Society News and Gossip of The Drawing Room

HIGHWOOD, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Gillespie, was the scene of a charming dance on Friday night, the 16th inst., when their only daughter, Miss Gillespie, made her debut. No arrangement that could enhance the enjoyableness of the occasion was overlooked by those in charge. The dancing apartments, which were the fine spacious hall and drawing room, were beautifully festooned with ivy and other vines; the supper room and table were most artistic with choice varieties of carnations in pink and white shades, as well as graceful asparagus fern fronds, beautifully interspersed. The music was supplied by Sehl and Bantly, and that speaks volubly for its excellence. The supper was of the most dainty and appetizing, and the ladies' dresses dreams of loveliness. Miss Gillespie, the debutante, was handsome in a beautiful frock of white chiffon over white taffeta silk. Mrs. Gillespie looked extremely well in a rich grey mouseline de soi with handsome silver garniture. Besides Miss Gillespie, there were two other debutantes, Miss Hannington and Miss Paula Irving. The former wore a gown of white satin with tiny lace frills, and the latter a beautiful white lace dress that was most becoming. Miss Todd wore a beautifully fashioned gown of dewdrop chiffon trimmed in rich pearl embroidery that was most becoming. Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, a most fascinating green creation that suited her greatly. Miss Dunsmuir wore a very elegant dress of point de sprit and russet shades of satin ribbon bands, most artistically fashioned. Miss Bryden was very handsome in an elegant pale blue satin gown, and Miss Tilton in a chic white lace dress over yellow silk, with ribbon trimmings of the same due. Mrs. Genge looked pretty in a white lace gown. Mrs. Thorpe Doubble wore a smart blue and white dress that was most becoming. Miss Helen Peters was pretty in a painted chiffon gown in pink shades. Miss Eberts wore a very stylish black gown, and Miss Cobbett a very graceful black lace creation. Others present were: Miss Elsie Bullen, Miss Nellie Dupont, Miss Gladys Perry, Miss Margarite Little, Miss Pattie Drake, Miss Butchart, Miss Mary Butchart, Miss Morris of Vancouver, the Misses Mason, Miss Violet Powell, Miss Bell, Miss Alice Bell, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mr. R. B. Powell, Mr. R. G. Monteith, Mr. J. Musgrave, Lieut.-Colonel Gregory, Mr. Alexis Martin, Mr. F. B. Pemberton, Mr. Hungerford Pollen, Mr. A. E. Todd, Mr. T. M. Foote, Mr. Meredith, Captain Thorpe Doubble, Dr. Scrivener, Lieut. Maitland-Kerwin, Mr. George Johnson, Lieut. E. O. S. Scholefield, Mr. Scott, Mr. Basil Lindley Crease, Mr. Twigge, Mr. Prior, Mr. Blanchard Bell, and many others.

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Mrs. F. B. Pemberton has been enjoying a pleasant holiday with friends at Ashcroft.

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Miss Dupont was hostess at a very enjoyable tea on Tuesday of the past week.

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Mr. Milne, of Duncan, was amongst his friends in Victoria for a few days during the past week.

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Miss Alice Bell is with friends in Winnipeg at present. Later she will rejoin her mother and sister at Ottawa.

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Mrs. and the Misses Bell, who for many years have resided in this city, left during the past week en route for Ottawa, where they will in future reside.

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Miss Morris of Vancouver has been enjoying a pleasant holiday here amongst her friends. She returned home during the past week.

Mrs. E. M. McConnan (nee) Nason will hold her post nuptial reception on Thursday and Friday of the coming week, 22nd and 23rd, at her residence, Bodwell street.

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Mrs. Campbell and Miss Maggie Campbell of Mount Sicker have been in town during the greater part of the past week.

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The Misses Butchart spent a day or two in town this week. They were here to attend some of the pleasant private dances given.

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Mrs. C. B. Holmes, of Crofton, was here at the Capital for a few days of this week. She made her headquarters at the Driard hotel while in town.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. Short, of Vancouver, have been here for several days amongst their many friends. They made the Dominion hotel their home while in the city.

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Mr. William Wilson, of the firm of W. & J. Wilson, clothiers, has taken up his residence for the winter at the Dallas Hotel.

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Mr. R. Reid, of Barnard, B. C., spent several days in the city recently. He was here to assist at the wedding of his friend, Mr. Ernest Graham.

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Mrs. B. W. Powell and her mother, Mrs. Orr, were guests at the Balmoral Hotel for several days of the past week.

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Governor McInnes is now on his way here from the Yukon. He will join Mrs. McInnes in Victoria, and together they will proceed East.

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Mr. Alexander Gillespie left on Thursday night for Ottawa where he will resume his duties. He will remain at the Federal Capital during the winter.

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Mrs. Charles L. Rhodes has removed from the Burdette House to 1 Stanley avenue, where she will be pleased to receive her friends.

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Miss Bell, who left here during the past week en route for Ottawa intends remaining sometime with friends in Vancouver before crossing the continent.

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The Assembly Club which held so many very pleasant dances during the past season reopens again for the winter months on Tuesday evening of the coming week in the Victoria Hall, Blanchard street.

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Mrs. J. D. Reid of "Glenrosa," Metchosin, spent the past week in the city. She was the guest of her father, Mr. Thomas Reid, but also visited the Misses Tolmie and other friends while in the city.

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The numerous friends of Mr. Henry Gribble will be sorry to know that he is at present confined in the Jubilee hospital, where he underwent an operation on his eye during the past week. His condition is now favorable, however.

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At a dinner given at Happy Hollow, the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Beaven, on Friday last, the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lulu Herrmann and Mr. B. Boyd Wallis was announced.

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Mr. J. A. Thompson, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Thompson, and her friend, Miss Newton, of Los Angeles, who have been here for the past week or two, left for home this week.

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The social dance given by Mrs. Simpson's classes at the Victoria Hall, Blanchard street, on Thursday evening was very largely attended and proved very successful.

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Mr. E. P. Colley, who has been surveying at Ootsa Lake during the greater part of the past year, has returned to the city and is making his home at the Balmoral, where he expects to remain during the greater part of the winter months.

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The engagement of two popular young members of Victoria's society is announced during the past week. It is that oft Mr. Alexander Gillespie, second son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gillespie of "Highwood," and Miss Nellie Todd, younger daughter of Mrs. J. H. Todd, of "The Leasowes."

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The annual dance of the Victoria College Rugby club will be held Wednesday, November 21, at Victoria Hall under the auspices of Mrs. Simpson. Miss Thain's orchestra will be in attendance. Those desiring tickets will be able to obtain them from any of the High school pupils.

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Mr. Fred. Lucas, who for some time has been connected with the Bank of Montreal in this city, left during the past week for Cumberland, where he will be identified with a branch of the same bank there. His many friends here will be pleased to learn that his change of locality means promotion for him.

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Mr. H. G. Anderson who has been indentified with the Balmoral hotel for several years returned last week from a most enjoyable visit spent in company with Mr. Frank Kermode curator of the provincial museum in the north hunting for specimens for the museum.

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Mr. and Mrs. John McKeen of Amherst, N. S., and their daughter, Miss McKeen, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Fleming of Halifax, were a party of easterners who spent a few days here last week while en route to California. They took occasion to go about a great deal in the city and suburbs, and were surprised and delighted with Victoria's many charms. They felt that the half had not been told them in the East.

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The ladies of St. John's Guild have arranged to hold their annual sale of work in the schoolroom of their church, Herald street, on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, November 20. A fine assortment of plain and fancy articles suitable for Christmas gifts will be displayed and offered for sale. The Lord Bishop of Columbia will open the sale at 3 p.m. Afternoon tea will be served and a booth for the sale of candy will be on hand. In the evening a good programme will be forthcoming.

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Mrs. Flumerfelt was hostess at a very pleasant dinner party on Tuesday evening, when she entertained a number of friends. The table was admirably decorated with pink carnations and asparagus ferns, interspersed with beautiful electric sprays which were provided from Mrs. Flumerfelt's wonderful electric charged table mat. Garlands of smilax arranged from the table to the chandelier lent more picturesqueness to the pretty scene. The guests at table were Col. and Mrs. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnard, Major and Mrs. Audain, Mr. and Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pooley, and Mr. Brian Drake.

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The third meeting of the Alexandra Literary Club, which was held at the club rooms on Tuesday evening, was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by all present. The subject, "Charles Kingsley and His Works," was ably dealt with by the learned lecturer, Rev. J. F. D. Liwyd, of St. Mark's Church, Seattle. Mr. Liwyd, who is a gentleman of striking physique, possesses a deep resonant voice and a manner that fascinates and carries his audience with him in a marked manner. He confined himself principally on Tuesday evening to Kingsley as poet and novelist, reading in his own inimitable fashion from his works. He compared the merits and morals of his principal novels, such as "East Adam," "Lock," "Hypatia," "Westward Ho" and "Two Years Ago." At the conclusion of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Lugrin, was accorded to Mr. Liwyd, after which he and a few others were entertained at a light supper in the club's tea room.

Besides the lecture, the audience listened with pleasure to a piano solo given by Mrs. Harry Young, a charming vocal selection by Miss Lugrin, and an instrumental number by Miss Violet Powell. Among those present were Mrs. I. W. Powell, Mrs. Rocke Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Lugrin, Mrs. N. Shaw, the Misses Lugrin, Rev. Baugh Allen, Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laing, Mr. and Mrs. Bowen, Dr. and Mrs. Hasell, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Fell, Mrs. E. B. Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. Forman, Mr. Lindley Crease, the Misses Crease, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Dowler, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. L. H. Hardie, Miss M. Lawson, Mrs. Solly, Mrs. Dresser, Miss Marcon, Miss Powell, Mrs. Good, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Thomas Davis, Miss Bucknam, Mr. Duke and many others.

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The tea and sale of work given by the ladies of St. James church on Thursday afternoon and evening proved to be a most satisfactory function, notwithstanding the inclement weather it was well patronized and a substantial sum realized to go towards the funds of the above church.

The fancy work stall was in charge of Mrs. Rattenbury and Mrs. Burns. The candy stall was managed by Mrs. Daniells. The fine art stall by Mrs. Mallandine and her daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Foot assisted by Miss Foot and Miss Flint had charge of the tea and refreshments and Mrs. Joule attended to the door receipts. In the evening the following rendered a delightful programme. Mr. McLeod Gould a song, Miss Lugrin vocal solo, Miss Talbot vocal solo, Mrs. Cartright, Miss Bucknam and Mr. Petch also delighted the audience with vocal numbers while Miss Sweet and Mr. Talbot gave an instrumental duet, the piano and mandolin being used respectively.

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A very pleasant evening was spent with "Progressive Pit" by about twenty-four friends of Miss Juanita Sears at Hillside avenue, on Friday evening, November 9, in honor of Miss Fetherston who has just arrived from Scotland. Master Fetherston won the first prize and Master Reginald Beckwith the booby prize. Refreshments were served, after which Master Fetherston gave a recitation that was much appreciated. The rest of the evening was spent with music and games. Miss Sears was assisted by her friend Miss Beckwith who helped her entertain. Those present were: Miss Jeanie Fetherston, Master Stanley Fetherston, Miss Evelyn Gibson, Master Wilford Gibson, Master Garnet Gibson, Miss Irene Berryman, Master Reginald Beckwith, Master Louis Beckwith, Miss Ethel Luscombe, Miss Helen Luscombe, Master Reginald Speck, Miss Alice Speck, Miss Alice Moss, Miss May Moss, Miss Beryl Moss, Master Ernest Spragge, Miss Ella John, Miss Jessie John, Miss Edna John, Master Edward Sears, Master Clement Sears and others.

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The annual Harvest Home entertainment was given by the Metchosin Ladies in the hall there on the evening of November 7. As usual the hall was beautiful in a gala dress of evergreens, vines and flowers. The earlier part of the evening was pleasantly spent by the large audience in listening to the following meritorious programme of a musical and literary nature: Miss J. Howell, piano solo; Rev. Baugh Allen, song; Mrs. W. Fisher, song; Mrs. R. H. H. Pooley, song; Mr. B. Graham-Thwaites, song; Mrs. Howell, reading; Miss Bucknam, song; Mr. T. Oldershaw, song; Mrs. Sweetman, song; Mr. J. H. Smart, song; Miss Ethel Weir, Miss J. Howell and Mr. B. Graham-Thwaites acted the part of accompanists. After the programme was concluded the Hon. C. E. Pooley, who was present, gave a most interesting speech. This was followed by a supper to which all sat down and was on a par with the suppers usually given by the Metchosin ladies and that is saying much. After this came dancing, which was most enjoyably continued into the small morning hours. Amongst the Victorians who were present were the Hon. C. E. and Mrs. Pooley, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Rev. Baugh Allen and Mrs. Allen.

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The fancy fair to be given in the Drill Hall on November 29 and 30 and December 1 by the auxiliary of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society bids fair to be one of the most charming functions ever held in the interests of charity in this city. It is under the distinguished patronage of the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir, Premier and Mrs. McBride, Archbishop Orth, Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, and the Mayor and Mrs. Morley. The decorations are in charge of Mrs. Croft and Mrs. Frank Barnard and are sure to be well worth going to see, if there was nothing else offered. Through the extreme kindness of Lieut.-Col. Hall and the regimental officers, the Fifth Regiment Band will be on hand on the first evening. The programme for the three days is already mapped out and will certainly be most interesting. Competent ladies are in charge of each booth and the useful, attractive articles offered for sale will be sure to find ready purchasers. These are largely hand-made and will be sold at very reasonable prices. Many will make suitable Christmas gifts. Mrs. Dunsmuir will open the fair and the following ladies will be a reception committee: Mrs. Galletly, Miss Todd, Mrs. B. Tye, Mrs. (Col.) Hall, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Elliott Rowe and Mrs. Stuart Robertson.

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A very great attraction amongst all classes of society during the past week was the chrysanthemum show at the Carnegie Library during the afternoons and evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday. Never in Victoria or any other western town have more magnificent representations of the Japanese sacred flower been exhibited. Almost every variety of this species of flower were to be seen as well as every shade. There were feathery varieties, spikey varieties and cluster varieties all alike radiantly beautiful in their rich colorings. Those exhibited by Mrs. Henry Croft in old gold and russet shades were perhaps the most masssive, but Mrs. Dunsmuir's, Mrs. Pemberton's and Mrs. Rattenbury's were also magnificent specimens, and notwithstanding the inclement weather which prevailed on both days, the ladies in charge were greeted with a large amount of patronage by means of Victoria's citizens who not only admired the charming display of bloom but partook of the ladies' hospitality as they served the most refreshing tea and accompanying dainties, as well as had on sale very toothsome home-made candy. The beautiful rooms at the Carnegie Library are particularly adapted for such a function, and altogether those in charge are to be congratulated on the success that attended every part of the undertaking. Every flower donated was sold at good prices and more could have been disposed of. Altogether about $230 were received besides some cash prizes which were donated as well as a fine brass vase, which went to one of the exhibitors. The ladies greatly appreciated the marked kindness of Mr. Walker, the caretaker at the library, who lent them very valuable gratuitous assistance. It has been suggested by some that this be an annual function in connection with the orphanage and very many would lend their voice in asking that it be made so, as there is no more commendable way of earning money for a benevolent institution than exhibiting flowers, beautiful flowers, God's messengers of love."

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On Wednesday evening of the past week Mrs. J. H. Todd and her daughter, Miss Todd, were hostesses at a most delightful dance which they gave at "The Leasowes," their beautiful new home, the magnificent drawing room and hall making a fine, spacious dancing apartment. The music was provided by Mr. Sehl, and besides dancing many of the guests greatly enjoyed bowling, which sport is very attractive when a bowling alley such as is to be found at "The Leasowes" is available. Some of the older guests indulged in a quiet game of bridge. The supper, which comprised all seasonable dainties, was attended to by Mrs. Jenner. The decorations were very beautiful. In the drawing room and hall, as well as the billiard room and library, fine potted plants of many varieties were placed about. The two last rooms were used as sitting-out places. The supper room was done in carnations, with graceful asparagus ferns interspersed. The table was a work of art with its charming clusters of dainty sparkling electric lights, held as they were by a handsome silver lamp and surrounded by carnations. Some of the said lights had pink shades and some green, but together made a delightful picture. The gowns, too, were beautiful. Mrs. Todd wore a rich black silk gown with charming old lace garniture; Miss Todd looked handsome in a beautiful white lace gown over yellow taffeta silk; Miss Little was pretty in a very becoming white frock; Miss Butchart looked graceful in a pretty pale blue, and Miss Mary Butchart charming in a stylish gown of pink; Miss Perry looked well in a pretty white dress, and Miss Digby very stylish in a pink gown; Miss Beth Irving wore a pretty blue, and Miss Genevieve a charming white creation; Mrs. John Irving wore a graceful black silk gown, and Mrs. Little a stylish white dress. Mrs. Genge looked well in a very pretty dress of pale blue; Miss Pattie Drake wore a most becoming frock of pretty pink, and Miss Geraldine Cambie a blue gown. Among the guests were the following: Mrs. J. D. Little, Mrs. John Irving, Mrs. Genge, Miss Olly, Miss Ethel Browne, Mr. J. Browne, Mr. Lindley Crease, Mr. A. E. Musket, Miss Nellie Dupont, Miss Pitts, Miss Marion Pitts, Mr. Blanchard Bell, Mr. Ross, Mr. Taylor, Miss Helen Peters, Mr. W. Todd, Mr. E. D. Todd, Mr. Alexander Gillespie, Mr. Dougald Gillespie, Mr. Jack Rithet, Mr. Gaudin, Mr. J. Lawson, Mr. Bridgman, Miss Pattie Drake, Mr. Jack Cambie, Miss Cambie, Mr. Bert Scofield, Mr. T. M. Foote and many others.

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A pretty wedding of the past week was that of Miss Grace Harriet Walsh, fifth daughter of Mr. Isaac Walsh of Pembroke street, and Mr. William Ernest Graham of Hamilton, Ont. It was solemnized by Rev. G. K. B. Adams in the Metropolitan Methodist Church on Wednesday evening. Friends of the bride had placed many choice autumn flowers about the sacred edifice, in artistic clusters. The bride was gowned in a pretty dress of white silk with corsage neck and sleeves lavishly decorated with costly Battenberg lace. She wore the customary veil and orange blossoms, and had a pretty bouquet of roses and ferns. She was accompanied by Miss Maud James, who acted the part of bridesmaid. She wore a becoming dress of cream lustre, trimmed in lace, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Little Miss May Grice made a dainty little flower maiden. She was dressed in white point de sprit over pale blue silk, and had a basket of carnations and ferns. Master Arthur Grice in a blue velvet Fonteroy suit made a charming page, and Mr. R. Reid, of Barnard, acted the part of groomsman.

The usual wedding marches were ably rendered by Mr. Parsons, church organist, as the bridal party entered and left the church. A reception was held later at the home of the bride. It was very largely attended, and Mr. and Mrs. Graham received many hearty good wishes for their future happiness in their journey through life. They left the same evening by the steamer Charmer for Vancouver, where a short honeymoon will be spent, after which they will return to Victoria and take up housekeeping on the old Esquimalt road. Mrs. Graham's traveling dress was a pretty pearl gray street costume, with hat of gray. The groom's present to the bride was a handsome gold-handled umbrella, to the bridesmaid a costly gold brooch, and to the groomsman a watch chain. A large number of other handsome and costly gifts were received, some of which are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Grice, hand-painted tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Brown, one dozen silver knives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. C. Steers, jardiniere and fern; Miss Steers, china cream and sugar set; Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, jardiniere; Mr. Leigh, check; Mr. and Mrs. J. Walsh, silver and china fruit dish; Mrs. James, one dozen silver teaspoons; Miss Maud James, silver butter-knife; Miss Hilda Dunn, vase with silver mounting; Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, two pictures and frames; Mr. E. Walsh, set of carvers; Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson, pair fancy pillow shams; Mr. and Mrs. Gunn, check; Mr. and Mrs. Scoville, rattan rocker; Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, silver and ebony salt set; Mr. and Mrs. Ledingham, silver sugar spoon; Masters John, Arthur, Ray, Bert and Duke Grice, fancy glass table set; Miss Walsh (Vancouver), silver mounted water jug; Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, burnt wood nut bowl and silver nut crackers; Miss L. McDonald, toilet perfume set; Mr. and Mrs. J. Jackson, two hand-painted cake plates; Miss Maud Dunn, silver-mounted vase; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walsh (Vancouver), rattan settee; Mr. and Mrs. Gowdy, silver berry spoon; Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, silver bread tray; Master Stanley Walsh (Vancouver), half dozen silver tea spoons; Mrs. Dales (Langley), hand-painted china dish; Mr. Reid (Barnet) silver and gold berry spoon; Mr. Gillingbram, hand-painted cake dish; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Walsh, china tea set; Mr. Tisdale (Vancouver), cut-glass bonbon dish; Mr. and Mrs. Sharp (Vancouver), half dozen teaspoons; Miss J. Sandwith, hand-painted china cake plate and bread and butter dish; Miss James, sofa pillow; Masters Harry, James, Herbert and Clarence and Miss Ethel Brown, one dozen water glasses; Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, hand-painted plaque and stand; Miss S. Walsh, bedroom set of net-work; Mr. and Mrs. Grice, one dozen hemstitched Irish linen table napkins; Mrs. Cheney, large rug; Miss Tupper (Vancouver), hand-painted velvet cushion; Miss May Grice, sofa cushion; Mr. and Mrs. Bullen, cheese dish; Miss Walsh (Vancouver), painted doiley; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walsh, canary bird; and many others from Eastern Canada and the United States which will arrive shortly.

FIRST TO JOURNEY OVER WINTER TRAIL

Capt. Wallace Langley Arrives From Fairbanks and Valdez Route

TELLS OF THE NEW FIND

Strike Made on Chandlar River—Has Sold Steamer Wilbur Crimmin and Bought the Tana

Capt. Wallace Langley who reached Victoria Saturday, was the first man to go over the winter trail from Fairbanks, in the Tanana district of Alaska, this season. He was a passenger by the steamer Indianapolis yesterday, having voyaged from Valdez on the steamer Northwestern, which reached Seattle at midnight, Friday from Valdez and southeastern Alaska. He reports having sold his steamer, the Wilbur Crimmin, which he has operated for some seasons to the Alaska-Yukon Transportation company; and he has bought the steamer Tana, into which he intends to place first class steam machinery instead of the gasoline plant now on the vessel, which is lying at Lake LeBarge.

Capt. Langley brought news of new gold strikes in the Chandlar river district, but the extent and richness of the new diggings had not been made known before he left Fairbanks. The finds are up the Chandlar river, which empties into the lower Yukon about fifty miles below Fort Yukon, and heads toward the Koyukuk river. Prospectors had been in the district for some time, and they are reported to have struck rich pay. The find was made this fall, and as the diggings are probably summer workings it is not expected that the richness will be known until the spring.

The output of the Tanana gold district was between nine and ten millions of dollars this season, said Capt. Langley. Cleary and Fairbanks creeks are still the leaders, the miners taking the bulk of the pay from these creeks. Esther creek is also turning out equal to all expectations. Gold, too, is being found in paying quantities on Big Eldorado, Vanult and Dome creeks, but on the latter creek there is much difficult in consequence of litigation that has arisen regarding the properties; and legal complications are stopping the development on the creek.

In the "Tenderfoot" coutiry, about seventy miles south of Fairbanks, on the Tanana, and on Tenderfoot and its tributary, Banner creek, miners are doing well. Capt. Langley says the district is a good one, and when it is further prospected he believes other good strikes will be made.

Capt. Langley has been operating the steamer Wilbur Crimmin, of which he was master and owner until recently, on the Tanana between Fort Gibbon and Fairbanks, mostly in a lighterage business with barges, carrying considerable freight. He has had a very profitable season. Toward the close of the season, he disposed of the Wilbur Crimmin to the Alaska-Yukon Transportation company and purchased the steamer Tana. This vessel, now at lower LeBarge, had a gasoline plant and this is being removed. Machinery has been secured and towed to Dawson by the steamer Monarch during the summer, and from Dawson the machine was taken to LeBarge by the steamer Selkirk. In the spring the steamer will be taken to Fairbanks by Capt. Langley and will be operated on the Tanana.

Capt. Langley left Fairbanks about three weeks ago. He was the only passenger of the first buckboard stage to leave the Tanana camp. The Fairbanks newspaper gave the captain the place of honor on its front page when he was leaving for home, and this is what it said: "The captain says he would rather pay double the price and be the first passenger out than ride out for nothing after everyone has passed over the trail. He examined the buckboard Saturday that he was to ride out on and looked it over curiously, as if seeking some particular object.

"What are you looking for?" inquired Jack Lindsay, the driver.

"Where is the bell pull in case you want to stop the horses?"

"The captain also asked for a gangplank to 'board that catamaran.'"

Capt. Langley says he rode on that buckboard as far as the driver could take him, and then he procured a sleigh and afterward had to get on a horse's back. As a rider the captain did well, but was unble to complete his journey on the horse. He had again recourse to a sleigh, then another buckboard, then horseback again, until, after thirteen days of varied and arduous though interesting travel he reached Valdez.

The railway builders have shut down. After building about seven or eight miles of the Valdez line from Cordova and working for some distance through the canyon the builders have stopped work for the winter. The Alaska Central was expected to shut down also. This line is being in from Seward. It is yet uncertain, though, as to what direction these roads will take.

His Wish a Natural One.

Connoisseur—I should like a nice sirloin steak, medium done, with a lump of fine butter on top.

Waiter—I don't blame you.—Minneapolis Journal.

FIGHT IS ON FOR POSSESSION OF DREDGE

A Test of Strength Between Cities of Victoria and New Westminster

At a meeting of the New Westminster board of trade held on Wednesday evening last, the following resolution was moved by J. A. Lee:

"Whereas, it is reported that an effort is being made to have the dredge King Edward taken from the Fraser river to do work elsewhere; and whereas, the dredge is now doing work of the greatest importance to the Fraser valley in general and New Westminster in particular, viz., the deepening of the river channel at Annieville bar; and whereas, the officials connected with the department of public works in the city have planned out a mode of procedure which will permanently remove the difficulty at that point; and whereas, the work of the dredge to be successful must be continuous, and its removal from its present position will render the work of the last two months absolutely of no value; and whereas, there is a steadily increasing demand for information regarding the capacity of the channel and the practicability of bringing vessels of deep draught to New Westminster; and whereas, the greatest difficulty in bringing vessels here is the point at which the dredge is now working; be it therefore resolved, that this board of trade strongly urge the department of public works to allow the dredge to continue its work on the Fraser river channel until the work planned by the officials has been completed, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to J. B. Kennedy, M. P., Senator Riley, the Hon. W. Templeman and the Hon. Mr. Hyman, minister of public works."

Mr. Hyall seconded the motion. Mr. Crean read from the Victoria Colonist to show that the dredge was expected there in ten days. It would, he said, be unjust to remove the dredge from here and no good would be accomplished anywhere if the dredge was to be moved all over creation. There was also the danger of the dredge being lost in crossing to Victoria.

Mr. Gilley said the work done last year was all lost simply because the dredge did not stay long enough. The plan at present is to narrow up the channel and he said there was no doubt in the world but that this would make the channel easier to keep open so that a vessel with a 40-foot draught would have no trouble in getting through. Bigger ships are promised for the near future. One in with a load of coal for the railway. The motion was carried unanimously.

In this connection the New Westminster News, in its issue if yesterday, also has the following:

"In an interview with J. B. Kennedy, representative of New Westminster in the Commons, yesterday, that gentleman stated that the agitation as outlined in the resolution of the board of trade at its recent meeting, to have the dredge retained in the river, was by no means a new move, as he had already sent the strongest recommendations to the authorities at Ottawa to retain the King Edward in the river at all costs, and not allow it to be taken away from the Annieville bar on any account, until the work on hand had been completed. More than that, he considered that the dredge should not be called upon to leave the river at all, as there was more work to be done in the river alone than the King Edward could accomplish. On his arrival at Ottawa, Mr. Kennedy would see the minister of public works and do all in his power to retain the dredge till its present task is accomplished."

BLOODSTAINED SADDLE OF THE MISSING MAN

Part of Equipment Belonging t J. S. Dale Found on Bella Coola Trail

A saddle belonging to J. S. Dale, the young Pennsylvanian who has disappeared from the Bella Coola valley, has been found, with bloodstains, and the provincial police constables detailed to investigate the mystery believe the young man has been foully dealt with. Advices regarding the latest developments of the case were received on the arrival of the steamer Amur from Northern British Columbia yesterday morning. According to passengers, the news is current in the north of the finding of the saddle near a trail leading from where Dale lived with Marven to the mountains.

Provincial Constable W. Woolacott, of Alert Bay, who was ordered to join Constable Carlsen of Bella Coola in making investigations, has been obliged to enter the hospital at Bella Bella, where Dr. Large is located, having a very severe cold; and the work has consequently been delayed.

Dale disappeared from his home in the Bella Coola valley on Aug. 23. It is reported that several peculiar stories have been told by his companion, a man named Marven, who asserts Dale went off alone into the hills.

BIG MINING APPEAL CASE GOES BACK

Full Court in Star vs White Orders Work Done as Requested by Plaintiffs

At Vancouver on Thursday morning before the full court, Justices Irving, Martin and Morrison presiding, the hearing of the famous Star-White appeal was concluded, and after an expenditure of about $50,000 on litigation, the whole matter was referred back to have certain work done to demonstrate the true state of affairs. The case is a very complicated one and to understand it properly it will be necessary to retrace it briefly from the beginning.

The case originally was an action by the Star Mining & Milling company of Sandon for trespass against the B. N. White Mining company, the trespass consisting of the defendant company having under its locations—which were located under the Extra-Lateral Right Law—mined from the apex of the vein in their mine into the plaintiff company's territory.

The action was first tried at Nelson in February, 1904, before Chief Justice Hunter, the trial lasting 17 days. At the conclusion of the trial the chief justice intimated that in view of the different theories advanced by either side as to the continuity of the Slocan Star vein, and, further, in view of the conflicting evidence as to the observed facts in the mine, he would be called upon to speculate as to the correctness of either theory, unless some actual work was done to demonstrate either the continuity of the Slocan Star vein or the existence of the plaintiff's alleged black fissure. He suggested that the parties interested should agree upon an indifferent and disinterested engineer, who should inspect the property and determine whether it was necessary to do any such work; but as the parties were unable to agree upon a disinterested engineer he concluded to inspect the property himself. This he did, and as a result of his inspection he came to the conclusion that the only work necessary to be done to demonstrate the continuity of the Slocan Star vein was to connect points C and D 27 on the fifth level of the mine. This was done and the chief justice inspected it again.

The adjourned hearing of the trial was held in Nelson in July, 1905, as a result of which the chief justice concluded that the Slocan Star vein was continuous from the east end line of the Slocan Star claim to the west end line of the Silversmith claim, and in consequence dismissed the plaintiff's repeated their application for additional work. The application was refused by the chief justice as unnecessary and from that refusal the appeal was taken.

The full court ordered yesterday that the work requested by the plaintiffs at the previous trial should be done, and the matter was referred back to the chief justice to direct the doing of the work, and to take the evidence of what that work may indicate.

The hearing of the appeal occupied three and a half days, and some of the best legal talent in the province was engaged upon it. Messrs. E. V. Bodwell, K. C. and R. Lennie appeared for the plaintiff appellants, and Mr. E. P. Davis, K. C. and S. S. Taylor, K. C. for the defendants.

WILL WORK ISLAND MINES ONBIG SCALE

French Syndicate to Develop Properties in Vicinity of Ladysmith

A Ladysmith correspondent writes: "A $2,000,000 company is being incorporated to take over the Victoria Mines and other property in this vicinity. Barrister Russell Simpson has the incorporation of the company in hand. He was seen this evening and asked for information about the company. Mr. Simpson, however, would divulge no further particulars regarding the company, than that it was true he is incorporating a company, with a capital of $2,000,000 for a French syndicate with headquarters at Paris, France.

"The money, which amounts to a considerable sum is at Ladysmith, ready to pay fees, including government charges, which alone will amount to nearly $1,000.

"It is supposed here to include the mines known as the Victoria group about two miles from Ladysmith, as well as other properties. Full particulars are promised by Mr. Simpson at a later day when he is at liberty to give them out for publication."

KENSINGTON IN PORT.

Quebec, Nov. 16.—Dominion liner Kensington arrived in port this morning. She is not as badly damaged as at first reported.

Operations in Telqua.—Concluding a trip to New York, Harry Howson, of the Telqua Mining, Milling & Development company, with copper, coal and other property in the northern part of the province, has returned to the city. He has been assured of the forthcoming of ample capital to develop the large mining interests of the company in Telqua valley. All that is now needed is transportation facilities for the development, which at present is inadequate.

WORKS SEVEN YEARS AND MAKES FORTUNE

Tom Livingstone Finds Gold and Wife During Sojourn in Dawson City

After spending seven years in the frozen wilds of the Yukon, Tom Livingston returned to New Westminster on Wednesday afternoon something like a hundred thousand dollars richer than when he left it on the occasion of his departure for Dawson City in 1899, says the New Westminster News. Mr. Livingston's story is very much like that of any other Klondike miner who managed to strike pay dirt. He has had good luck, with a few reverses, but has finally managed to make a stake sufficiently big to enable him to keep the wolf away from the piazza for a few years to come. And, like all other Klondike miners, he is free and easy with his money, acting on the principle that there is a lot more where it came from, and that if he goes broke, he can get someone to grubstake him and that luck will be with him again.

After he had been in Dawson a short time, Mr. Livingston staked out a claim and proceeded to search for the precious metal. He found it in big quantities, and after working it for a number of years and extracting about fifty thousand dollars' worth of gold from his claim, he sold it to a mining company for $10,000. After making a few more paying investments in the land of everlasting hope, he decided to return home, and took passage on a steamer a few weeks ago. He is well known in this city, having lived here for many years, and is a relative of Alexander Ewen, of Ewen's cannery.

After remaining in the city for a few days, Mr. Livingston intends to take an extended trip throughout the Eastern provinces, and will visit the larger cities of the United States before returning here. While in Dawson Mr. Livingston fell under the magic spell, and has returned accompanied by Mrs. Livingston.

PROTECTS WORKMEN.

London, Nov. 16.—In consequence of the recent action of certain agents in inducing workmen to emigrate to Canada under false representations that work was awaiting them there, whereas they were really wanted to take the place of strikers, the president of the board of trader Mr. Lloyd-George, in the House of Comrons today, secured the adoption of a new clause for the Merchants Shipping bill, providing that any one inducing emigrants by false representations are liable to a fine of $250 or imprisonment at hard labor for three months for each offence.