

A REAL OPPORTUNITY.

The government of Ontario is going to ascertain the value of the water power of the province. The motive for its action is to be found in the great potential value of water courses as a means of generating power.

SECRET WORKERS.

Ald. Fell argues that the Victoria city council is not the only legislative body in the world that conducts its business behind closed doors.

LOOKING FORWARD.

In the case of Victoria it has already been demonstrated by practical results that the idea of the creation of a Tourist Association was a happy inspiration.

CONDITIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Boers of South Africa have not yet become reconciled to the British voter. It was the dread of the consequence of extending the franchise to the Uitlanders that caused the late Oom Paul and his fellow-executives to declare war.

felt in England that such a life work worthy of something more substantial than public admiration, while anything in the nature of a personal reward to Dr. Barnado is entirely out of the question.

A GIGANTIC FAILURE.

The great Atlantic steamship merger effected through the alleged financial genius of one J. P. Morgan, and which nearly drove many British public men into hysterics and newspapers into a panic, has issued its annual statement.

We have before us a copy of the Desbarats Newspaper Directory for 1905. This work should prove of great value to business houses, as it contains the fullest possible information respecting the newspapers and publications of all the provinces of the Dominion.

Europe is watching the movements of His Majesty Emperor William with a jealous, possibly apprehensive eye. The Kaiser is the ruler of the hour. He never permits interest in world affairs to subside.

ALL ACCOUNTED FOR.

Total Deaths From Gunboat Explosion Was 68—Investigating Causes of Accident.

San Diego, Cal., July 24.—All the men connected with the United States gunboat Bennington at the time of the fatal boiler explosion in San Diego harbor were accounted for to-day.

Washington, July 24.—Secretary of the United States Navy Bonaparte, in a statement made upon his arrival at the navy department to-day, said the public may rest assured that the Bennington disaster will be thoroughly investigated,

and that whatever action the results of the investigation may show to be proper will be taken by the department promptly and effectually.

Unsafe Boilers.

Honolulu, July 24.—G. A. Whitlock is under arrest on a charge of having deserted from the United States gunboat Bennington.

TO FIGHT VANCOUVER ISLAND OAK LOOPER

The Methods Recommended by the Department of Agriculture in Destroying the Pest.

During the past few seasons a pest which preys upon the oak leaves has committed fearful depredations in this vicinity.

Major McBride, having fought the British on behalf of the Boers, is now fighting his wife in the courts.

On account of the prevalence of this pest in the vicinity of Victoria and the many enquiries that are received at the department of agriculture concerning it, a short history of the life history and habits of the insect is here given.

The caterpillar which does the injury to the leaves of the oak is called 'Eliopia Sommaria.' It is from 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 inches across the wings, and the body is about 3/4 of an inch in length.

The caterpillars hatch out in the spring, and attain their growth about August, when they pupate and the moth hatches out a little later.

The description of the caterpillar is given by Dr. Fletcher as follows: Slender caterpillars of a pale brown color, mottled with black; when full grown about 1 1/2 inches in length.

It is clear from the habits of these caterpillars in attacking large oak trees, that they cannot be poisoned as long as they continue to feed on the leaves of the trees.

Several persons who reside in the vicinity where the body was found say they heard a shot about 11.30, which is supposed to have been fired by the unknown.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

GRAND FORKS.

Fire broke out early on Tuesday in J. H. Hodson's general store, in the west end of town, completely consuming his buildings, as well as Hay & McCallum's real estate office and Thatcher's building.

TRAIL.

The Trail smelter received during the last week 3,540 tons of gold-copper ore from the Rossland camp and 300 tons of the same class of ore from Larson, Idaho.

GOLDEN.

C. H. Pollen, president of the Kootenay Central railway, in an interview with a representative of the Cranbrook Prospector, said: "Construction has commenced at Golden on the Kootenay Central railway."

MOYIE.

If all goes well the new 30 drill air compressor plant at the St. Eugene mine will be in operation by the latter part of this month.

There are now 300 men working in and about the mine and the monthly payroll averages about \$30,000.

This foreign contract expired June 1st, since which time the output of the mine has been divided between the Trail and Nelson smelters.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday night, between 11.30 and 12 o'clock, a young man, about 28 years old, killed himself with a cheap 32-calibre revolver at the intersection of Thirteenth and Front streets.

CARIBOO.

The directors of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company have given an opinion on the property owned by Mr. John Hays Hammond, who is believed to represent the Messrs. Guggenheim and other New York investors, and Mr. Hoffman.

It is evident, however, that the root of the evil cannot be reached by attacking the larvae, and that the best means is of opinion destroying the moths by the most reasonable method of dealing with it.

PHOENIX.

Boundary ore shipments now run over half the million ton mark for 1905, the following being the output for last week: Grandby mines, 11,942 tons; Mother Lode, 2,912 tons; Emma, 297 tons; E. P. U., 50 tons.

consulting engineer, arrived with T. W. Drummond, who will have immediate charge of operations. Mr. Johnson, who made the exhaustive report on the project last winter, has not disclosed his plans, but stated would be accompanied by H. T. Pemberton, manager of the Montreal & Boston Consolidated.

It is known that the mine will be opened at once with the company's two furnace smelter at Boundary Falls. The plan calls for enlarging the output of the smelters, increasing the blast furnace capacity of the smelter, and the addition of converters.

VERNON.

A. W. McVittie, P. L. S., who has just returned from a visit to the Okanagan, reports the discovery there of a seam of bituminous coal 52 inches in thickness.

The discovery was made seven miles from the shore of Okanagan lake, on the west side, and about nine miles from Okanagan landing. It is in such a position that Mr. McVittie declares that it can be mined economically, and that the coal is of a high grade.

The bituminous coal seam is about five feet thick, but with little or no residuum. The place of discovery shows but little of the formation, it appearing clean cut between a tremendous thickness of basaltic rocks and on the other side by a recent granite formation.

Dr. Dawson, the eminent Canadian geologist, said in his map of this country that the formation was known to contain seams of bituminous coal of considerable thickness had been discovered by the same commercial value.

MOTOR BOAT RACE.

Boston Vessel Wins in a Trying Test Along Atlantic Coast.

Marblehead, Mass., July 24.—After a daring run along 288 miles of the New England coast under unusually tempestuous conditions or mid-summer, the 28-foot motor launch Talisman, owned by Wm. Saville, of Boston, and built in that city, won to-day the Knickerbocker Yacht Club's distance power boat race from New York to this port.

Battled by heavy seas for nearly 24 hours, with her seams started and her wet and hungry crew pumping vigorously, the Talisman, the smallest of the fleet of twelve which started at noon Saturday, struggled into this harbor, crossing the finishing line at 9.24.50, the winner of the \$25,000 cup.

Late to-day another Boston boat, the Blink, owned by C. W. Easterbrook, and the largest boat of the fleet, came into the harbor, finishing at 9.27.10.

FIGHTING YELLOW FEVER.

Steps Taken to Check Its Ravages in Southern United States.

Washington, July 24.—Surgeon-General Wyman of the public and marine hospital service, who has been absent from the city on official business, is now on his way to Washington, and upon his arrival will give personal attention to the yellow fever situation in New Orleans.

Acting Surgeon-General Glennan of the public health and marine hospital service to-day was informed by Surgeon Winthrop Reynolds, who has been absent from the city on official business, that there had been a death from yellow fever in that district in which the previous deaths had occurred.

Dr. White also notified Dr. Glennan that detention camps will be established at Kenner, Avondale, Waveland and Slidell, also small places on the railroad near New Orleans.

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