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HEARD IN THE HOTELS

All Sorts and Conditions Rushing Into the Slocan and Trail Districts.

Cameron Lake Mines Are Beginning to Come Into Prominence at Last.

Mr. H. Cuthbert, of the British-Canadian Gold Fields Company, returned on Monday evening from a six weeks visit to the Slocan and Trail Creek country, and even now, he says, while the snow still lies to a depth of five feet on the ground, all the boats and trains running into the districts are crowded with passengers. "Doctors, lawyers, mechanics, miners, clergymen, speculators, loafers and commercial travellers, in fact all sorts and conditions of men are flocking in," said Mr. Cuthbert. "It is simply impossible to estimate the progress that this section is bound to make during the present year. As the snow goes away," continued Mr. Cuthbert, "the rush is bound to be greater still, and while there can be no doubt as to the wealth of the country, and likewise as to its great extent still, I am afraid that the great influx of population will not be altogether advantageous. It seems to me that until the country has been properly developed there are by far too many mechanics in the country. There are two classes of people wanted there—the capitalist and the miner. In many mines 40 per cent of the men employed in the actual work of mining are not what you would call first-class miners. They may know how to handle a hammer or a drill, but they are not the practical men that a foreman likes to have under him. The man with a cool head and a little money—say from $2,000 upwards—can find all he needs in that country. The opportunities are very great for the employment of ready cash; but unless a man has that commodity I would certainly not advise him to go to Kootenay." "What is your opinion of Rossland?" was asked Mr. Cuthbert. "Well, I believe Rossland has a great future, the town may and probably will suffer somewhat from the overcrowding caused by the rush there of people without adequate means. Any mining town where you can stand on the main street and count a hundred working mines at any time must have a future. The ores are low grade mainly, but should the cheap method of treating them prove as successful as it is claimed to be, with the enormous quantities in sight, Rossland will be a wonder. I do not believe simply because the Slocan is a poor man's country and consequently in high favor just now, that the days of Rossland are over by any means. They are two distinct camps, each enormously rich, and I venture to predict that more ore can be shipped before 1898 within a radius of six miles from Rossland than from any other mining camp of the same age in the west. Does the price of the stocks represent the actual condition of the properties compared with what they were six months ago? I don't think so. From what I can gather most of the properties are looking better than they were although stocks are weaker. The real cause for the latter state of affairs can be found in the multiplicity of companies before the public.

"Rossland seems the objective point for new comers as it is best known and from there the people spread all over the province principally through the Slocan district. That district is no doubt one of the greatest mining districts in the world. The mountains on both sides of Kootenay lake, on Slocan lake and on Springer and Lemon creeks, are simply full of mineral. Townsites are springing up and are giving the country a more settled and civilized appearance. Kaslo seems to be the favorite townsite in Kootenay and shows every evidence of becoming a great city. Nelson is perhaps more central at present for business, and will become more so when the railway from Slocan City to Slocan crossing is completed. Real estate and population in Nelson is on the increase, the former in value the latter in numbers, and Nelson's future looks very bright. Slocan City is likely to be a very important centre, and I look for more activity this year around that little town than in any other in the Slocan.

"We have opened an office at Nelson which at present is in charge of our assistant engineer and assayer. We are building an assay office at the rear, so that we will have very convenient premises. Our properties being in the Boundary Creek, Colville, North Fork of the Salmon, Ainsworth, Nelson and Slocan Lake districts, Nelson is the most central place for us. We have recently made some most important purchases. We have secured control of two very fine shippers. The Howard Fraction group is one of the best known in Slocan, the lowest returns ever received from shipments being $106 per ton net. The Mile Point is one of the oldest crown granted properties in Kootenay, and the fact that two hundred tons have already been shipped, with a clear profit of $36 per ton, stamps it as a paying property. We are working these night and day, and expect to have from 40 to 50 men next month."

"We hear everything about the mines at Alberni," said Thomas Kitchin at the Oriental last evening, "but the mines at Cameron lake are little talked of, though they deserve notice. This lake is on the road from Nanaimo to Alberni, and work has been quietly pushed on some of the claims, so that on the Copper King they now have a tunnel in 80 feet. This will be continued for 120 feet further to tap the ledge. We have a ledge 11 feet wide, and assays from the bottom of the shaft, which is down 30 feet, have given an average of $42 per ton in copper, gold and silver. This claim was taken up two years ago and no stock has been offered for sale—the owners putting up sufficient to open the property—and in view of the developments the mine is worth at least $100,000. The wagon road passes close to the mine, and a project to build a smelter to treat the ores has been taken in hand by people with ample capital."

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THE CITY.

Adjutant Clarke will officiate at another hallelujah wedding on Saturday next in the Salvation Army barracks, when two more soldiers will join the noble army of benedicts.

In May the spring assizes open. Sittings will be held as follows: At Nanaimo, May 4th; New Westminster, May 11th; Vancouver, May 18th; Victoria, May 25th; Clinton, May 31st; Kamloops, June 7th; Vernon, June 14th; Nelson (special), June 21st; Donald (special), June 28th.

Chief Justice Davie gave judgment yesterday in the case of Painchaud, Squire & Co. v. Landsberg in favor of the plaintiffs. This was an action to recover $145.95 on a bill of exchange accepted by defendant and dated October 3, 1895. The case was tried before the Chief Justice last July.

A letter, dated Djekliait, March 8, was received from Captain Siewerd, of the sealing schooner Dora Siewerd, yesterday, stating that the vessel had secured 11 canoes and had been promised 16 or 17 at the same place for the Behring sea. The next day after writing Captain Siewerd expected to sail south.

Lt.-Col. Peters, D.O.C., has issued a memorandum to the Fifth Regiment pointing out that target practice will count in the general efficiency competition for the "Herbert" cup, and all the returns forwarded by the different companies must be signed by an officer of another company who has been present in the butts to check the marking.

The balloting for benchers of the British Columbia Law Society has resulted in the following being chosen for the ensuing term: Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q.C.; L. G. McPhillips, Q.C.; Charles Wilson, Q.C.; H. Dallas Helmcken, Q.C.; E. P. Davis, Q.C.; J. Stuart Yates, Q.C.; E. V. Bodwell, E. A. Jenns and F. B. Gregory. They meet for the first time next Monday.

A capital programme has been drawn up by Victoria Camp No. 52, Woodmen of the World, for their quarterly meeting on April 12 in the A.O.U.W. hall. The entertainment will embrace the presentation of the farce "An Electric Episode," and a recital by Mr. W. H. Pennock, entitled "The Loss of the Victoria," which will be illustrated by a series of stereopticon views by Mr. Maynard.

The Oddfellows of the city have arranged to fittingly celebrate Monday, April 26, which is the 78th anniversary of the order. On the day previous a church parade will be held and the Oddfellows will march from their hall on Douglas street to the Centennial Methodist church, where Rev. J. S. Betts will preach a special sermon. On the evening of the 26th a concert, dance and supper will be given in the A. O. U. W. hall. To complete the arrangements for the celebration a joint committee meeting will be held every Monday evening preceding the event.

Next Saturday afternoon, at Caledonia grounds, the Wanderers and Garrison Athletics will engage in a struggle for the championship of British Columbia and the British Columbia challenge cup, now held by the first named team. Great rivalry exists between the teams, and each club boasts that they will be the winners. Both clubs will be fully represented, and if the fine weather continues the grounds will be in very good condition. Since the additional drains were put in a very marked improvement has taken place, and although very heavy rain came during the week, and even as late as Saturday morning, it made no perceptible difference to the ground.

On board the Umatilla, which arrived in port yesterday morning, were Mr. E. W. Snider and his son Norman, bound for their home in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. They left home for Southern California some weeks since accompanied by Mrs. Snider, whose health for months previous had been very indifferent. On arrival in California skilled physicians pronounced Mrs. Snider's disease incurable, and only a matter of a few weeks at most ere it would be fatal. Everything possible was done to alleviate her suffering, but she rapidly sank, and died on the 21st inst. The body was embalmed, and father and son are now en route to lay the remains at rest in the quiet graveyard of her loved town. Much sympathy is felt for the family by many friends resident in Victoria.

Adam Weir, a well known and old time farmer of Metchosin, who has for long been afflicted with heart trouble and asthma, met with a very sudden death yesterday afternoon. For the past few weeks he has been living in Spring Ridge under treatment. He started for town on the 2 o'clock car feeling comparatively well, but when nearing Yates street he took a bad turn and had to be carried into Cochrane's drug store, where after taking a few short breaths he expired. Dr. Frank Hall was immediately summoned, but arrived too late to do any good. The old man's corpse was removed to Hanna's, where it was identified by some friends during the day. Word was sent out to Mrs. Weir at Metchosin, and it was expected she would arrive in town at midnight. It is not known yet whether an inquest will be held or not.

Meriting well the good attendance present, the concert given in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening, to provide funds for the association's rowing club, gave satisfaction and pleasure to management and listeners. An excellent programme was presented, which was opened by a pleasing duet by the Misses Lugrin. Messrs. Brown and Pilling, two local favorites, contributed a number of solos, Miss May Todd, Miss MacFarland and Mr. H. Jackman recited very acceptably. Among the other vocalists of the evening were the Misses Davey, whose instrumental playing was very creditable; Miss Baker, who sang "Daddy" very prettily; Mr. Watson, the popular choir leader of Calvary Baptist church; Miss Stoddart, a promising soprano; and Mr. Williams, a singer who is always in demand. Mr. C. Wriglesworth concluded the programme with a capable manipulation of illuminated clubs.

It surprised many visitors to the Chicago World's Fair to find out that of all the blood purifiers, Ayer's Sarsaparilla was the only one on exhibition. The reason is that Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a standard remedy, and not a patent medicine, or secret nostrum.

NIPPED IN THE BUD.

Provincial Police Spoil a Scheme for Shipping Deer Skins to San Francisco.

Innocent Looking Bales Contain Valuable Contraband Articles, Which Are Seized.

The steamship Walla Walla, which is now steaming on her way to San Francisco, has left behind, in charge of the provincial police, some very valuable cargo that will form the central object in a smuggling inquiry which will of necessity open here in a day or two. As described in the usual outward entry this cargo appeared to be of a kind common enough on the San Francisco and Victoria boats. The merchandise, was declared on the entry to be simply bales of wool, sheep pelts, salt hides and such like harmless necessary commodities for San Francisco merchants. The signature on the entry was M. Strauss.

Although to the ordinary lounger around the wharves these bales seemed to be of the most innocent nature, the provincial police, from information received—as the saying is—had their suspicions that things were not what they seemed. Sergeant Langley and Special Officer Atkins accordingly proceeded to the outer wharf yesterday afternoon, where the Walla Walla was taking on merchandise, and after examining the outward entry proceeded to overhaul this consignment of M. Strauss. Their examination convinced them that the "information received" was of an unusually reliable character. The sheep skins and the dry hides were there all right, but cunningly concealed within them were deer skins of no small value. As everyone knows, a fatherly legislature has decided that in the interests of the preservation of British Columbia's game, the exportation of deer skins to the United States, or anywhere else, is unlawful. Superintendent Hussey accordingly ordered that the articles should be seized and retained while the police probed the mystery of how they came to be mixed up with wool and dry hides.

No proceedings were taken yesterday evening against those suspected of endeavoring to ship these deer skins out of the province, but to-day the first sifting of the matter will begin. Victorians have for years past been interested in the seizure of seal-skins, but now the bill of the play has been changed and they will watch the unravelling of the mystery of the seized deer-skins.

A TROOPER'S STORY.

THE UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE OF A BISLEY MAN.

Awoke One Night to Find Himself Speechless, and His Body Partially Paralyzed—Could Touch a Red Hot Stove Without Any Sensation of Pain.

(From the Huntingdon, Que. News.)

Mr. Donald McNaughton, of Hemmingford, Que., is not only known to all the residents of the town, but has also a reputation throughout the country as an expert marksman, having on one occasion been a member of the Canadian rifle team at Bisley, England. Mr. McNaughton is a member of the 6th Hussars, and takes part in all the leading shooting matches in Canada, having this year stood third in the grand aggregate at the Quebec provincial matches. Mr. McNaughton has passed through a very trying experience, the particulars of which he recently related to a correspondent of the Huntingdon News. He said:—About the end of December, 1893, I awoke one night having completely lost the power of speech, with a ringing sensation in my head and a feeling of extreme cold in every part of my body except in the immediate vicinity af my head. A physician was at once called in, but despite all he could do the power of speech did not return for two days, and my body remained partially paralyzed. In this condition I continued under the doctor's care until about the last week in March, 1894, sometimes having two doctors in attendance. During that time my appetite was very capricious, sometimes very good and at others loathing the sight of food. What food I took did not digest, causing me much discomfort. When resting on my right side the blood in my body all appeared to circulate in my left side causing great pain in my lungs, and when lying on my left side I appeared to have no blood in circulation on that side. My body was at times without sensation, and I have actually burned my hands on a red hot stove without feeling any sensation of pain. As I was not getting better under the treatment I was undergoing I got low spirited and despondent, and saw nothing before me but a miserable life and perhaps early death. About the last week in March, 1894, my brother brought me a box of Pink Pills given him by Mr. McFee, postmaster, and urged me to give them a trial. I began taking them, carefully following the directions, and before I had finished the box I felt they were helping me. I continued taking the pills, and continued to gain in health and strength, my weight increasing some 19 pounds. Complete vigor and sensation returned to my body, my stomach ceased to trouble me, and I felt better than at any previous period in my life. I have not had the slightest recurrence of my trouble, and I feel that I owe my present health and strength to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and with feelings of gratitude recommend them as a medicine worthy of all confidence.

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"The mines of British Columbia are much spoken of even down in the Argentine Republic," said Mr. Chas. Ransford at the Dominion last night. So much is this the case that Mr. Ransford has come right across from San Juan in the Andes to see if the richness of British Columbia mines is as great as report states. He has been mining for silver in the Argentine, as the gold mines there are unimportant, but here in British Columbia he will turn his attention chiefly to prospecting the yellow metal.

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VOYAGE TO THE ARCTIC

The Little Schooner "Selma" Ready to Sail on a Northern Trading Expedition.

The Bow of the "San Pedro" Wreck Disappears—The "India" Sails.

At 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning the R. M. S. Empress of India pulled out from the outer wharf en route to the Orient. She was deeply loaded, and prominent among her passengers was T. De Belleseye, of Paris, who is interested in the next international exhibition to be held in the gay capital of France. "One of the great buildings we expect will be women's building," he said, "which will be built in the form of a woman's head and neck. The model will be from photographs of the most beautiful women obtainable, worked out by a composite arrangement. So, you see, the extension of the statue-looking building will certainly be so unique as to practically excel in the matter of attracting attention all other architectural features of the exposition. At night the face will shine in a manner both beautiful and picturesque. The eyes, I hear, will be particularly striking as the pupils will consist of powerful electric lights. The hair will be made as life like as possible. In color it will be dark brown in shade, and will consist of strands of rope as fine as can be used which will stand the exposure of the weather. The entrance to the statue will be at the base of the neck, and its height sufficient to warrant the arrangement in the order of a four-story building. The respective halls will be in keeping with the object of the structure, while on the fourth floor will be a restaurant. The promenade arranged on the figure will perhaps be the most unique feature. The wreath that rests with seeming lightness upon the crown of the statue's head will be divided into two sections. These will constitute the promenade."

The other passengers aboard were: Rev. J. S. and Mrs. Van Ryan, T. Hutchinson, Rev. Spencer Lewis and Mrs. Lewis, Capt. Eugene Menchott, Nicholas Dichnoff, Mr. and Mrs. E. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, J. C. Bancroft, Mr. H. R. Harris, Mr. Howes, H. B. Allan, H. McRoy, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Knapp, A. T. Knapp, J. T. Lincoln, Count de Borgrave, Mr. Rigzard, W. H. Chase, W. T. Marlow, Neil Sinclair and Mr. Nichomera.

CLEARS FOR HERSCHELL ISLAND.

The baby vessel of the sealing fleet, the little 21-ton schooner Selma, will this year make a departure from the regular line of business, and if precedents count for anything her trip should prove very remunerative. She is now ready to sail for Herschell island on a trading expedition, and is loaded down with such class of goods as generally find sale with the habitues of the frozen North. She has already cleared on the expedition and to-morrow, if fine, will see her well started on the trip which is to take her well to the Arctic. Captain Nelse commands. Her course North will be the outside one, and it is understood that few stoppages will be made until the rendezvous of the Arctic whaling fleet is reached. The Selma's venture is new to Victoria, but not to San Francisco, and it will be watched with interest here, although few as yet have known much of her preparations for the voyage. The whaling fleet nearly all belong to San Francisco, and follow one of the most profitable industries pursued from that port. Nearly if not all the trading vessels which go to the Arctic are likewise sent out from the Bay City, and many of them have piled up immense fortunes for their owners. As a sealer the Selma was owned for a time by L. Willie, a Johnson street baker, and was never a success. She is the property now of C. Lee.

THE SAN PEDRO VANISHES.

No better criterion of the severity of last Thursday's storm is perhaps to be found than in the old San Pedro wreck, which has withstood every gale heretofore for years without yielding in the least to the mighty seas that surged about her. But on Thursday she showed visible signs of weakness, and on Saturday that prow which every photographer in town has a picture of and which rested high out of the water, broke off from the main body of the vessel and disappeared. The forward mast still stands up as if the only resting place for the lanterns man's light. At high tide very little of the wreck can now be seen, and it is only a matter of a short time before more of the battered old hulk goes.

P.C.S.S. CO.'S STEAMERS IN PORT.

The coast mail ships Umatilla and Walla Walla were in port yesterday, the former, which was due on Monday evening, having been detained from arriving until 7 o'clock yesterday morning owing to unfavorable winds. Her freight for Victoria amounted to 100 tons and her passengers for here numbered 15. The passengers leaving for San Francisco on the Walla Walla in the evening were: W. Dennis, C. C. Morse, Miss Morse, Mrs. W. C. Cootham and child, Miss M. Tomlinson and W. E. King and wife.

OH! THE MISERY.

Mrs. Galbraith of Shelbourne, Ont., Was a Great Sufferer From Indigestion the Bane of so Many Lives—South American Nervine Released its Hold—It Relieves in One Day.

"I was for a long time a great sufferer from indigestion. I experienced all the misery and annoyance so common to this ailment. I tried many remedies and spent a great deal on doctors' bills without receiving any permanent benefit. I was strongly recommended to try South American Nervine. I procured and used it, after using only two bottles. I am pleased to testify that I am fully restored to health, and I have never had the slightest indication of a return of the trouble. I recommend it most heartily."

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BITTER TASTE.

It Aids in the Detection of Unwholesome Food.

Daniel Webster in the famous White trial in Salem, Mass., years ago declared that "murder will out." This maxim has been found applicable to many other things besides murder. Housewives know it to be true when there is alum in baking powder. A bitterness in the bread at once betrays the alum's presence. It can't conceal its true nature. The alum bitterness "will out," and because it will, physicians, who understand the harmful effect of alum on the system, are at a loss to know why people continue to buy baking powders containing it. All baking powders sold for twenty-five cents a pound and less contain alum. There is surely no economy in using these cheap powders. For a pure cream of tartar powder, as Dr. Price's was shown to be at the World's Fair, goes so much farther and gives so much better results, there is no doubt of its being more economical in the long run.

THE LADIES' OWN.

It was a very enthusiastic audience which listened to an address of Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister in the lodge room of the A.O.U.W. hall last evening. Although life insurance and its concommitant of having to die to win, is not a particularly enlivening subject, still the lecturer by means of sundry diverting tales by way of illustration succeeded in making the time pass exceedingly pleasantly and instructively withal.

Dr. Mary McNeil, who occupied the chair usually allotted to the chairman, in a neat little speech introduced the lecturer, and took occasion on behalf of the ladies of Victoria Hive No. 1 to heartily welcome Mrs. Hollister to Victoria.

Mrs. Hollister, who, so to speak, is the queen bee of the order, touched on the progress made by women in every department of life during the past few decades, saying it was shown how women now had a recognized standing in professional as well as mercantile life, and while the pulpit and politics had not yet been brought within the scope of her energies to any extent the fact that at least in one state of the Union she had proved a success as a lawgiver was borne witness to by a lawgiver of the sterner sex, who had to admit that "when those women champion a cause it has to go through." To give some idea of the interests at stake in the organization of the Ladies of the Macabees their Supreme Commander told the audience that there are now over 70,000 members of the order with a capital of $50,000,000 in outstanding certificates. To manage 70,000 women successfully was, in the mind of the speaker, a record of itself when men had complained that they could not manage one. Mrs. Hollister will be entertained at a banquet in the A.O.U.W. hall this afternoon, and will address the lodge in the evening.

CLOSING IT UP.

New York, March 31.—The following notice has been issued by the assignees of the United Press: "To whom it may concern:—The news service of the United Press will be discontinued after the night of April 7, about 2 o'clock on the morning of April 8. No news despatches will be received from correspondents, reporters or news agencies or paid for, and the service of all employes will be dispensed with after that time. (Signed) F. G. Mason, asignee."

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

"Oh, Delilah, Delilah! How you did betray me!" said Sampson, meeting the young woman at Queen Elizabeth's dance. "You ruined me when you cut off my hair!"

"I didn't mean to, Sampson," sobbed Delilah. "I—I didn't know you were going to play football any more."—Harper's Bazar.

"What on earth is ever to become of you, Wallie?" cried the boy's father, wrathfully. "You are never satisfied with anything."

"Oh, I guess I'll be a mugwump," said Wallie.—Harper's Bazar.

A teacher was once telling some children the story of the loss of the White ship, and finished up by telling them that, after hearing of his son's death, King Henry never smiled again.

One little girl in the class, on hearing this, said:

"Please, teacher, what did he do when they tickled him?"—London Answers.

The Mother—Of course, I don't know whether Minnie will make a good salesgirl or not, but I know one thing about her—she's a very conscientious girl.

Manager (of bargain store)—Well, it's possible, you know, to overdo that sort of thing. The only vacancy we've got for a girl is at the linen handkerchief counter.—Chicago Tribune.

The dry goods merchant was explaining the situation to the new drummer he had just employed.

"Your predecessor," he said, "has got his business all tangled up, and if you take his place you will have a difficult task getting order out of chaos."

"I don't know who Chaos is," cheerfully replied the drummer, "but I bet I'll sell him a bill of goods if I have to hang on to him a week.—Dry Goods Chronicle.

"I desire to leave you some verses," said the advance agent of the strolling poet, "which closely follows the style of Poe's 'Raven.' When may I expect to hear from you?" "Nevermore," quoth the editor.—Philadelphia American.

Ambassador to Turkey—But, my dear Hadji Ben Ali Pinkerton, your people are barbarous. Can you deny it? Minister of State Perhaps, my dear Ambassador—no doubt; but, after all, they don't play football, you know. We shed blood for business, not for pleasure.—Harper's Bazaar.

Old Gotrox (indignantly)—I am surprised, sir, that you should be so destitute of all reason as to ask for my daughter's hand in marriage! Young Hardup—Well, you needn't be; that girl has some really fine points about her. You don't know her as well as I do, or you would think the world of her.—Puck.

"I wish I had thought of it," exclaimed the pugilist, "before it was too late." "What do you mean?" "It's always the way. A man thinks of lots of good things when the chance to say them has passed. I have just had an inspiration in the way of an insult to my hated antagonist. If there were only time I'd tell him that he is a 'gent,' and that he wears 'pants.'"—Washington Star.

"Benjamin, if I remember correctly, is an American name, is it not?" inquired the Sultan of his Prime Minister. "It is, sire," answered the councillor, bowing low. "I wish then," continued the Sublime Porte, "that you would find out who this Ben Zeen is, and secure his services for us. I see by this paper—" (he was evidently much impressed)—"that he is warranted to obliterate Greece."—New York Press.

The disciples of the late Madame Blavatski in very considerable numbers attended at the Sir William Wallace hall last evening to listen to a lecture on Theosophy by Professor Pryce, an able and eloquent exponent of this system of philosophy.

A SUBTLE THIEF.

Kidney Troubles Steal on One Insidiously—A Slight Cold—Then Congestion—Then Inflammation—Then the Deadly Malady Bright's Disease—South American Kidney Cure is a Kidney Specific—It Relieves in Six Hours and Cures—Never Fails.

Mr. James McBrine, of Jamestown, Ont., says: "I believe South American Kidney Cure saved my life. I was so severely afflicted that my friends had to attend me daily to take the urine from me."

Mr. A. Williamson, Customs Officer, Kincardine, Ont., writes: "I can highly recommend this specific as the greatest of boons to suffering humanity for all affections of the bladder and kidneys."

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If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills or sick headache, biliousness or constipation, you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable, small and easy to take. Don't forget this.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Channe Mining Deal Is at Last Put Through for a Big Sum.

Vernon Farmers Ask for Cheap Money—Vancouver Wrestling With Smelter Proposals.

Vancouver, March 30.—(Special)—The Channe mining deal, which has been pending for some time involving the payment of $125,000, has been consummated by which some fourteen properties of the Channe Mine Co. have been purchased by the Goldfields of British Columbia Co. Ltd.

F. S. Taggart returned from a visit to Texada island yesterday and speaks enthusiastically of the magnificent showing on the Van Anda, Surprise and Silver Tipe. He says that the work done on the island was in the hands of very competent former South African men and was being very effectively performed. He believes that Texada will be one of the leading camps in the province, not alone owing to the fact that a wealthy New Yorker is at present on the grounds choosing a site for a smelter, and many other capitalists are visiting the grounds with a view of investment, but because the ore is there in place and can be mined and smelted remarkably cheap.

The time of the council last night was nearly all taken up by smelter propositions. The Toronto Smelter Co. asked to submit a new proposition, but the council were rather of the opinion that they had committed themselves already too far with Evans & Co., the English syndicate. The Toronto representative stated that the English syndicate had put up no guarantee, and therefore he should be allowed to submit his proposition, which was to build a smelter with a capacity of 250 tons a day for a bonus of $75,000, a money guarantee to be deposited that the scheme would be carried out. As soon as the question had been placed on the table a communication was received from the board of trade smelter committee stating that a letter had arrived from Evans & Co. making virtually new proposals. Fifteen years' exemption had been asked instead of ten, all the council are authorised to grant.

J. Dibden has been chosen president of the phrenological society and G. W. Payne secretary. This society is growing in strength and has among its members many of Vancouver's prominent citizens. Public character readings are held once a month.

WESTMINSTER.

New Westminster, March 30.—(Special.)—At the timber commission statements asked for from the B. C. T. and T. Co., and the Brunette mills were handed in by Mr. Beecher. Mr Jardine, local manager, stated that the total amount of timber received from Crandall and Callum was 1,535,468 feet. The company bought some timber from M. De Brassey, 800,000 feet, in the summer of 1895. He was to pay stumpage if any. Questioned as to why the returns were not filled in as to the quantity manufactured, witness said they had never been in the practice of filling in the returns of all the timber cut at the mills. They only entered on the return what they had to pay stumpage on. L. A. Lewis, questioned as to why the return handed in had not given the quantity of lumber manufactured and the quantity on hand, said that the reason why their late manager had not put this in was because the lumber was sold in San Francisco and he had not secured returns from that place. He thought the Dominion timber exports were all off their own berths.

GALIANO.

Galiano, March 30.—The severe wind storms of last week played havoc with property, and trees were falling in all directions. No accident of a fatal nature, however, has been reported.

By way of variety a series of athletic sports will be held at Plumper Pass on Thursday next, the chief item on the programme being a sailing match for small boats over a three mile course for a large purse; over twenty competitors have entered.

Joseph E. Pocock and Ellen M. Wright, both of Galiano, were married at Westminster to-day. After spending a few days at Kamloops they will proceed East and make their future home at Bradwardine, near Griswold, Manitoba. The happy couple are well known and respected here, and leave behind a host of congratulating friends.

VERNON.

Vernon, March 25.—At a meeting of farmers of Okanagan valley, held at Vernon on Thursday, March 25, Mr. W. C. Ricardo was elected chairman, and Mr. J. A. McKelvie, secretary.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Moved by Mr. Price Ellison, seconded by Mr. E. J. Tronson, that whereas the rates of interest charged farmers on money obtained on mortgages of lands are, at the present low prices of farm produce, impossible to meet; and whereas the companies and individuals advancing the money on these mortgages are in many cases obtaining the money at 3 per cent. and loaning it at 10 or 12 per cent.; and whereas agriculture is suffering so much from this cause as to not only put increase of settlement and production out of the question, but to bring the almost total collapse of agriculture in this province within the probabilities of the near future; Therefore it is resolved that the farmers of Vernon and vicinity ask our provincial government to give immediate attention to the matter of obtaining money for the farmers on the security of their lands, with a government guarantee, at government rates, and to re-let it to the farmers at the same rate, plus a liberal but reasonable allowance for expenses and a sinking fund, necessary to pay off the principal in a term of years, not exceeding thirty-five. Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be mailed to the provincial government, and the same be forwarded to the Vernon News, the Daily Colonist and the Daily World for publication."

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DIED.

Kaye—In this city, on the 19th inst., Frederick Kaye, a native of Yorkshire, England, aged 75 years.

Williams—At Duncan, B.C., on the 24th inst., Mary Ann Williams, a native of Cornwall, England, aged 55 years.

Caldwell—At 28 Burdette Avenue, on the 26th inst., Mrs. L. M. Caldwell, wife of Dr. Wm. Minns Caldwell, and daughter of the late Wm. Mahood, C.E., Deputy Surveyor-General, St. Andrews, New Brunswick.

McNiven—On the morning of the 29th inst., at the family residence, Five Sisters Block, Margaret Hagarty, beloved wife of Alexander McNiven, a native of North Sydney, Cape Breton, N.S., aged 44 years.

Gibbons—In this city, on the 29th inst., Agnes Muriel, youngest daughter of C. H. and Agnes S. Gibbons.

PROVINCIAL LEGI

Third Session of the Sev

THIRTY-FIFTH

WEDNESDAY, M

The Speaker took th o'clock.

Prayers by Rev. W. D.

The clerk read a letter Daniels, secretary to th Company, which protes petition presented to the that a private bill should to the company. The let the petition complained sented with a view to legislature against the c company, it was added, di any exclusive privileges i had no intention of doing

The following bills rece reading:

An act to amend the "I lation Act"—Mr. Kenned

An act to amend the "T —Mr. Kellie.

An act to amend the "T pany Incorporation Act Kellie.

On the motion for the th the West Kootenay Power bill, Mr. Forster moved t be discharged and the bill for the purpose of striking

Mr. Kellie said no bill gave so much power as wanted the bill postpone days. Clause 29, he said, pany practically unrest over the whole of Kootena never to have been passed.

Mr. Forster's motion wa the bill was recommitted f

Dr. Walkem, as a quest lege, called attention to t three departmental reports down.

The Premier—"Which are they?"

Dr. Walkem said the Mi culture had not sent dow and the report of the Supe the Insane was not down y

Hon. Premier Turner sai necessary to have an ann the department of agric eral hon. members es ed the question last s was discussed while the b was going on. It did not affect the estimates, and t ber simply wanted to get h plaint for to-morrow.

Mr. Cotton—What's the

Dr. Walkem—I don't (Laughter.)

Hon. Col. Baker said the lum report would be preser As the hon. member well all the members were awa intendent met with a very ous loss, and he wrote to report would be delayed fo for that reason. It was no

Dr. Walkem said the oth down was the survey report

Hon. Col. Baker present of the superintendent of th the insane. In that report, ton, the superintendent, sta ing the year ended Decem there were treated at the patients, of whom 180 were females. There remained i the end of the year 17 142 were males and 29 w The new admissions duri were 64, which was two n 1895. The patients discharg 48, of whom 23 had reco 35.94 of the admissions charged as improved, 6 wer bation and 3 were unim superintendent mentioned tients were sent home to th England, and he remarks cases were illustrations of much in vogue in Great Bri ping off to the colonies young persons who are unn home and unable to mak themselves, or earn a livel He remarks that if patie kind were unable to ste course in the old country wi ance of their friends, how l it that when left to the would be unable to co struggles and difficulties of The five cases mentioned examples of the most undes immigrants it was possible Such persons, who were se got rid of, were totally unfi tle of colonial life, and nat tated into the asylum, swel of the already too numer and adding to the pecunia the province. It was hard

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