

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Chinese Laundries in Vancouver—Missing Men Wanted—Westminster's May Day Celebration.

Ore Shipment Over the Kaslo and Slocan—Notes of Development in Kootenay.

(Special to the Colonist.) VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, April 27.—Japanese Consul Nasse returned yesterday from the East, where he has been studying business and trade systems, and collecting data with a view of increasing trade between Canada and Japan.

The Kendall mystery still engages the attention of the police. A professional detective from San Francisco has been engaged on the case.

The new Y.M.C.A. has 32 members and subscribers. The announcement of D. W. Corbin that he has secured money in the East to build the Rossland railway to Rossland is received with general satisfaction here.

An attempt was made last week to blow open the safe of the B. C. Fruit Canning Co. The discharge of powder was not strong enough to force the lock.

VANCOUVER, April 28.—Speckled trout fishing is excellent in Harrison lake. Messrs. Acroyd and Robson landed 350 beauties during a day and a half's sport.

A letter, recently appeared in an Eastern paper stating that there was a scarcity of young ladies on the Canadian Pacific coast.

The by-law granting the steamer Sunbury a bonus of \$100 a month has been repealed. The C.P.N. Co. are putting a steamer on between Chilliwack and Vancouver.

The aldermen's remuneration by-law passed the council last night. At the Liberal convention to-night Messrs. Hawson, Templeton and Maxwell were placed in nomination.

VANCOUVER, April 29.—Returning Officer Schofield has received a reply to his wire to the Ottawa government asking if the time could be extended between the nomination and election days owing to the extent of Burrard district and the difficulty of getting papers to the limit of the riding.

The city solicitor has decided that Chinamen cannot be prevented from starting laundries in any part of the city providing they pay their license. The chief of police will further consider the matter with the council on Wednesday.

WESTMINSTER. WESTMINSTER, April 27.—Roderick McIssac is incarcerated at Langley charged with assaulting Mrs. Abia, of Langley.

C. H. Wilkinson, who has a proposition before the city council regarding the Fraser river bridge, will further consider the matter with the council on Wednesday.

The spring salmon run is materially improving. WESTMINSTER, April 28.—A. W. Harrison died last night from consumption.

The bar association and city council are urging the government to have the Supreme court registrarship filled at once.

The Orangemen of British Columbia have been given permission by the city council to use Queen's park for their celebration on the 12th of July.

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Two missing men are being advertised for here by the Government Agent—J. Avery, a native of England, and James M. Livingston, a native of Ontario, who came to British Columbia seven years ago.

NANAIMO. NANAIMO, April 27.—Odd Fellows' day was celebrated at Wellington by the lodges of the surrounding districts.

Mr. Blewett, the mining expert, who recently came down from Texada, states that a prospecting shaft is being sunk on the Vananda company's property, and that it is already down 35 feet.

Mr. Blewett has expressed his intention of employing local men as largely as possible, having, as the results of a first experiment, satisfied himself that he cannot obtain better elsewhere.

NANAIMO, April 28.—The schooner Jay Hawk, which has been undergoing repairs preparatory to her trip to Cook's inlet, will be ready for sea in the course of the next few days.

Dr. Walkem, M.P.P., accompanied by his daughter Philippa, left this morning for Ottawa, Kingston and Montreal. He will be absent about three weeks.

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TRAIL CREEK DISTRICT.

Splendid Showing in the "Centre Star"—Numerous Inquiries Regarding Rossland Country.

Mines on Lookout Mountain—Progress on the Trail Creek Tramway.

(From the Rossland Miner.)

The face of the north cross cut in the Centre Star looks like a jeweller's shop. They have now got four feet of as beautiful copper ore as ever seen in this camp.

The Josie tunnel shows a full face of high grade ore. Sample assays on Wednesday and Thursday gave returns of from \$30 to \$120 in gold.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Georgia. The tunnel is now in 16 feet and shows 8 feet of ore of a satisfactory grade.

Word comes from Spokane that the late of the Monte Christo is practically closed. The price is \$25,000 and not \$20,000 as reported in our last issue.

R. C. Watson, of the White House Trading Company, returned to Rossland last week after a visit to Eastern Canada.

Mr. Reuben Petch is a resident of Griersville who has been known to the editor of the Monitor for a considerable number of years.

Mr. Petch has been in bad health, has been an intense sufferer and was declared incurable by a number of physicians, and was paid a disability insurance of \$1,500.

There are forty tons of ore on the dump at the Two Friends.

KASLO. (From the Kaslo Claim.) The Claim newspaper has been sold to David W. King.

It is reported that the Two Friends, one of the most prominent claims on Springer creek, in the Greater Slocan, has been bonded for \$65,000.

Manager Smith, of the Surprise mine, will make an Eastern trip next month. J. D. Farrell is the new manager at the concentrator near Three Forks.

Charles Chambers reports that he has a mine near the town of Cliff. The little fire caused here last week by the statement in a Spokane paper to the effect that all the ore covered by the Slocan Star's contract with the Omaha & Grant smelter, about 12,000 tons, would go over the C.P.R., was a little premature.

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