hydraulic Company are starting work with a full force of men on Monday, the recent heavy rains having caused China Creek to rise considerably, and there is now an abundance of water.

Grand Forks. Grand Forks Miner. The Grand Forks Mining Company are commencing work on the Indian Queen, one of the three claims in their group.

Collins & Reynolds, the lucky owners of the Copper Queen, in Brown's camp, have struck good ore at the bottom of their 15 foot shaft.

Eastern parties are negotiating for the purchase of the Trail mine which is situated in French camp adjoining the Napoleon Bonaparte mine.

John Laveux, one of the owners of the Little Giant claim, some two miles north of the town, reports having struck pay ore at a depth of eight feet.

The Oro Denoro mine, one of the best in Summit camp, is about to be worked. John M. Burke, who has it bonded, is preparing to run a 100 foot tunnel immediately.

Some fine copper ore was brought in the other day from the No. 1 mine in Clarke's camp. This was taken from a big lead which passes through the claim.

The well known properties, the Ellen, Lizzie B and Glasgow, in Summit camp, are being stocked in Spokane, the incorporators being McCallum, A. L. McDonald, of Grand Forks, and W. W. Saunders, of Spokane.

D. M. Mitchell, of this town, who is one of the owners of the Iron King claim, three miles from town, is negoti-

ating for the sale of this property, the purchaser being an English capitalist.

Snyder Reed, one of the first prospectors up the North Fork, and who has lately become somewhat identified with Dillon's camp, has had a good offer for his entire interest in the camp. The desired purchaser is an eastern Canadian capitalist.

A recent assay taken from the surface croppings of the Berlin claim, one and a half miles north of the town shows a return of \$8 in gold. This property is owned by A. J. Shirley, F. J. Sullivan, F. Chase and M. Hammond, all of Rossland.

The formation is a huge quartz ledge from 200 to 250 feet wide. Dillon's camp is some 25 miles up the North Fork in the Blount Mountain district. The country for twenty miles down the North Fork to Lynch creek is well staked out on both sides of the river. Dillon's camp is a comparatively new one, the first claims having been staked in June last.

There will be more development work carried on in the various camps this winter than will be usually expected several weeks ago. The mine owners are as busy as beavers making comfortable winter quarters and laying in their provisions, and otherwise fortifying themselves against the inclemency of the approaching winter. Some fine mines will be opened before spring.

This week Messrs. Hay and McCallum completed arrangements to organize the Bonanza Mountain Gold Mining Company to operate four claims in Knight's camp, up the North Fork. These properties are the Bonanza, Colorado, Nevada and Mountain View.

These mountains lie at the mouth of Pass creek on the east side of the mountain which completely encircle this mountain this portion of Pass creek has recently come to the front. Butte mountain rises above the clouds and from its summit a good view can be had of the surrounding country for fully 20 miles around. The top of this mountain is completely covered with rich croppings of the properties staked thereon.

NICKNAMED "THE BUTCHER." Character of the Man Who Will Try to Subdue the Philippine Rebellion. Madrid, Nov. 6.—General Camillo Polavieja, who succeeds General Blanco as governor-general of the Philippine Islands has had considerable experience in Cuba, where he was nicknamed "the butcher." He was a "subordinate" of Martinez de Campos at the time of the Virginia affair. The Cubans accuse him of murdering. He entered the army in 1858 when the ten years' war began in Cuba, and was steadily promoted until he became a general. Before the close of the war he was governor of the province of Santiago de Cuba, and after the revolution was captain-general of Cuba, retaining that office until 1892.

HEAVY CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES. Arising Out of a Collision Between Atlantic Liners. New York, Nov. 9.—One of the largest libels ever filed in the United States court of this district was decided by Judge Addison Brown. It was brought by La Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique for damages resulting from the collision in the bay between the La Bourgoigne, of the French line, and the Atlas, of the Atlas steamship company. The collision occurred in this harbor on Friday, February 29 last, when during an intense fog all outgoing and incoming big liners were either going or returning into each other. The Alisa was at anchor the time she collided with the La Bourgoigne, but nevertheless the La Bourgoigne company is held responsible for the damage done to the Alisa. The placing of the responsibility for the collision on the Alisa's owners also makes them liable for the value of the cargo which the Alisa had on board when she sank at Fort Lafayette. The claim for damages amounts to \$400,000.

STARTLING CONFESSON. Letters Which May Secure the Release of Rogers. Middletown, Conn., Nov. 7.—By a somewhat startling announcement to-day Rev. Hall C. Rogers, the Canadian woodchopper recently found guilty of murder in the second degree of Timothy Parmelee Colbalt, and sentenced to life imprisonment, secured a postponement to-day of the hearing on motion for a new trial. Mr. Hall last evening received a communication in the nature of a confession from a person, whose name for the present is withheld. This letter states that the writer was present at the killing of Colbalt, and Rogers did not commit the crime. The attorney has also received another letter from another Rogers late in the afternoon of the day on which the murder was committed, with a team 12 miles distant from the scene of the crime. His description of the circumstances is practically identical with the sworn testimony of Rogers in his case in court. The attorney is investigating and is confident the Canadian will be granted a new trial.

CUSTOMS UNION. Saturday Review Publishes an Article on the Question. London, Nov. 7.—The Saturday Review publishes an article to-day on Canada and the imperial customs union, in which it calls attention to the "spirit of disaffection with the empire which is at work in the Dominion of Canada," and says: "Canada's peculiar geographical position regarding the United States is a natural aid to the proposal of a free spirit, and annexation to the United States would be the logical outcome. What needs to be done in the direction of a customs union should be done quickly. How incredible is the folly of the attitude which Downing street has hitherto adopted towards Canadian proposals for commercial federation. "Though it is idle to hope that the new Laurier ministry has inherited the old enthusiasm for federation, it is now likely that the Premier will not favor the project, because he believes that Canada must enter into closer commercial relations either with Great Britain or the United States. Even a Liberal ministry would hesitate at the awkward vista of problems which the latter alliance opens."