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British Columbia.

CHILLIWACK. Chilliwack Progress. We are having lovely fall weather and everybody is taking advantage of the same. Produce is coming in in large quantities every day, more especially hay, of which there appears to be

quite an abundance. Mr. Alfred Parry, who bought a buggy at Mr. Wilson's sale on Saturday, was bringing it home with a neighbor's horse which ran away and collided with threshing machine, upset the rig, threw Mr. Parry out and smashed two of his ribs. The buggy was broken to

Isaac Kipp has had three teams steadily at work for about a week erecting a has been made and the work will proceed rapidly. Messrs. Reece and McCutcheon will join in the enterprise as soon as their land is reached. It is expected that the dykes will afford ample protection to the parties concerned against water at least a foot above that of the past summer, while the cost will be less than the loss of a single year.

NELSON.

Nelson Miner. Dominion Geologist R. G. McConnell, of Ottawa, who has been engaged since June in gathering data and information for a map of this district has completed en route for home. To a Miner representative he said: "We are trying to make a topographical and geological map of this district generally, but it will be a long job on account of the timber and mountains which make progress necessarily slow. We want to get out a map this winter, at any rate a provisional one, showing the district from Slocan the boundary. We can make additions to this map in following years as fast as we complete the surveys. This year's map will include the strip of country between Slocan and Rossland from Slocan river to Kootenay lake, showing all the topographical and geological features; the principal mines and all known roads and trails."

NAKUSP. Nelson Miner. It is reported that Burton City townsite has changed hands for a good round sum, Mr. Woodhouse being the

C. C. Woodhouse jr., of Rossland, has purchased the Millie Mack and interests Creek camp. The sum paid was

J. Hillyard Leech, of Winnipeg, has "all right." purchased the Eureka, Treasury, Shamrock and Tenderfoot in the same camp, men at work during the winter to develon this property. P. Gennelle & Co. have about complet-

appearance, as there are under construction encouraged with the future of this cott he result is considered very satisfact out here some time. He was possessed tion a tug for the transfer barge, which operating industry. will be completed in a few days: a scow, place. All of these are for the C. & K. Thompson, the Mission stage driver, ac- have been improving. N. Company.

he C. & K. S. N. Company is now fairlar to the Nakusp. The length will be 182 feet; width 32 feet and a depth of with Her Majesty's mail bags.

MIDWAY.

Midway Advance. E. A. Bielenberg is doing development work on the Kootenay, Columbia and Anaconda claims in Deadwood camp with very favorable results.

E. H. Brown has finished assessment camp. The work consisted of a 12 foot tunnel on the vein. Surface assays went as high as \$10 in gold.

ing come from Okanagan and Kruger mountain.

James Kerr returned last week from

mproving with depth. sluicing on account of the low water. not taken up yet. They intend running a tunnel this winter and expect to strike rim in less than 100 feet.

Creek, giving good assays in gold, copper and silver. The country around years and hundreds of prospectors must Grand Forks for the winter he further back the country for miles in some properties here before his return had been thoroughly prospected.

W. B. Rickards, acting townsite agent, received a letter Wednesday last agent for the N. P. R., arrived in town om A. K. Stuart, saying that the company was now in a position to carry out the scheme for putting water on the their homes in St. Boniface, Man., and townsite, and that the price of lots on turned their faces towards the setting Fifth street would be raised on his re-

Assuming that neither the postoffice inspector nor his deputy would grant a permit for the violation of a contract or carrying the mails without consulting the head of the postoffice departnent, and also that the postmaster-general would not give his consent to such violation of contract without first consulting the representative of the district. might not be out of place to call the attention of Hewitt Bostock, member of parliament for Yale-Cariboo-Kootenay, to the fact that two contracts were let previous to the 23rd of June last, for carrying the mail in this district. One of these contracts was to Manley & Averill for a service between Marcus

Neither of these is being carried out ac-cording to the agreement which the peode of the district were led to sup had been entered into. Apparently the two stage lines have formed a combine

and syndicated their interests, the Snodgrass line making its terminus at Greenwood City and the Marcus line also terminates its run at the same place. Doubtless this is a great convenience to the owners of the stage lines. One lessens his run nine miles and the other over twenty, while Midway and Boundary Falls are out just three mails each

(Vernon News.) A disastrous fire occurred on Monday morning on the commonage, by which Mr. "Sandy" Grant lost his house and nearly all its contents. As usual, the origin of the blaze is attributable to a dyke to protect his land against the an- defective flue, and there appears to be nual rise of the Fraser. Good progress no doubt that this was the cause of the conflagration.

Several large falls of snow have already been experienced in the States and Eastern Canada, and in England it is reported that snow fell last week to the depth of several inches. Here we are enjoying the most delightful autumn weather, and the bright sunny days may reasonably be expected to continue

for several weeks vet. Thos. Wilson has decided to resign his position as manager of the Coldstream ranch orchard and fruit gardens, which he has held for the past year or so, and intends removing with his family to the coast early next month. Mr. Wilson has his season's work and is now in Nelson had a long experience in the fruit growresults from his work in this district.

> Kootenay for the past two weeks selling produce for the Vernon Farmers' Association, reached home on Saturday, well satisfied with the result of his trip. He found no difficulty in selling the car he took with him, at Revelstoke and Trail, and left again this week with another consignment.

Mr. T. E. Crowell and J. T. McKing non are back from a prospecting trip in against the title was settled and the kett and Miss Beatrice Abbott, daughthe mountains at the head of the B X creek. They found plenty of good looking quartz and staked three claims, which they think promise well. Some very fine looking rock, rich with heavy galena, has been found in that section during the past fortnight. The place is fairly easy of access, and a number of men have been prospecting it since the first find a few weeks ago.

Mr. C. F. Costerton returned by Tuesday's steamer from a trip to the southern country, which was extended as far the three adjoining claims in the Cari- as Fairview. He reports mining operations lively in that camp, all claim holders feeling confident that Fairview is

Mr. D. Graham, M.P.P., and Mr. Thos. Clinton were in town this week, it is calculated, would strike this ore and he purposes keeping a full gang of and both are very much pleased with body, if it holds out. the cheering news of the advance in

cording to his usual custom, threw the that it will be completed and ready for dropped on to the stove hearth. It did use early in the spring. It will run on not require very much time for the bags the Columbia between Arrowhead and to ignite, as when Postmaster Venn ar-Trail and will be a stern wheeler simi- rived on the scene ten minutes later, the fire was making pretty good headway

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks Miner, The owners of the Copper Queen, Brown's Camp, have struck a fine body

of ore at a depth of 15 feet. Work was commenced on Monday last on the Golden Nugget claim on the north side of Observation mountain, by work on the Iva Lenore in Deadwood McKay Bros., who are making an open cut into the ledge for Messrs. Johnson

& McCarter. Work was commenced this week on E. Shader, of Chicago and F. Hidder, the Little Giant claim. This property of Detroit, passed through Midway on is located about two miles north of the Tuesday last. They are on a tour in- town. The owners, Messrs. Layeux & specting the camps of the district, hav- Harris, are sinking a shaft on a big iron cap, the cropping of which have a surface showing 30 feet wide.

J. W. Jones has made what may turn the west fork of the Kettle river, where out a great strike. A few days ago, he and J. C. Dale have been doing de- while walking in the hills back of the velopment work on the Carmi and customs house, he stumbled right onto Butcher Boy. He reports the claims a fine large cropping of copper ore, samples of which are rich in copper and iron Strong and Hannahan have struck and from appearances will assay high in pay dirt on their placer claim near the gold. This is only another illustration Keor ranch, but are unable to do much of the fact that all the good ground is

D. M. Snyder, of Olympia, Wash., accompanied by Robert Crozier, has just returned from an extended trip up the Messrs. Douglas, Atwood and Wake North Fork and through the Boundary have recorded five claims, all located district. In conversation with a reporwithin a mile of the hotel at Rock ter, Mr. Snyder said: "I had no idea before coming here, of the magnitude of the mineral belt of the Kettle River dis-Rock Creek has been prospected for trict" In speaking of the prospects of have passed within a few yards of the 'ed it as his opinion that immediately afdge on which the locations were made. ter the presidential election considerable Mr. Atwood did not find the marks of a capital from the States would be turned pick on the whole five locations, while into this district. He would likely invest

to the other side. J. P. O. Allaire, French passenger on Thursday last accompanied by nine heads of French families who have left turned their faces towards the setting sun, determined to make their fortunes among the mountains of mineral of the Kettle river district. In speaking ofthe prospects for more immigration from Manitoba, Mr. Allaire said quite a number of French families intended moving

ROSSLAND.

to Grand Forks in the spring.

(Rossland Record.) G. A. Pounder, the president of the Silver Bell Mining Co., visited the property Saturday and obtained fair samples of the capping, and had it assayed, the result being satisfactory, it running 10 ounces in silver, 67 per cent. lead and \$1.20 in gold, averaging \$103.14 per ton. The ore is a steel grain galena and toand Midway, and the other to W. J. gether with lead carbonases and cop-Snodgrass for carrying a tri-weekly mail per. The width of the lead is about cum, the whole of Chilliwark mountain cellent surface indications about a year

in the South belt a few days ago, looking over the Rosslanl Star, and came ign over the Rosslanl Star, and came in sixty feet, and Montana experts who have had men engaged for some time sinking a shaft, which is now down consequences. By some means the horse was offered for half of the Evening Star Number Two, but was refused on account of one-half being bonded to Victoria parties.

erintendent John Y. Cole, of the erty. The mammoth machinery is now in place and work is proceeding with vigor on the machinery building, 24x60 feet in dimensions, and that structure will be completed in about fifteen days. The Rosslander.

C. W. Callahan, of London, on Wednesday sent six men out under Ed Rafferty to do work on the claims he and his associates purchased on Murphy Work will be carried on all winter. Last week about 75 per cent. of the

000 instead of \$500,000 as at present.

boundary line. in from the 50-foot level, and after go-ing 30 feet practically the whole face of is not known. the drift was in ore, running higher in copper than any previously found in the Last week the last adverse camp has been shown to exist on the C. P. R., was quietly celebrated at the same vein. Above the third there Father Eummelen officiating. to about 100 feet in length. ing been done, run from \$10 to \$40 in manager of J. G. Hutchinson's Stevesper has been got. It will thus be seen congestion of the lungs. Mr. Stanfield face. The lower tunnel, if continued, esteemed.

Some good looking galena was brought wheat. A sympathetic rise in flour and up on Saturday night from the Cop- Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company. It bread stuffs will of course speedily fol- per Belle, one of the claims of the Wan- is valued at \$37,000, and it is to be sent ed arrangements for the construction of low, and they expect that the farmers eta and Trail Creek Gold Mining Com- to San Francisco

There came very near being a serious On the Ivanhoe the shaft is down 30 in recognition of several acts of kindalso nearing completion, and the big blaze at the postoffice during the noon feet, and a tunnel of 100 feet has been ness done him by a neighbor, Mr. Presnew boat, the frame of which is in hour on Monday. It seems that Mr. run in ledge all the way. Assays of late ton, he had left everything to the lat-

At the Allan House on Saturday even-The construction of the steamboat for mail bags over the partition into the ing J. Fred Ritchie, civil engineer and office proper, but instead of alighting on a member of the townsite company, was under way and Manager Troup states | the floor it seems a couple of them united in marriage to Miss Jane Adams, R. C. A., held on Wednesday night, an sister of Mrs. M. E. Allan, Rev. Mr. Ladner officiating.

been through the salmon river country, state that so far as the locations and development work so far done go to show, there are fine true fissure veins tral Park and at the drill hall, with the cutting the formation. They are of unusual width and continuance, and high values are found comparatively near the They think it beyond doubt that the Salmon will become a rich mining camp, and that in the near future.

E. N. Bouche has returned from a trip to Salmon river, where he spent four days sampling ore from the Tamarac, Dinner Bucket, Gold Pan and Racatam mineral claims, situated on the main Salmon, near the Wild Horse trail, on? and a half miles from the railway. The this the average of a sample of 75 pounds was \$25 in gold. Three of the assays went \$233, \$74 and \$511 in

Ore shipments this month via Northport have been much smaller than usual, next week. amounting to only about \$13,000 worth from Le Roi. All the other mines are awaiting the advent of the Red Mountain railway, which it is anticipated will naturally lower the freight charges. Additional plant has been ordered for the Trail smelter, and when that is installed its capacity will run up to about 600 tons per day. Mining operations on Le Roi and War Eagle have not been pushed so vigorously lately, with the result that the Columbia and Western railway is reducing somewhat the quantity of ore on hand.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Malcolm McMartin's boat house was broken into on Tuesday night, when goods to the value of about \$80 were stolen. The boat house was moored near the Lulu Island bridge. This is the third robbery that has taken place along the water front in the course of a

Two men, named Koskill and Martinson respectively, whose sentences of imprisonment in the penitentiary have expired, and who have been declared insane, have been removed to the provincial jail, there to await admission into the provincial asylum for the insane.

The committee appointed by the citizens' general celebration committee to investigate the charges in the account presented by the local bicycle club in connection with the recent exhibition meet have handed in their report, which recommends that certain charges should not be allowed, as they should more cor-

nie Gairns, both of this city, were mar-ried by the Rev. Thomas Scouler at the Mr. T. Kitchin has receiv residence of the bride's parents, Liver-

twenty feet and has a streak of three has been staked out. Thos. Vance, who ago, and created quite a flurry of ex- Wallace and Robert Buchanan feet of solid paying ore.

has been working for three years on a citement at the time. The mine is owndriving home from a visit to the Iron

J. F. Sinclair, the mining expert, was claim on "Little Mountain," has a shaft ed by Mr. Kitchin and others, and they Mask mine a runaway accident occur-

ports as having a great showing on top. Westmins er for ten years, and a nathere is no doubt that before long the tive of England, died on Thursday. The South belt will compare favorably with late Mr. Brown kept a general store on the North belt. To-day a good figure Eighth street. He leaves a widow and Van Anda, and that it will increase in seven children

The Board of Trade is again considering the question of growing flax " in Westminster district. A communication has been received from Seattle inform-White Bear, has completed all arrange- ing the board that experiments in ments for the rapid and complete devel- Washington State with flax have resultopment of that rich Red mountain proped in an article equal to the best Belgium fibre. The board are themselves experimenting in flax in Westminster

At a special meeting of the council of the Board of Trade arrangements were made for the reception of the Ottawa ministers on their arrival here. The opinions of the board will be presented to them in reference to various public works in the province. The committee appointed to make the necessary arrangements is composed of the president, vice-president and Mr. pooled stock of the Caledonia Consoli- Henry. The committee will act with the dated company was sold to Toronto par- city council and Liberal Association. ties. It is announced that the com- The ministers will make a personal inpany will be reincorporated for \$1,000,- spection of the river from its mouth to Chilliwack, in company with members of ranch near Silverton for \$50. They sold Track laying with the Red Mountain the committee, who will explain where railway has reached this side of Bar-the badly needed permanent improveney's ranch, and is being pushed for- ments are necessary. The reeves of the ward, so that two weeks or less will see different municipalities and the various it complete to Red Mountain. The only M.P.P.'s will meet the ministers along obstacle is the building of a trestle the river at the different points and as ing industry, and has obtained splendid about opposite the O. K., and a gang of sist the committees. On the arrival of men is at work there. To-day Engin- the ministers an address of welcome will Mr. Frank French, who has been in eer Roberts paid about \$3000 in customs be presented by the mayor on behalf of duties on the working engine, flat cars the corporation, and appointments will and tools to be used on this side of the be made to meet the Board of Trade and other committees. It is thought On the Nest Egg a drift was started the ministers will arrive in Westmin

The marriage of Mr. R. Osborne Plunproperty will now be crown granted. ter of Mr. Harry Abbott, general super-One of the biggest ore bodies in the intendent of the Pacific divison of the Cliff. That property is developed by o'clock Thursday morning at the resi three tunnels, one above the other, on dence of the bride's parents, Very Rev. was a good surface showing, but no Hamilton Abbott, brother of the bride, work was done to discover what lay acted as best man. The happy couple underneath until recently, when three left by the morning train for California, men were put to work to strip the ledge. where the honeymoon will be passed. Their labors have shown the existence Mr. and Mrs. Plunkett will reside on of a body of ore 30 feet wide, stripped Pender street when they return to Van-

Assays | couver, six weeks hence. from the surface of this, no sinking hav- The death of Mr. T. W. Stanfield, late gold and as high as 20 per cent. in cop- ton ranch, occurred on Wednesday from that shipping ore is got from the sur- was a gentleman who was universally

. There is now in the Bank of Montreal a gold brick weighing 2078 ozs. It is the result of the second clean-up of the

a large saw and planing mill, the pre- interested in the Armstrong mill will re- pany. There is about nine inches of | b William H. Watson, who lived just sent mill not having sufficient capacity ceive a very considerable bonus on their galena within ledge matter, which runs dutside the city limits on the cemetery for their increasing business, necessita- wheat as a result of better prices. At- well in copper. P. W. Peterson, who road, died Thursday night of pneumonia. ing the change. The ship yards present a very busy basis, and the directors all felt much about four feet, so that for this depth was a native of England, and had lived of considerable property and money, and ter's children. The funeral will take

place on Saturday. At a meeting of the officers and men of companies Nos. 5 and 6, Fifth Regt. association was formed to be known as the Second Battalion, Fifth Regiment, Mr. J. A. Jones and others who have Rifle and Revolver Association. The object of the association is to encourage rifle and revolver shooting amongst its members, both at the rifle range at Cen-

Morris tube.

NANAIMO. There were four records of mineral locations made at the government office on Thursday, one being on Haslam creek and the other three on Thurlow island. All the locations were made by Vancou-

Mr. A. Dick, inspector of mines, reports that the flooding of No. 3 mine, Wellington, has been progressing rapidly and that it will probably be finished by initial location of the group is the Tam-arac, the others being extensions. On this the average of a sample of 75 the beginning of next week. A large stream of water from the lakes has been pouring into the mine for about a week, so that the fire area by this time should have been nearly covered. Mr. Dick says that it is probable that work in. No. 4 workings will be fully resumed

First snow of the season on Mount Benson Saturday morning. The Silver Spur Mineral claim was recorded at the government office by Mr. John Wilson, of the steamer City of Nanaimo. The claim is situated on Texada

island By the City of Nanaimo a huge samhigh percentage of free gold was Anda vein has been improving greatly in the last few days and another rich lead of free gold has been struck.

While tacking against a stiff southerly wind near the Decourcey islands in a small boat, Jas. McCann and John Silver, two Kuper Island ranchers, on set. By good luck Mark Edgar and Dan near by in a boat and succeeded in rescusing the two men. The boat was recovered, but all their supplies and property were lost.

It has been reported that a doubleended boat, lightly built and painted inside and out of a light blue, contour re- treatment. The cyanide and other prolieved with two dark green stripes; thwarts, bow and stern sheets also painted dark green, has been picked up in the gulf about eight miles east of the Ballinacs. The boat contained two oars, four pairs row locks and two grain

magnificent specimens of gold and silver ery. The chilliwack has a mining boom on its on the banks of Cameron lake, and alore from Copper King claim, situated strike made by Mr. E. Knight, of Fop- road. This is the mine that gave ex- be begun without delay.

across a piece of ground, now called the very good property.

Evening Star No. Two, which he re
Mr. Joseph Brown, a resident of ledge. The ore shows silver in the solid trol, and upsetting the vehicle both gen-—like the Kaslo mines—with gold and slight indications of copper. Experts in a very violent manner. The horse got consider this claim will out-rival the rich away and soon succeeded in wrecking richness as a further depth is obtained.

SLOCAN.

The Ledge. the United States. The Enterprise will ship from 800 to

1,000 tons of ore this winter. The snow has about closed the prospecting season in the Slocan. George Petty has built a rawhide trail to the Victoria on Dayton creek,

and will ship ore this winter. Adam McKay died of heart disease in Three Forks last Friday. He was well known in the Slocan and Kaslo. At the time of his death he was a partner with Ira W. Black in the hotel business at the Forks.

W. R. Thompson and his partner Smith recently bought Sam Sturch's it the other day to J. C. Harris, of Victoria, for \$1,000, and have taken up another one on the Galena Farm. The Republic group of three claims,

situated between Twelve Mile and Springer Creeks, have been bonded to Hector McPherson, of Brandon, Man., for \$25,000, 5 per cent. down. Sutherland and Montgomery are the owners. The Alpine is under way to be bonded Bruce White for \$60,000. There are four claims in the group, all of them gold propositions. The owners are Foss, Heckman, Stege, Clever and Crawford. The work goes steadily on at the Currie Fraction on the Galena Farm. The company who have the Currie group and adjoining claims under bond are doing water as she steams against the rapid most of their work on the Fraction. current of the Fraser. The Charlotte is Shaft and bunkhouses have recently under the command of Captain Odin. been finished. The foundation has been made for an office, which will be built

as soon as lumber can be obtained. A short distance to the west of the present working another shaft has been com- erer awaits the result of the presidential menced which will tap the ledge, probably at a depth of 200 feet. The company intend to turn the water in Gold 1 may pass. Creek their way, which will give them excellent power for concentrating and Baker, C. E. to cut a sleighroad to the other purposes. Many miners in the Slocan complain claim.

about meals and sleeping accommodations provided them by their employers. In many cases the bunkhouses are filthy and cold, while the grub served in the dining room is tough enough to make a female wolf bite her pups. These things should not be, as men rich enough to operate a silver mine should be generous enough to make the lives of their workmen as pleasant as possible.

David Bremner, acting for the Scotch syndicate he represents, has bonded the Wakefield, Ottawa and Cazubaza, for \$25,000, 10 per cent cash. These claims are owned by George Fairbairn, W. Smith, Paul and Charles Anderson, and situated in the vicinity of Reed and Robertson, Eightmen have been put to work and the property will be rapid-

ly developed. The Black Prince No. 2, on Lemon creek, has a ledge two feet in width carrying gold and silver. For several weeks past eight men have been working on the property and they have driving. On the Regina group, Hovelaque, Moir en two tunnels, one fifteen and the other and McKinnon are still steadily at work. forty-three feet in length. This work has improved the appearance of the claim, and operations have been lessened until orders are received from Os- the time of writing the deepest tunnel is

KAMLOOPS.

The Glen Iron Mine Company has an order from the Tacoma smelter for 500 tons of iron ore. Fleetwood Wells has the contract for taking the ore out, and he went down to the mine yesterday with the necessary outfit of men and materials.

On Tuesday evening Hon, N. Clarke

Wallace, whose visit had been expected

for some time, arrived in the city. Mr.

Wallace is Grand Master of the Orangemen of British North America. A depu tation of local Orangemen drove up the line on Tuesday as far as Duck's to meet their chieftain at that point and escort him thence into the city. When the train arrived there was a large number of Orangemen and other citizens congregated at the depot to welcome the distinguished visitor. On the platform he was introduced to many of those present, and afterwards escorted to the Grand Pacific hotel, where apartments had been prepared for him during his stay in the city. On Wednesday Mr. Wallace was driven out to the mines on Coal Hill by W. Thos. Newman, and had a good look at all the properties. He is here on mining business, and is ple of Van Anda ore taken from the bot- said to have been most favorably imtom of the workings and carrying a pressed by what he saw on Wednesday. A formal reception for Mr. Wallace took brought down to be sent to the Imperial place at the Orange hall on Thursday Lystitute, London, England. The Van evening at 8 o'clock, and at that hour the handsome and spacious hall was filled with the Orangemen and their friends. Mr. Wallace was presented with an address, to which he replied in

an eloquent speech. Messrs. F. C. Innes and W. Pellew-Harvey, of Vancouver, and Robt. the way home from Nanaimo, were up- Buchanan, of this city, started out this morning to visit the Homestake mine McConvey, of Gabriola island, were at Adams' lake. They were preceded yesterday afternoon by the three miners and the necessary outfit, who will take out some 90 sacks (about 9,000 pounds) of the Homestake ore, on which it is proposed to make some extensive experiments to discover the best method of

cesses will be tried. During the week James Cobeldick completed the bond on Mr. Guerin's claim on Coal Hill, \$500 being paid down, the balance, \$13,000, to be due at the expiration of twelve months. Mr. sacks. Capt. John Glaholm says that a Cobeldick has also been in negotiation boat answering to that description was to secure several of the adjoining claims, rectly be borne by the club than by the brought over to Vancouver by the namely, the Bluebird, owned by J. M. steemer about a week ago consigned to Morrison; the Golden Tip, owned by G. Mr. Frank P. Giddings and Miss An- a Capt. Morgan, who took it off the slip, Smith, J. Lavery and L. V. Bennett. Mr. T. Kitchin has received some by M. J. McIver, R. Blair and H. Deb-"dicker" has not yet been completed. Mr. Cobeldick says he in tends stripping the ledge in order to find

hands now, and, as the result of a good most contiguous to the Nanaimo-Albern: its bearings. Active development is to On Wednesday while Hon. N. Clarke

the vehicle completely. Beyond a slight bruise or two the gentlemen were unin-

On Tuesday Mr. Victor Guillaume's two large barns and contents were to-The passing of a law to prevent aliens, tally destroyed, a total loss of between from staking mineral claims in British Columbia will likely be passed at the next meeting of the local legislature. tally destroyed, a total loss of between four and five thousand dollars. The ranch has been under lease for some time to Wm. Johnstone, who loses the This is the kind of a law they have in bulk of his season's crop, consisting of a quantity of hay and about 45 tons of grain, (oats, barley and wheat), besides a valuable pair of horses and some implements. Nearly the whole of M: Guillaume's extensive stock of farm implements was destroyed. The only insurance on the whole property consumed was \$1,600 on the buildings, in the Phoenix of Hartford. A considerable quantity of grain has been shovelled out from the smouldering heaps, of course very greatly damaged.

Hon, N. C. Wallace and W. Thos. Newman left last night for a trip through the Southern Kootenay country. Mr. Newman informs us that immediately on his return he will begin work for the development of the Iron Mask claim. He will put up substantial buildings so that a full force of men can be employed all winter.

QUESNELLE. B. C. Mining Journal. The steamer Charlotte made her initial trip to Soda Creek vesterday, leaving the town of Quesnelle at 10 a.m., and reaching her desintination in good time. Her trip has been satisfactory and her machinery is all that could be desired. Her boilers were made in Vancouver. The Charlotte is a perfect. model and moves gracefully through the

and W. McArthur is the enginer, both of Victoria. A fine silver lead has been located on the Cottonwood this week. The discovelection before he makes any further effort to develop the claim, hoping 16 to

A contract has been let by Seymour Hixon creek claim from the Baker

ALBERNI MINES. A Review of Operations on the Differ-

ent Claims. Development work is progressing rapidly on the mines at China creek and at the time of writing over one hundred men are at work in the vicinity of China

The road from the stamp mill to the Alberni claim is now being rapidly pushed ahead, a large number of men being

The tunnel on the Mountain Rose is progressing favorably, but it is expected that considerable time will yet elapse before the ledge is struck, as the rock is very hard, and a large amount of this completed distance has yet to'be driven before the lead is struck at the depth

They have now nearly a dozen different shafts, drives, slopes and prospecting cuts in and on the several claims. At borne Plunkett as to future develop- in 50 feet, and the next 25 to 28 feet

in the rock. The Mayflower, a claim held by the Westwood brothers, is a claim that has been attracting a great deal of attention lately as the rock produced from there has been the best yet shown in the district, being an ore comprised principally of copper and galena and closely resembling the Kootenay's richest discoveries. This claim, like the Regina, is situated on the south side of China creek and on the northern side of Mount Douglas. It lies north and adjoins the Regina group-there also being a great similarity in the quartz and ore duced from each-though in the Mayflower the ore contains galena and the ledge has not the capping that is on the Regina.

The Duke of York company have laid their men off until the fall rains supply the creek with enough rain for them to pipe with. Developments in the handling of the other hydraulic properties are being awaited with interest. A mining expert, Mr. Smith, has been

here recently inspecting a number of

mineral claims for Victoria people.

It is understood that work has ceased for the present on the Sarita mines. The tunnel when left was in a fine body of The latest heard of both the Ace of Spades and the Minerva Cassad is that the leads are both looking well and con-

siderable work has been done. Mr. F. H. Stirling, who is connected with several mining propositions in Alberni and has been in that district for some time past, came down by last evening's stage. Mr. Stirling reports that though there is no news of a startling character from there the district is wide awake and is rapidly going ahead. most of the larger mines the work be ing development work of a kind which does not show for much at present. On the Alberni Consolidated the road is nearing completion and will be finished, unless the present rain interferes, in about two weeks. Work on the Mountain Rose has progressed farther at each report as work is being pushed constantly. The tunnel is still some 30 feet from the vein. On the Alberni Consolidated some men are being again put to work in the tunnel with the drill. The Duke of York hydraulic claim has stopped its monitors on account of lack of water, and the other hydraulic claims are just now inactive for the same rea-The new claim on Mineral Hill, called the Minnesota, in which Mr. G. A. Kirk has an interest, is looking exceedingly well. The surface assays from the edge were excellent and are improving greatly as the vein is opened up. Great things are prophesied of the Minnesota

-Nanaimo Free Press. "Wine." said Chollie, "always goes right to my head." Shows an almost human instinct, doesn't whow?" Aw-how?"
"In looking for a soft place."