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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Thermometer.

Yesterday, the thermometer reached 89 degrees, the highest that has been recorded here for eighteen years.

The Third of the Empresses.

Mr. Allan Cameron received a telegram, yesterday stating that the Canadian Pacific steamer, Empress of China, had arrived at Naples, and left there, yesterday, for Suez.

Sunday's Casualty.

It is reported that Morrison, who was drowned on Sunday last by the boat accident in the Straits, had in his pockets something like $1,500, one of the other men having a very valuable diamond ring.

Mr. Summerfield Resigns.

Water Commissioner Summerfield has tendered his resignation to the Mayor and Council. His reason is the resolution introduced by Ald. Richards and passed by the Council, Wednesday night, which gave control of fire hydrants to the Chief of the Fire Department.

The Hot Spell.

It is has been suggested,—and the suggestion is a good one,—that, in view of the present hot spell, the school holidays be extended for a fortnight. The vacation is altogether too short, and while the warm weather continues, children should not be confined in a close school room.

"Not Twain, but One."

A very interesting ceremony took place on Wednesday night at the residence of Mr. Clarke, Discovery street, uncle of the bride, by which Mr. Donald McMillan and Miss Mary Jane Evans were made happy for life. Miss Millie Pickard and Mr. Neil Campbell acted respectively as bride's maid and best man. The officiating minister was Rev. J. H. Best, pastor of the Olivet Baptist church, New Westminster.

Installation of Officers.

Installation of officers of Court Northern Light, No. 5,935, took place last evening, when the district officers conducted the installation: Bro. W. Nicholas was installed as Chief Ranger, Bro. J. March, S.C.R.; Bro. G. Phillips, Treasurer; Bro. H. L. Salmon, Secretary; Bro. J. J. Mundorf, S.W.; Bro. C. Pike, J.W.; Bro. W. R. Scafe, S.B.; Bro. A. W. Mesher, J.B.

The Fort Simpson Mission.

The contract for the new mission school at Port Simpson has been awarded to Mr. T. H. Matthews, of Fort street, the price being a little over $5,000. The contractor proposes to complete the work as rapidly as possible, and will send up ten men by the steamer Boscowitz this evening. The bulk of the lumber required will be obtained at Hartley Bay, and the sashes and doors from Victoria.

A Bar of Gold.

Mr. W. J. Goepel received a letter from Mr. M. S. Davys, last evening, stating that he had forwarded one gold bar by express, containing 31 ounces of gold. This was extracted from 37 tons of rock in a run of 143 hours. It was the result of the first run of ore on the Whitewater gold claim, on Rover Creek, West Kootenay district. It is also the first gold bar shipped out of Kootenay this year. The mill is a 3½ foot Huntington mill, equal to a five stamp mill.

Southbound Passengers.

Following is the list of cabin passengers, who left on the steamer City of Puebla, for San Francisco: Mrs. E. Goodwin and two daughters, Mrs. E. Bailey, Mrs. Wm. Gilmour, Miss A. Simmons, Miss Doaner, Miss McDonald, Miss Foster, W. S. Clayton and wife, H. Purvis, F. C. Morgan, Mrs. Flair, Robert Mill and wife, H. Urquhart and wife, Chas. A. Keefer, W. H. Olloway, Rev. P. Yorke, D.D., Master Clarence Matthews, C. E. Flagg and wife, and Mrs. Stolz.

The Watts Protest.

Mr. G. M. Callender, secretary of the Burrard Inlet Rowing Club, came over from Vancouver, last evening, to attend the meeting of the protest committee. Mr. Callender says the item in last evening's Times, stating the members who were protesting are coming rather late, as the meeting was called for 3 p.m., does not do him justice. On the 10th July he received a letter from Mr. Lindley, secretary of the committee, notifying him that the meeting would be held on the evening of July 23rd, and he accordingly was on hand at the time specified.

Hon. Mr. Robson in Sarnia.

Hon. John Robson, Premier of British Columbia, paid a flying visit to Sarnia, last Wednesday, arriving on the Pacific Express at 8:50. At the station he was met by a number of old friends, who by chance heard of his coming. He was the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. Jas. Major. On Thursday, accompanied by Mr. Chas. Mackenzie, M.L.A., he went through the St. Clair tunnel. In the evening a reception was held in his honor at Mr. Mackenzie's residence, which was attended by a large number of ladies and gentlemen who considered it a privilege to meet and honor an old resident of Sarnia, who has risen to eminence in another province of the Dominion.—Sarnia Weekly Canadian, July 15th.

Sons of England.

The following is a summary of the semi-annual report of J. Critchley, secretary of Alexandra Lodge, No. 116, Sons of England Benefit Society: "Our membership in good standing—clear on the books—is 71. Owing three months' dues, 16; owing six months' dues and over, 13; and one honorary member, making a total of 101. We have in the bank $300 cash; in treasurer's hand, $90.70; value of regalia and furniture, $193.60; making a total of $584.30; with no liabilities, and the Grand Lodge and surgeon's dues all paid up to date. In our beneficiary department we have six members insured for $1,000 each. In our W. R. degree lodge, we have 27 members, with a cash balance on hand of $16.10, with no liabilities."

W. C. T. U.—Officers Elected.

The W. C. T. U. held a very important and pleasant meeting, yesterday afternoon, in Temperance Hall, a very large number being present. The annual election of officers took place. Mrs. Grant, the president, thanked the ladies for their support and help during the past year, but declined accepting the office of president for another year. Special mention was made of the efficient services of Mrs. R. Weir, the recording secretary, who also felt compelled to ask for a vacation. The following officers were then elected: President, Mrs. Spafford; vice-president, Mrs. Humber; corresponding secretary, Mrs. McCrae; recording secretary, Mrs. (Dr. E.) Hall; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Williams. Nine delegates were elected to attend the annual convention of the W.C.T.U., which will be held in Vancouver, August 4th, 5th, 6th, at which representatives from all parts of the province will be present. Several new members joined the union, and, after some further business, the meeting adjourned.

Will Reside in Victoria.

P. A. Nicolle, of Kobe, Japan, who, with his wife and three children, arrived on the Empress of India, leaves to-morrow, with his family, for London. Mr. Nicolle will return in the fall and make his home here. Since his arrival he has arranged for the erection of a home on some property of his at Oak Bay, which he purchased a year ago. He will engage in business on his return to Victoria.

Jubilee Hospital Contracts.

The Board of Directors of the Royal Jubilee Hospital, at an adjourned meeting, Wednesday evening, awarded the tenders for supplies to that institution. They were as follows:—Groceries, H. Saunders; drugs, Moore & Co.; meat and vegetables, L. Goodacre; milk, Evans & Hobes; bread, S. E. King; cordwood, A. C. Howe.

Miss Campbell, one of the nurses at the hospital, was granted a fortnight's vacation.

Freight by the Empress.

The cargo by the Empress of India from Yokohama, Hong Kong and intermediate ports, totalled 23,389 packages for the following destinations; Vancouver, 2,106; Victoria, 1,759; New Westminster, 517; Nanaimo, 697; Port Townsend, 123; Seattle, 860; Tacoma, 23; Portland, 1,781; Brandon, Man., 4; Carberry, Man., 2; Moose Jaw, N. W. T., 2; Maple Creek, N. W. T., 2; Winnipeg, Man., 300; Montreal, 5,179. Ottawa, 125; Toronto, 1,299; Hamilton, 1,075; London, Ont., 121. St. John, N. B., 10; Chicago, 3,272. New York, 3,359; Boston, 16; Minneapolis, 404; Burlington, Vt., 341.

School Trustees.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:

School District of the City of Victoria, John Jessop, Thomas McConnan and Henry Saunders.

School District of the City of Vancouver, John Milne Browning, Geo. Ingram Wilson and Henry Collins.

School District of the City of New Westminster, John McKenzie, Eustace A. Jenns and Arthur E. Rand.

School District of the City of Nanaimo, Mark Bate, Donald Smith and Alexander Shaw.

Smuggler Larry Kelly Sentenced.

For smuggling opium and assisting in its transportation, Larry Kelly, known as the king of opium smugglers of the Sound, has been sentenced by Judge Hanford, of the United States district court at Tacoma, to pay a fine of $5,000 and two years' imprisonment in the United States penitentiary. Kelly was found guilty on four counts last week, by the district federal court jury. Sentence was postponed pending argument by Kelly's counsel for a new trial, which Judge Hanford denied. Kelly was captured last winter by Inspector Mulkey. He owned a yacht, haunted the islands of the lower Sound, and carried on his smuggling business in a truly piratical style.

Social at Victoria West.

A pleasant and enjoyable raspberry and ice cream social was given in the Victoria West Hall, last night, by the young people of St. Saviour's church, in aid of their organ fund. The room was decorated with flowers and evergreens. There were about a dozen tables, each adorned with choice bouquets and filled with large dishes of raspberries and cake, and plenty of nice cream to be taken with them. Mrs. Carrom was in charge of the refreshment tables, assisted by the young ladies of the congregation.

During the evening there was an enjoyable musical and literary programme rendered. Among those who participated were: Rev. W. D. Barber, Mr. Thorpe, Mrs. Janions, Mrs. Harris and Messrs. Kingham, Woolley and Wallace.

Provincial Museum.

The attendance of visitors at the Provincial Museum continues to be large, the strangers manifesting great interest in the display, one gentleman of some prominence in the United States remarking that it was the finest and most instructive collection of the kind he had ever seen. He strongly advocated that specimens from it be sent to the forthcoming World's Exhibition at Chicago. Among the latest additions to the exhibits is an interesting lump of petrified iron, from Texada Island, formed by the dropping of iron water upon sticks and leaves, and displaying the various formations in the same way as they are elsewhere found in stone and coal. It is remarked that there are no specimens of the raven or of the turkey buzzard in the Museum, the hint being thrown out to those who may shoot them and have no special use for them.

Under the Companies' Act.

The British Columbia Gazette announces the incorporation of the Hixon Creek Hydraulic company, limited, with a capital of $100,000, in $1 shares. The principal place of business will be Quesnellemouth, the objects of the company being hydraulic or other process or processes of mining; to own and construct ditches, flumes or other systems of water-ways; to purchase, own, operate and sell mines, minerals and water and water-ways; to build, own and operate mills, machines, or other processes for the reduction of ores, and to sell the same; and to do and perform all such other acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them. The trustees are Messrs. James Reid, Thomas R. McInnes and James Wilson.

It also announces the incorporation of the Chilliwhack Tramway company, limited, capital $25,000, in $100 shares. Its objects are the constructing, operating and maintaining a street railway or tramway within the limits of the Municipality of Chilliwhack, and the purchasing, holding, selling and leasing of personal and real estate for the purposes of the company, and generally the doing of all such acts as are incidental or conducive to the carrying on the business and attainment of the objects of the company. The trustees are G. R. Ashwell, John Reece, R. Nowell, Isaac Kipp, J. C. Henderson and Thomas Coubeek.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Drake.

H. S. Rowling vs. Richardson, Heathorn *et. al.*, and Rowling vs. Nelson and Clark—adjourned till Monday.

Adams vs. the Electric Tramway and Lighting company—application for defendant to be allowed to plead as well as demur to plaintiff's statement of claims. Granted. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for plaintiff, Mr. Belyea for defendants.

W. H. Baillie-Grohman vs. The Kootenay Valley company, limited.—Aplication for 14 days further in which to deliver statement of case. Application granted, with costs. Walker, Pemberton & Dumbleton for plaintiff, C. E. Pooley for the defendants.

VICTORIA WATER WORKS.

Annual Visit of the Civic Board to the Source of Supply.

Yesterday morning the aldermen, civic officials and invited guests to the number altogether of about thirty, started from the city hall in carriages, on the annual visit of inspection of the water committee to the source of supply at Elk Lake. Mayor Grant was unavoidably detained from accompanying the party, but joined it late in the afternoon. After a short stay at Steven's Hotel, on the way, the filter beds at the end of Bever Lake (swamp) were reached shortly after eleven. The party walked through the sheds and along the line of the main for a short distance. The water in the former did not look at all tempting, and a sample of it was the reverse of pleasant. Owing to the late rains this season, the water is three and a half feet higher at the present than at the same date the preceding year. Carriages were again taken, after a light lunch, and the south side of Elk lake reached. Here was pointed out the pure, excellent and abundant character of the water that will be secured when the 24-inch main is completed to its centre and a dam placed across the entry to Beaver Lake. A few of the members of the party rowed into the lake on one of the civic scows, but this luxury was not indulged in generally. Ald. Robertson and ex-Ald. Wilson endeavored to coax the fish to bite, but did not secure a nibble.

The waters of the pretty lake viewed, the civic party returned to Stevens, and at three o'clock sat down to a delightful repast prepared by the culinary experts, who preside over that well-known place of good cheer. The edibles were washed down with some excellent dry Mumm, and after ample justice had been done to all the good things, the toasts were proposed and replied to. Although both papers were represented, the many practical, historical and witty speeches were not reported. Naturally the principal theme was the water supply, although various civic matters were discussed. Extracted from all the pleasant things that are said after a good dinner, the practical conclusion arrived at by all present, was that the water supply of Victoria was deficient in quality and quantity, and would soon fail to meet the demand on the two present mains—the 12 and 16 inch—owing to the rapid increase in population. The practical manner in which Commissioner Summerfield had carried on his department was favorably referred to, and it was pointed out that while a great deal had been accomplished, it was most necessary that the 24-inch steel main, of which the first pipe was laid yesterday on the Saanich road, a short distance from the fountain, should be carried to a speedy completion. For this work a considerable sum will be required, but it was generally conceded that the ratepayers would willingly grant it. Mayor Grant also referred to the necessity that existed for purchasing the water system and lands of the Esquimalt Water Works Co. With the 24-inch completed and the Esquimalt water works, Victoria would then possess a water system capable of supplying a very large city, and would also own an asset that would be worth millions of dollars in value.

In the absence of Mayor Grant in the early part of the banquet, Ald. Caughlan, chairman of the water committee, occupied the chair.

It was seven o'clock in the evening before the speeches were ended. The last toast on the list being that of the "Host and Hostess," Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens.

Carriages were then again taken and a delightful drive through the picturesque district in the cool of the evening enjoyed.

DESBRISAY HOLDS THE CUP.

Another Meeting of the Protest Committee to Decide the Matter, and it is Settled.

An investigation of the alleged protest of Watts, the Vancouver amateur oarsman, who was defeated by Desbrisay, of Victoria, for the Crane, McGregor & Boggs' trophy, at the last Queen's Birthday regatta, was held by the special committee, last evening. Once before the committee had met and decided the race in Desbrisay's favor on the grounds that no protest had ever been entered by Watts. At the request of friends of the latter, the matter was reopened, and the latter given a hearing.

The committee met at the City Hall at 8 o'clock, and Messrs. L. M. McPhillips and Secretary G. M. Callendar, of the Burrard Inlet Rowing Club were the gentlemen present from Vancouver. All evidence adduced materially agreed that Watts' only sign of a protest was at the stake boat when in starting, and that could scarcely by any stretch of imagination be construed into one. He asked the starter why the turn was to be made around Dead Man's Island, instead of a stake-boat as in the previous year. The start was made, however, with no further objection from him.

The arguments advanced by the Vancouver representatives last night was that they had entered Watts for a mile and a half race, and that such distance was the condition of length for the cup. Watts, they claimed, had won the cup over a mile and a half course last year, and should not be forced to lose it this year by being compelled to pull a mile further. It was shown, however, that the course was virtually the same. Last year the turn was about a stake-boat, which was anchored in a line between Dead Man's Island and the shore, and at this year's regatta it was around the island. The distance could not have been increased beyond a couple of hundred yards.

The committee, of whom Chairman Cornelius Boothe and Mr. James Seely were present, maintained its former decision. Chairman Boothe, in announcing it, said that nothing in the rules of either regatta indicated that the distance was to be one mile and a half, and both races had been over materially the same course. He stated, however, and was joined in his expression by Mr. Seely and Secretary Lindley, that the course ought in future to be regularly laid out and measured.

Captain Cox, the other member of the committee, was not present, but his previous decision on the same evidence was that Desbrisay fairly won the trophy.

NEW METLAKAHTLA.

A Tourist's Visit to Mr. Duncan's Famous Settlement—A Model Municipality Run by Indians.

Mr. W. H. Tupper, of New York, who, with his wife and daughter, has just returned from a trip to Alaska, thus described the village of Metlakahtla to a Seattle newspaper man: "We have spent many summers in Europe, along the Mediterranean, or by the Rhine, or in the pleasant places of Switzerland, and have admired the beauties of the scenery to be found on the continent. Why, back in our New York, we pride ourselves in the sights on the Hudson, and on the isle-dotted lakes, George and Champlain, and the grand scenery of the Adirondacks, but here in this Western country there is a novel and delightful change. Your wonders do not strike our observation merely at times; they occupy positively all our waking moments. We have just returned from Alaska, and the journey was all that one could wish. We were always in sight of splendid scenery, which changed as we went, like the unfolding of a panorama. At Metlakahtla, on Douglas Island, we passed through an Indian city which is a model of town government. Strange to say, although a philanthropic Scotch preacher established this city, and still gives counsel to the inhabitants, he is now the only white man in the city.

"The mayor is a red man; the common council is composed of Indian chiefs; the tribes support themselves by fishing and canning and the lumber business. They have a large sawmill and several manufactories in town, and Indians manage every detail. The town is divided up into blocks, each of which contains four lots, as the Indians all wanted corner lots, and this was the best way to satisfy them. Every lot is a corner lot. There are Indian preachers and teachers in Indian churches and schools, and the police regulations are said to be better than many white municipalities support. The best of order prevails, and it would appear that the founder of this town, who expended a great deal of money to bring thirteen British Columbia tribes together to live in peace by themselves, has taken a step that our nation might well imitate, in assisting the Indians to make themselves perfectly self-supporting."

BIG GUN SHOOT.

Result of the Target Scores Made by the Garrison Artillery.

The gun practice of the B. C. B. G. A., which commenced last Monday, was finished Wednesday afternoon

The honors were taken by No. 4 Battery, which made a total of 55, on Tuesday, it being the second to shoot. The biggest total made by any individual member was 13, made by Gunner Losee, of No. 3 Battery. Gunner Blake of No. 4, and Cullin of No. 2, each scored 11.

The following were the scores each day:

MONDAY—NO. 2 BATTERY.

Name.	*Shots. 1st*	*2nd*	*Total.*
Sgt. Norgate	0	0	0
Gr. Rhodes	5	0	5
Gr. Stannard	5	4	9
Gr. Sutherland	5	3	8
Gr. W. H. Cullin	3	8	11
Corp. Fawcett	4	5	9
Gr. Newbury	5	0	5
Gr. Butler	0	0	0
Total			47

TUESDAY—NO. 4 BATTERY.

Name.	*Shots. 1st*	*2nd*	*Total.*
Gr. Blake	3	8	11
Gr. Grant	4	0	4
Gr. Stratford	0	3	3
Sergt. McIonnan	3	5	8
Sergt. Hibben	4	3	7
Gr. Scaffe	0	8	8
Sergt. Williams	4	5	9
Corp. Francis	0	5	5
Total			55

WEDNESDAY—NO. 3 BATTERY.

Name.	*Shots. 1st*	*2nd*	*Total.*
Sergt. Drysdale	0	0	0
Gr. Losee	5	8	13
Gr. Roper	0	8	8
Gr. Wilson	4	4	8
Gr. H. Fleming	0	4	4
Sergt. Blanchard	6	0	6
Sergt. Williams	5	0	5
Sergt. Newbury	5	4	9
Total			53

LITTLE LOCALS.

The clipper ship Titania sailed from London, on Thursday last, with a general cargo for Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster.

Mr. A. L. Belyea was gazetted a justice of the peace in yesterday's issue of the Government Gazette.

It was rumored, last evening, that Wm. Whyte, the defaulting cashier of the E. & N. railway office, was in town, but diligent enquiry failed to confirm the rumor.

A young man was arrested, last evening, for refusing to pay for a meal at the New York restaurant. He is said to be a stranger in the city.

The government steamer Douglas returned, yesterday, from Carmanah Point, where she conveyed materials for the new lighthouse.

It is announced that the immense air compressor which is being built by the Albion Iron Works will shortly be ready for shipment to Wellington.

Adolph Adolph was, yesterday morning, taken to the city lock-up for acting, at the corner of Fort and Cook streets, in a manner which gave reason to believe that he was insane.

The Shipwrights and Caulkers' association of Victoria have had under their consideration the fact of workmen being sent from England to repair H.M.S. Warspite, but did not decide to take any action in the matter.

One of the men employed on the sewerage works was overcome by foul air in one of the excavations, yesterday. He attempted to enter the excavation after a blast, and before the fumes of the powder had escaped. But for the timely aid of others he might have been smothered.

The hind wheels of John Draut's bread wagon were taken off by one of the tram cars, yesterday. The car, in coming along Government street, startled a horse attached to a dog cart. The animal started to run, but collided with the bread wagon, the horse of which backed on to the track, when the vehicle was struck by the tram.

A Tacoma dispatch says the British tug Pilot has been libelled and released on bonds. The vessel is charged with towing vessels into American ports, the offense having been first brought to the notice of Collector Bradshaw some time ago. Judge Hanford as the time having dismissed the case on the ground that Bradshaw lacked jurisdiction. The Washington authorities will now attempt to make out a case against the Pilot.

The consignees by the steamer Michigan, from Portland, O., whose arrival was noted in yesterday's COLONIST, were the B.C. Lumber and Trading Co., E. B. Marvin, A. J. Rowbotham, and John Wilson.

The Royal Arch Chapter.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 23.—This morning, the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons elected Joseph Horner, of New Orleans, as general high priest.

It was decided to hold the next convocation at Topeka, Kan., in July, 1894. The General Grand Council, R. A. M., will also be held there at the same time. Additional officers were elected as follows: Deputy high priest, W. George L. McCahn, Baltimore; king, R. C. Lemmon, of Toledo, O.; scribe, J. W. Taylor, of Lutherville, Ga.; treasurer, Daniel Striker, of Hastings Mich.; recorder, C. G. Cox, of Buffalo, N. Y.; captain, A. G. Pollard, of Lowel Mass.; principal sojourner, F. E. Dyas, of Paris, Ill.; royal arch captain, William C. Swayne, of Milkaukee.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CORPORATION.

A New and Important Financial Enterprise—Its Objects and Monetary Facilities.

A private cable received yesterday from London, England, announces the incorporation of the British Columbia Corporation, Limited, with a capital stock of £300,000. This company was recently promoted by Mr. Robert Ward when in England, and is composed of gentlemen of influence and capital who are materially interested in British Columbia enterprises, the object being to increase the confidence already felt in enterprises in this Province. Application will be made to have the company's stock listed on the London Stock Exchange and on the financial markets of the world. The shares were placed at £10 each, the first issue being limited to 15,000 shares, payable £1 on application, £1 on allotment, £1 on October 30th, and £1 in January next, it not being intended to call up, for the present, more than £4 per share. The chief object of the company is to advance money on real estate and other desirable securities in British Columbia and Vancouver Island. The directors in London consist of Messrs. Henry J. Gardiner, of the firm of H. J. Gardiner & Co., merchants, chairman; W. N. Diggle, formerly of the firm of Dunsmuir, Diggle & Co., and T. G. Gillespie, a director of the Bank of British Columbia. The British Columbia directors are Messrs. Robert Ward, Thomas Earle, M.P., and Hon. P. O'Reilly. The bankers are Martin's Bank (Limited), London, and the Bank of British Columbia. The legal adviser is Hon. C. E. Pooley; the managers and agents being Messrs. H. J. Gardiner & Co., London, and Robert Ward & Co., Victoria.

The directors believe they will have no difficulty in obtaining good mortgages on suitable security at rates varying from six to eight per cent. It is intended to develop the company's business by borrowing at lower rates in the United Kingdom upon the securities thus obtained, and to increase the profits by the re-investment of the money at the higher rates prevailing in the colonies. The company will borrow either by specific charges upon their investments or by making issues of debentures, as may be found most convenient. The services of the company will be available to any person desiring to purchase property in British Columbia, either with a view to occupation, permanent investment or re-sale. The control of the company will be vested in the London board, who will delegate all necessary powers to the local board in British Columbia, and Messrs. Robert Ward & Co. will act as agents there, while the business in England will be managed by Messrs. H. J. Gardiner & Co.

UPPER KOOTENAY.

Opening of the New Branch of the Canadian Pacific.

(Seattle Post-Intelligencer.)

D. E. Brown, assistant freight and passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific railway, has just returned to Vancouver from a week's visit to the Upper Kootenay country. The party he was with was made up of Superintendent Marpole, of the Canadian Pacific railroad at Donald, under whose direct control the new Columbia and Kootenay road will be operated; Lacey R. Johnston, master mechanic of the Canadian Pacific railroad, and Mr. Brown himself. The ostensible object of the trip was to inspect the new line with a view of getting such information as will be necessary in doing the business of the road. When asked about his trip to the interior Mr. Brown expressed himself as being delighted with it, and told the Post-Intelligencer correspondent that not only was he pleased with the business outlook, but he was also very happily surprised.

"There was such a feeling of hostility to the Canadian Pacific Railroad reported up there," he said, "that I was almost afraid to show myself, but, as I found out afterwards, this anti-Canadian Pacific Railroad feeling existed only among a few chronic kickers. The examination we made of the road-bed and railway conveniences fully satisfied us," he continued, "We found everything in most acceptable shape, and all along the line depots are either completed or nearing completion, so that the public convenience will be suited very well. Our train schedule will very shortly be issued. After making the fullest enquiries there—and I went into the matter pretty thoroughly—I find that not not less than seven-eighths of the supplies used in that upper country are bought right in Canada, although the impression seems to prevail here that they mostly come from the States. As a matter of fact, it is as I say, and Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Victoria and Vancouver wholesale houses are doing the great bulk of the business. The country up there is booming, and there is the greatest activity in mining matters they have ever had. Just as we got into Nelson we met the parties who are negotiating for the purchase of the Hall mine. They told us they expect to have the transfer completed some time within the next week or ten days. They are paying $2,006,000 cash for their purchase, and propose to go ahead with the development on a liberal basis.

"Another feature that is perhaps worth noticing, is that in future large shipments of ore will be made to the smelters at Great Falls, Mont. This has in the past been going to Spokane to be smelted, but as we had been able to make a favorable freight rate to Great Falls, the destination will be changed."

IDENTIFICATION OF MORE ANCIENT CITIES OF THE PHARAOHS.

Dr. Naville, the discoverer of Bubastis and of the Treasure City of Pithom, has just given to the world the results of his work in identifying other cities and districts in Egypt, more especially some connected with the Exodus of the Israelites; and at the end of the month of June he presented these results before one of the largest meetings ever held by the Victoria (Philosophical) institute, of Adelphi Terrace, London, the great hall in which the meeting was held being so crowded that many had to be accommodated in the vestibule. The chair was taken on the occasion by the President, Sir Gabriel Stokes, Bart., past President of the Royal Society, and the present occupant of Sir Isaac Newton's Professorial chair at Cambridge University. The business of the evening was commenced by Captain F. Petrie, the honorary secretary, reading the report, which showed that the Institute's members and Associates in England, India Australia, China, and other parts of the world had now risen to 1,400; a number which was being added to by the almost daily applications to join. The value of the transactions was shown by the increasing number of languages into which foreign members translated them, especially those scientific papers showing the error of those who argued that Science in any way contradicted the Bible. Sir Joseph Fayrer, K.C.S.I., F.R.S., moved, and Dr. Moule, who had just arrived from China, seconded the first resolution, after which Dr. Naville's address was given. He illustrated his remarks by referring to an elaborate map of his surveys. He said he had found that Succoth was not a city as some supposed, but a district; from a remarkably valuable inscription discovered at Pithom, there was no longer any doubt that it was the Greek Heroopolis, from whence, as Strabo, Pliny, Agathemeros, and Artemidorus described, merchant ships sailed to the Arabian Gulf. This fact coincided with the results of modern surveys, which showed that there had been a gradual rising of the land, and that the Red Sea once extended up to the walls of Pithom; this must have been the case about 3,000 years ago, and Sir William Dawson and the French engineer Linant held that it went even further north. The next place noted by M. Naville, was Baal Zephon, and, in identifying this, he had been aided through some recently discovered papyri, which proved that it was not a village or city, but an ancient shrine of Baal and a noted place of pilgrimage. Other places were Migdol and Pi Hahiroth, and here again a papyrus had helped him, it seemed probable that the Serapeum was the Egyptian Maktal or Migdol, and it was greatly to be regretted that a bilingual tablet discovered there a few years ago had been destroyed before being deciphered. The bearing of his identifications was of no small interest to the students of history, both sacred and other. Sir John Coode, K.C.S.I., who had surveyed the canal for the British Government, moved a vote of thanks to M. Naville, and the other authors of papers read during the year, namely, Sir W. Dawson, F.R.S., Professor Hull, F.R.S., Lord Grimthorpe, Mr. T. Pinches, and Mr. Boscawen, the Assyriologists, Surgeon-General Gordon, C. B., of Indian fame; and others. A vote of thanks to the president concluded the proceedings. A conversazione was then held in the museum.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Henry Clews & Co.'s New York Circular for the Week Ending July 18th.

The Stock Exchange moves along sluggishly, with daily sales of about 100,000 shares one day favoring the "bulls" and next the "bears," but with no fixed tendency either way. The predominant conviction is that stocks are intrinsically worth the prices at which they are now held. Wall street has followed with some interest the extraordinary court interchanges that have just closed in Great Britain. Europe is now in a state of armed peace. The leading nations have divided themselves into two hostile camps equipped for conflict and waiting only one of the greatest struggles of modern times.

That Emperor William should become the guest of Great Britain is no mere exchange of family courtesies, no mere excursion for the gratification of the ambitions of a young and adventurous emperor. The visit must be regarded as a virtual declaration of at least England's sympathy with the Driebund, and as implying that she has interests which run parallel with those of the triple alliance. Europe will henceforth regard the Driebund as virtually backed, at least under certain contingencies, by the moral and physical force of Great Britain. This places Russia and France at such an overwhelming disadvantage as to virtually bind them over to keep the peace, on penalty of utter discomfiture. It is not impossible that a combination so overwhelmingly powerful may make it possible to bring about a reduction of the costly armaments that are now destructively draining Europe of its resources.

Public opinion is likely to conclude that new guarantees for an enduring peace have been won; and that assumption will remove the most powerful obstacle that now exists to confidence in financial affairs, and it is permissible to hope that the events of the last few days may infuse into European finance a new confidence, and check the discouragements which the disasters of last fall have spread over every branch of enterprise in every transatlantic centre of finance and commerce. All that is needed to give full effect to the benefits of the abundant harvest, is a restoration of confidence abroad, which would mean better foreign markets and better prices for grain, as well as for other exportable products. The home influences affecting the stock market show no material changes. No variations in the wheat crop have arisen to modify the original estimates of output. The railroads maintain their late rate of earnings. Money continues to flow hither from the interior, though in lighter volume; and the banks keep up their reserves at about double the surplus of the last two years; while the exports of gold seem to have virtually ceased.

LOSS OF THE KHERSONESE.

Her Cargo Took Fire at Sea—Marine Risks Go Up.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—News was received here this morning that the German ship Khersonese, which was reported a few days ago as having put into Montevideo in a disabled condition, was afire in the harbor. She was bound from Dundee to San Francisco loaded with general merchandise. The cargo took fire on the way, and she made a run for Montevideo.

A dispatch from London states that at last accounts the vessel was still burning and that she would probably be a total loss.

There are a number of other vessels bound from Europe for San Francisco about the safety of which considerable anxiety is felt on change and in insurance circles. Notably among these are the British ship City of Florence and the Norwegian steel ship Briedabilk. The latter is out 152 days from Glasgow. The British ship is out 174 from Antwerp. There is no insurance on the ship and the cargo is being reinsured in London on an advance of 10 guineas. In San Francisco the advance is from 20 to 25 per cent.

MASONIC.

Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

At the recent quarterly meeting the following grand officers were appointed:—

The Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, 1st Grand Principal.

Col. Sir. A. C. Campbell, Bart., of Blythswood, Past First Grand Principal.

William Officer, Deputy Grand Principal.

James Crichton, 2nd Grand Principal.

James Dalrymple Duncan, 3rd Grand Principal.

Robert S. Brown, Grand Scribe E.

Chas. Baxter, Grand Scribe N.

George Dickson, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Grand Treasurer.

Jas. Melville, Grand Recorder.

Major F. W. Allan, Grand Chanceller.

Col. P. Stirling, 1st Grand Sonjourner.

Edw. Macbean, 2nd Grand Sonjourner.

J. McNaught Campbell, 3rd Grand Sonjourner.

Allan MacKenzie, Grand Standard Bearer.

John Taylor, Grand Janitor.

James H. Bailey and wife, and Miss Vosburgh, of New York, are visiting Victoria and stopping at the Driard.

BAD ECZEMA ON BABY

Head one Solid Sore. Itching Awful. Had to Tie His Hands to Cradle. Cured by Cuticura.

Our little boy broke out on his head with a bad form of eczema, when he was four months old. We tried three doctors, but they did not help him. We then used your three CUTICURA REMEDIES, and after using them eleven weeks exactly according to directions, he began to steadily improve, and after the use of them for seven months his head was entirely well. When we began using it his head was a solid sore from the crown to his eyebrows. It was also all over his ears, most of his face and small places on different parts of his body. There were sixteen weeks that we had to keep his hands tied to the cradle and hold them when he was taken up; and had to keep mittens tied on his hands to keep his finger n