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MORTGAGE TAX OR DOUBLE TAXATION.

To the Editor: Discussion on this subject is at the present time of vital importance to the province. If you will kindly permit me, I will to the best of my ability, contribute to this journal a series of articles on this subject.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

GREENWOOD. George Edwards, a miner, who recently worked in the Jewel mine, has died here.

GRAND FORKS. A party of C. P. B. surveyors under charge of Mr. H. H. Heigerson, arrived in Grand Forks, and has started running the line through the town.

CARIBOO. Mr. H. Heigerson, who formerly represented this constituency in the provincial legislative assembly, has, with Major-General J. C. Kinchard, been chosen at a convention to contest the electoral district of Cariboo in the forthcoming election.

MIDWAY. To cane or not to cane, that is the question. Recently the school trustees held an investigation to inquire into complaints as to corporal punishment inflicted by the teacher, Miss McKenzie, on the scholars, and especially on one, whose parents did not seem to believe in the old adage, "spare the rod and spoil the child."

NEW WESTMINSTER. Dr. Mewburn, of Lethbridge, head surgeon for the Crow's Nest Pass railway construction camps, has made a thorough inspection along the line.

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STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.

Orders have been received by the local inspectors of steamboats that all steamers sailing from this port to British Columbia, or of any other port, be inspected and not cleared by the Collector of Customs until they can show certificates that they have passed a favorable inspection.

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THE GOLDEN KLONDIKE.

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