

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

NANAIMO.
Nanaimo, Oct. 1.—His honor Judge Harrison rendered his decision yesterday in the case of the magistrate. His honor held that Magistrate Simpson had no jurisdiction to hold small debt court outside of the city limits.

Three unknown persons were drowned near Nanaimo on the 10th instant. They were coming to Nanaimo.

The Nanaimo Rangers (Associated football) have reorganized. They will open the season in a match with the Wellington team on Saturday, 12th.

The foreign coal shipments for the past month show a large increase over the previous month. The New V. C. Co. shipped 17,233 tons, being 7007 tons more than for August. Wellington sent 20,261 and Union 18,170 tons.

Peter Smith and Fred Herman paid \$23 each into the court yesterday, being the result of a fight on Saturday night. Both men showed signs of rough treatment.

REVELSTOCK.

Kootenay Mail.
Messrs. Jose and Novell are at the Duwaga to give an investigation in behalf of a Seattle syndicate, who are offering to make a deal with the owners. The mine is showing well, two assessments having been done on it this summer. If the property is not sold, Bain and Boyd will work it themselves next season.

J. D. McDonald, who discovered the Glasgow group two years ago, has spent the summer prospecting in the Lardau and Cariboo creek districts. His last find this summer is the Rachel, a high grade gold proposition on Cariboo creek.

Mr. F. D. Novell, the owner of the Great Northern, has been up to see the mine and expressed himself as well satisfied with the showing. Development work on the property is being rushed and a rawhide trail is being constructed to connect it with the Trout Lake wagon road. They will ship ore this winter.

The ranchers around the head of Arrow lake have been favored, with immense crops of potatoes and vegetables, and they expect to find a good market in the mining camps of the Lardau and Trout Lake districts. They are talking of forming a protective society to prevent outsiders shipping in garden truck this winter.

Mr. Wm. Pearce, Dominion superintendent of mines, whose headquarters are at Calgary, went east Thursday morning. Discussing Revelstoke town-site matters, he stated that all questions relating to land and lots between the Dominion and provincial governments have been settled, on the terms as recently published, and that they will be effective as soon as the provincial legislature meets and adopts some necessary confirmatory legislation.

R. H. Lee, surveyor, and party, returned yesterday from Canby river. At the instigation of the provincial government Mr. Lee has been conducting an exploratory survey along the Canby river, northward from its junction with the Columbia, with a view of obtaining data as to the suitability of the river of the country for agricultural and timber purposes. He has been out since the first week in August. Canby river is 100 miles from Revelstoke, and it was followed up for about 80 miles from its mouth. The valley is dry meadow, from one to four miles wide, and free of danger from high water. The soil is rich and well adapted for agriculture. The snowfall is much less than in the case further south, and the land can be cleared at small cost. Mr. Lee will prepare a report of his expedition for the government.

NELSON.

Nelson Tribune.
The contract for the construction of the railway spur at the mouth of Kootenay river was awarded to Charles Anderson, and the work is to be completed on or before Oct. 20.

The railway contractors have awarded the contract for the construction of the round house at Kaslo to D. C. McGregor.

Grading for the site of the Silver King ore bins at Nelson is nearly completed. There will be six bins 25x50 feet and 15 feet high. It is said that the bins will be one of the most complete ever erected for treating copper ores.

Men employed at the Tam O'Shanter, on Kootenay lake above the Blue Bell, have been clearing up around the mine, and sorting the ore, with the result that about thirty tons are ready for shipment.

Bob Jackson, of the Northern Bell mine, Slokan district, has two carloads of ore sacked and ready for shipment as soon as it can be got to the railway siding at Bell's, 18 miles from Kaslo. Not bad work for home single hand.

Foss and McDonald are building the wagon road up McGuigan creek, Slokan district, for a syndicate of mine owners. It is understood that the government has agreed to assist the undertaking in an amount not to exceed \$2000.

Phil Aspinwall has given the Trail Mining Company a 30-day option on all his interests in the Kootenay, Copper Jack and Tipton claims; terms, \$40,000 cash. If the option is taken up, litigation over the ownership of the Kootenay will come to an end, and all interests in the Columbia-Kootenay group will pass into the hands of the men who control the Trail Mining Company.

The following are the ore shipments from the mines in southern Kootenay since report of last week:

Mine	Tons	Value
Le Roi mine, Rossland	1,184	\$9,250
War Eagle mine, Rossland	346	\$2,720
Josie mine, Rossland	127	6,350
Trail Mining Co., Rossland	127	1,000
Alamo mine, Three Forks	120	12,000
Ruth mine, Three Forks	29	2,900
Blende mine, Nelson	14	1,400
Total	1,837	\$30,250

Total so far for the season, \$1,700,000. Work has practically closed for the season in the Cariboo creek district. This is one of the new sections which promises well, capital at present being the one thing lacking. The Cariboo creek belt, as far as it has been explored, consists of some 100 square miles, and is reached through Burton City on Columbia river, about 20 miles south of Nakusp.

In the spring of 1894 considerable excitement was occasioned by finding gold in the bed of Cariboo creek, which empties into Trout creek, one and a half miles behind Burton City. The creek was staked miles, everything of a likely character being taken up. The returns were not up to expectations, however, and the freshet of August in the same year cleaned out the miners' sluice boxes, flumes and dams and closed the season.

out Cariboo Creek's history as a placer district. A number of disappointed men turned their attention to the hills on the other side of the creek and located a number of ledges, the iron capping of which gave good assays running from a trace to \$6 and \$9.

Nelson Miner.
On Monday last, at a meeting of the directors of the Alamo Mining Company, held at the concentrator, Three Forks, a dividend of 7 1/2 per cent., amounting to \$35,000 was declared. At the same time the proprietors of the Idaho, which is a private partnership, divided \$4,500 among themselves. In April last they received \$30,000. Very little ore has been shipped from the mine during the summer, which accounts for the disparity in the dividends. Work is now fully resumed and the output will soon be large. The Alamo is supplying the concentrator with sufficient ore to turn out 20 tons of concentrates a day.

NEW DENVER.

The Ledger.
The Monitor is reported bonded to Tom Jefferson.

The Rambler will ship a carload of ore in a few days.

Ira Black has bought Mitchell's interest in the New Columbia on the north fork of Carpenter creek. Black will ship eight tons of ore from the Cordelia.

Ore is being packed from the Howard Fraction on Springer creek to Slokan City. Seven men are working this property and developing it under difficulties that would make some throw up the sponge.

Large bodies of ore have recently been struck in the Reco and Ivanhoe properties.

The Roulette, on the north fork of Carpenter creek, will work this winter. Three men are working on the 30/30 in the same district.

Dan Mann, the well known railway man, has purchased an interest in seven claims on the north fork of the river, and will work some of them this winter. They have already commenced to work the Carnation, a claim on Tributary creek.

Owners of government town lots in New Denver are undecided what to do about the payments. None of the parties are even worth the first payment, and the government should give each holder of a deed who has erected a building a release for the balance of the payment. This would encourage the pioneers of the country and urge them to greater efforts in building up the district.

Ore is being packed from the Mount Chief for shipment via Nakusp. W. H. has never ceased on this property for three years.

The concentrator at the Washington will be finished in 90 days.

J. L. Drumheller, of Spokane, has sued Messrs. Bolander, Van Dorn and Clement for \$10,000. He charges them with entering on the grounds of the Stevenson mineral claim and cutting timber. A defense has been put in, and the case will be heard in the supreme court some time this fall. This case promises to be an interesting one.

O'Connor had been drinking considerably of late, and Langtree was the first of the two to reach the Daniel cabin on the Dewdney trail, 15 miles west of Rossland, on Tuesday evening. He was in bed when O'Connor arrived in a state of delirium tremens. Without any provocation O'Connor seized an axe and struck Langtree twice on the head. Langtree's recovery is uncertain, as one blow fractured his skull and the other caused an ugly wound on the cheek, in addition to which he lost considerable blood before medical help came. O'Connor was arrested by Constable Kirkup on the trail, and when arrested he remarked: "They were trying to kill me, but I got my work in first."

ROSSLAND.

Nelson Tribune.
Maurice O'Connor was committed for trial by Stipendiary Magistrate Langtree yesterday for assaulting Thomas Langtree with an axe. Langtree was accompanying O'Connor to look over some claims with a view of purchase. O'Connor had been drinking considerably of late, and Langtree was the first of the two to reach the Daniel cabin on the Dewdney trail, 15 miles west of Rossland, on Tuesday evening. He was in bed when O'Connor arrived in a state of delirium tremens. Without any provocation O'Connor seized an axe and struck Langtree twice on the head. Langtree's recovery is uncertain, as one blow fractured his skull and the other caused an ugly wound on the cheek, in addition to which he lost considerable blood before medical help came. O'Connor was arrested by Constable Kirkup on the trail, and when arrested he remarked: "They were trying to kill me, but I got my work in first."

KASLO.

Nelson Tribune.
There is a prospect of further arbitration in connection with the lands expropriated for the Kaslo & Slokan railway. The owners of the Sandon town-site, who have the railway company are at variance and notices have been changed of the appointment of arbitrators. It is said that the Slokan Surprise Mining Company, by Alexander Smith, is manager, has applied to Judge Spinks for a dissolution of the injunction order of Monaghan and Blandy, obtained at the last sitting of the county court at Kaslo, on the ground that no irreparable damage has been caused them, and that they have no exclusive right to the timber which they have claimed.

ANOTHER "OFFICIAL" REPORT.
Gives the Cuban Insurgents Credit for Defeat.

Havana, Oct. 3.—Col. Silvarrodrigo of the Coria battalion, at the head of 600 infantry and 20 cavalrymen, on Sunday last, attacked a detachment of 200 insurgents who held a fortified position situated in a forest near the Sagrera plantation, in the vicinity of the Ciguatas. The insurgents were commanded by Bacallo, Tata and Cepero. The official report says that the enemy made a short resistance of the troops and then gave way and dispersed, leaving five dead within the position from which they were driven. The government also captured 12 saddled horses. The advance guard of this column, under Lieutenant Varela, fell into an ambush set by the insurgents the next day, with the result that two soldiers were killed. But Varela's detachment rallied, and led by the lieutenant, attacked the insurgents and drove them from their positions, killing 7 men. The insurgents were afterwards pursued by cavalry with cut-throat swords, and a quantity of important matter.

Mrs. D. W. Higgins returned last evening from the East.

ROYAL Baking Powder
has been awarded highest honors at every world's fair where exhibited.

LOCAL NEWS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily.

—During September, 40 births, 9 marriages and 16 deaths were registered.

—The O'Kell & Morris Company ship another carload of canned fruits to Winnipeg to-morrow.

—The steamers Maude and Mischief left for the West Coast last night. Both took heavy cargoes.

—The bark Ladas was launched from the marine railway yesterday and has commenced to load salmon at the outer wharf.

—John Cousins, the man who got full on Sunday with every saloon in town closed, did not have to tell Magistrate Macrae where he got his "pizen." The court ruled this evening that there was no law to compel Cousins to do so, but had the accused been an Indian, he could have done so. Cousins was convicted of being drunk and fined \$10.

—The collections of inland revenue for this district for September were:

Spirits	\$7,421.32
Malt	2,281.81
Import duties	633.00
Cigars	33.00
Methylated Spirits	50.00
Amusement	12.00
Rent of Land	12.00
Inspection of Petroleum	60.85
Total	\$12,399.38

—Police returns for September follow:

Assault, 6; vagrancy, 3; assaulting the police, 2; violation of city by-laws, 15; theft, 13; drunk and disorderly, 25; in possession of stolen property, 1; license in possession of intoxicants, 3; cruelty to animals, 1; violation of the game act, 1; carrying concealed weapons, 2; using insulting language, 1; aggravated assault, 2; supplying liquor to Indians, 1; and pointing a revolver, one.

—Customs returns for September follow:

Duties collected	\$59,568.12
Other Revenues	2,608.40
Total	\$62,176.52
Imports	\$138,785.00
Dutiable	\$4,754.00
Free	\$138,539.00
Total	\$231,840.00

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Cross. During the Sudan expedition of 1885, Dr. Ockley, Paymaster Surraff, Lieutenants Chadwick, Raby, Noll, Wintour.

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—The schooner Ariel has been purchased by Captain Buckman for a syndicate, the intention being to fit her out for sealing purposes next season. Although roughly built and in need of an overhauling, the Ariel is one of the strongest schooners in the harbor. She was brought around from the Atlantic coast by Captain Buckman some years ago and latterly has been owned by J. C. Prevost.

—News was received from Tacoma last evening that Alexander Black, for many years conductor on the E. & N. railway, has been accidentally killed at Meeker Junction on the Northern Pacific railway. He was a brakeman on the Northern Pacific, and was crushed to death between two cars while uncoupling them. Mrs. Black and family were visiting friends in Victoria when they heard of the accident.

—A well known amateur cyclist, whose bursts of speed as a Class A rider in the recent bicycle meet at Oak Bay were noted, paid a little legal entrance fee to police court this morning. In contravention of the streets-by-law he took a spin on an up-town sidewalk, and upon conviction was fined \$5. Magistrate Macrae informed him if he had worn whiskers he would also have paid costs. That reference was to his age.

—The doll show held in the ball room of Government House yesterday was a decided success. There was a very large attendance and the show was a very attractive one. About \$200 was realized above expenses. Miss A. P. Foster took first prize for the best dressed doll, and Miss S. Pemberton second. The special prize for the best miniature bride with trousseau was won by Mrs. F. Pemberton and Miss A. Pemberton. The Tinnia was declared by vote the most popular doll in the show.

—The sealing schooner Sadie Turpel, Captain Anderson, arrived home from Copper Islands this morning. She brought home 520 skins, which with 748 sent home from the Japanese coast, brings her catch for the season up to 1268 skins. She did not have very favorable weather on the way down, and was 27 days in making the voyage. Her crew, both in Japanese and Russian waters was an uneventful one, not a single accident or accident marking it. The men all arrived home in good health. Gusto Gero is high line hunter of the Yukon country.

—The C. P. N. Company are advertising special excursions for the New Westminster fair, which takes place next week. Return tickets go to leave Victoria on the Vancouver boat on the 8th, 9th and 10th and the direct boat on the 9th returning not later than the 13th will be sold for \$2.25. This includes admission to the fair grounds. It is expected that a large number of Victorians will go up.

—The steamship Straits of Sunda will leave Esquimaux dry dock this evening. She will proceed to Port Blakely in charge of Pilot Gair, and will load lumber for South Africa. She would have been away from here before, but some of the crew who were ashore celebrating could not be got aboard. The sick seaman, whose case was at first supposed to be cholera, was landed and sent to the Marine hospital yesterday. Capt. Dewar says he is feigning illness in order to be discharged.

—Ernest, fourth son of Vernon and Ellen Leach, died at his parents' residence, 56 Hillside avenue, this morning of apoplexy of the hip joint. The deceased had been aged 14½ years of age and succeeded at the midsummer examination of the North Ward school in passing into the High School, and was a pupil there at the time of his death. He was a bright, promising boy, and a great favorite with all with whom he came in contact. The funeral takes place on Saturday afternoon.

—Charles Schultz is the most violent drunk that the police have had to do with in a long time. He was locked up last evening and held high carnival in the cells. In vile and violent language he abused the police and threatened to kill every body from the humblest up to royalty. That fact was brought out at the hearing this morning, and Magistrate Macrae gave Mr. Schultz a month to maturely consider the matter. Johnnie, a quiet Indian, who got full, was fined \$5. These were the only two cases before the court this morning.

—The residents of Duncan have decided to erect a crematorium in the vicinity. Seventy-five shares at \$10 each, were subscribed at a meeting held on Tuesday evening. The crematorium will cost about \$2000.

—Fishermen are having some good sport up the Arm with small salmon. This afternoon Mr. Fox caught a four-pounder with a fly. The fish were rising, the flyman being their favorite fly.

—The new public school building on Foul Bay road, Oak Bay district, was taken possession of yesterday by Miss Colquhoun and her pupils. It is a neat frame structure, well built and comfortably appointed.

—H. M. S. Wild Swan left at 9 this morning for Port Angeles to be present at that port to-morrow, Victoria's day at the Callam county fair. She will go from Port Angeles to New Westminster to be present during the fair at that city during next week.

—The officers of H. M. S. Hyacinth and U. S. S. Thetis were entertained at a grand ball at the Hotel del Coronado, Cala, last evening. The following

were the officers of the Hyacinth present: Dr. Ockley, Paymaster Surraff, Lieutenants Chadwick, Raby, Noll, Wintour.

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