

General News Of The Province

Statistical Information Showing Mining Progress in Rossland District.

Good News for Settlers on Dominion Lands in British Columbia.

(From Saturday's Daily.) A glance over the books of the local government office for the year 1904 gives the following statistical information: Forty-nine mineral claims and six placer claims were recorded. Seventy-five certificates of work on mineral claims were recorded. There were two instances where claim owners elected to pay the \$100 fee rather than do the hundred claims' work of work. There were recorded 17 bills of sale, 1 agreement of sale, 2 notices, 1 Supreme Court order, 1 power of attorney, 2 water grants and 1 leave of absence (placer). There were issued three hundred and sixty free miners' certificates, three special certificates and nine company certificates.—Rossland Miner.

GOOD NEWS FOR SETTLERS.

Henry T. Edmondson, secretary of the Electric Association of British Columbia, writes The Edmondson as follows: "Knowing the information will interest many of your readers located on Dominion lands in British Columbia, the executive of the Electric Association, I have the pleasure to inform you that we are in receipt of a communication from the secretary of the department of the Interior which indicates that action may be taken at the coming session of parliament to grant the return monies paid to the government by settlers on Dominion lands in this province. Although at one time we were informed that no return could be made, the Electric Association, believing firmly in the justice of the cause advocated, have every possibility of success. The return monies are placed on the same basis. We have felt the discrimination against us. We have, many of them under the most adverse circumstances, had to comply with government requirements. (to their own detriment and loss) and we are confident that relief would be granted when the justice was observed. This view of the matter is shared by all the settlers so far apparent of our efforts."—The Edmondson.

DOMINION EXHIBITION.

Interest in the Dominion exhibition and the prospects of New Westminster securing the grant for the same is not centered in the white population of the district alone.

Early in the week His Worship Mayor Keary was visited on a deputation of Indian chiefs, representing the tribes from Yale down, who congregated to make certain propositions to His Worship with regard to the fair, providing New Westminster secures the grant. Those who composed the deputation were Chief Joe of Capilano, Chief of the Squamish, Chief Seymour Creek, Chief George of North Arm, Port Moody, and Chief Johnny of Sechart.

The Indians are willing to do their share towards making the exhibition a success. It is held in the city, and it is proposed that one of the attractions be a grand "Indian tattoo," by the massed bands of all the Indian regiments in this part of the province. They will be willing to come together as soon as the matter is settled. The fair, and suggest that an instructor be employed to drill the massed bands of the whole.

Indian canoe races and a lacrosse match between the different tribes was also included by the deputation. The fair would not come from the government or elsewhere to cover some of the expenses.

A CHILLWACK WEDDING.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Knight, at the residence of Mrs. Knight, was the scene of a very interesting event on Wednesday, 28th December, 1904, it being the occasion of the wedding of the daughter, Margaret Dixon, to James Edward Bird of Campbell Creek. Beneath an arch tastefully decorated with flowers, the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Letta. The bride, who was assisted through the trying ordeal by her sister, Mrs. Bird, was attired in a neat traveling suit of navy blue basket cloth with white trimmings, and carried a handsome bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The groom was supported by Mr. Boris E. Knight, cousin of the bride, who was accompanied by about twenty guests, and at 3 o'clock the happy couple started on the journey to their new home at Campbell Creek, amid a shower of rice and good wishes. The number of useful presents testify to the pleasure which the bride and groom had had the pleasure of her acquaintance.—Chillwack Progress.

KOOTENAY'S PROGRESS.

The collections at the local customs house show an increase for the past month over December, 1904, of 15,074.75. As also is the case when the collections for the last six months of this year are compared with the last six months of 1904. This is a very tangible evidence of the very natural growth of the prosperity of Kootenay. The official figures made up to 1 o'clock today, when the customs closed for the year, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Month, Amount. Includes July, August, September, October, November, December for 1904 and 1905.

OKANAGAN'S DESIRE.

The following telegram was sent to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., yesterday, by the Okanagan Board of Trade:

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, President C. P. R., Montreal: We are unable to handle freight and passenger traffic. Settlers debarred from coming to Okanagan, business materially injured and great inconvenience to public owing to tri-weekly and irregular service. Must have immediate relief. Reply.

FIRING ALMOST CEASED.

General Kuroki's headquarters in the field, Jan. 2, via Fusan.—The fighting against the Japanese trenches has almost ceased during the past two days. Whether this is due to the news from Port Arthur is not known.

RESULTS FROM COMMON SOAPS:

eczema, coarse hands, ragged clothes, shrunken flannels.

Advertisement for 'SUNLIGHT SOAP' with text: 'SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES LAUNDRY EXPENSE' and 'Ask for the Sunlight Brand'.



ASSEMBLY HALL IN EDINBURGH WHICH HAS BEEN TAKEN BY FREE CHURCH.

It is difficult for those unfamiliar with Scottish ecclesiastical affairs to realize how completely the people of Scotland are absorbed in the church crisis. Every other question, fiscal reform not excepted, has been overshadowed and will remain so until parliament intervenes, as everyone is agreed it must, and effects a settlement. The Established Church of Scotland, though not directly affected by the case, is keenly interested in it, for it is a Presbyterian body, like the United Free and Free Churches, and the question of the relaxation of the Confession of Faith, which partly led to the rupture among the Free, is being agitated in the State Church also. This is not done in order to convert one sect to the other, but to state the exact position of matters. The House of Lords has produced a state of chaos in the affairs of the largest church in Scotland, the United Free Church, and Scotland is wondering what new worlds will be evolved out of this disorder. The Free Church was formed in 1843

Mutterings of Deep Discontent

by the withdrawal of a great body of ministers and members from the Established Church. They did not renounce the idea of a state church, but held that it must be a national church, independent of the civil magistrate.

Grief of Russians Mingled With Bitterness Against the Government.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 6.—The fall of Port Arthur has taken all the heart out of the approaching festivities of the Russian Christmas. It is even proposed to dispense with the illuminations and decorations which are always features of the holiday. The churches are filled with mourning friends and relatives of the fallen heroes of the fortress. A national service in the Kazan cathedral, at which the Emperor and imperial family will be present, is being arranged for tomorrow. The Zemstvo and town council of many cities, including St. Petersburg, are expressing as testimony of their grief as a result of the public calamity, and subscriptions have already been started to erect a monument to the fallen heroes.

OPTION EXPIRES ON THE VAN ANDA

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 6.—Mining news from Van Anda, B. C., is rather interesting. The Van Anda property of London after working on the property for over a year has decided not to take up their bond. The property originally belonged to Harry Grant of New York. The purchase price for the group was \$750,000, to be paid out of the profit of the mine after the deduction of all expenses. The Van Anda property is in the possession of Mr. E. Burns, of Burns & Daly, barristers.

U. S. Senate Will Be Asked to Look Into Bostonian's Allegations.

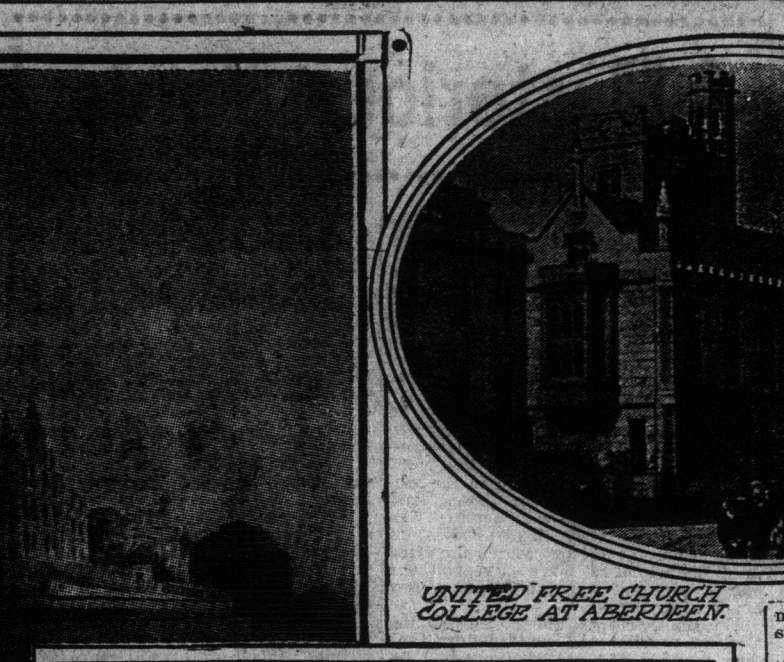
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FIRE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Berlin, N. H., Jan. 4.—Fire that broke out late tonight has practically destroyed the Clement opera house block, the H. Cannon block, the Klondike hotel and C. H. Brook's drug store. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. Several persons jumped from the upper floor of the opera house block, occupied by lodgers, and were injured. One man is said to have been killed. Telephone and electric light wires are down and the city is in darkness. At midnight the fire was thought to be under control.

FAIRLY GOOD AGE.

London, Jan. 1.—Healthy, active, and in possession of all her faculties, there is living less than a dozen miles from the New River a woman said to be 107 years old. Her name is Henrietta Johnson. She resides in a lowly neighborhood at Kingston-on-Thames. She has been enjoying a pension since the fifties in the last century.



UNITED FREE CHURCH COLLEGE AT ABERDEEN.

At the time of the union. Of these, 1,078 joined the union and 26 stood out. There are three divinity schools, one of the professors in them joined the union. The church has more than 100 missions abroad. Every single one of the missionaries went with the union. The House of Lords has now decided that the whole of this organization—the church buildings, the colleges, the missions and the invested funds, amounting to over \$5,000,000—belongs to the majority, but to the twenty-six congregations who stood out.

A CONTEST FOR THE MAYORALTY

Requisition Circulating Asks Mr. Watson Clarke to Oppose Mayor Barnard.

An interesting phase in the heretofore apathetic municipal election campaign developed yesterday when it became known that a requisition was in circulation looking to arranging for the candidature of Watson Clarke for the office of mayor. Just what Mr. Clarke's attitude is towards the requisition is not known, but it is believed that he would not serve to give a fillip of interest to what would prove an otherwise most prosaic mayoralty contest.

LOCK-JAW AND DEATH FOLLOW A FALL

Sudden Demise of Rev. C. Duff, Father of Justice Duff at His Toronto Home.

A telegram from Toronto yesterday evening brought to his many western friends the sad intelligence that death, calling suddenly, had removed from the scene of his manifold and useful activities the Rev. Charles Duff, pastor of the Parkdale Congregational church, editor of "The Congregationalist," one of the foremost ministers of the denomination in the Dominion of Canada.

LAWSON'S CHARGES TO BE INVESTIGATED

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THE RUSSIAN LOAN.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—It is reported that the Russian loan of \$50,000,000 which the German government has refused to accept, is now being offered by the syndicate of underwriters receive 2.5 per cent. The prospectus of the new Russian loan of \$50,000,000 will be issued tomorrow or Friday. Subscription lists will be opened in Germany and Holland on January 12. The price of the issue in Germany will be 95. The bankers syndicate has paid into the Russian treasury 90 1/2. These terms are considered here to be very unfavorable to Russia inasmuch as the holders can demand redemption at par after six years, which is equivalent to a rate of 6 1/2 per cent. interest.

LOAN COMPANY SUNDRIES.

New York, Jan. 3.—The banking house of the United States Loan and Saving Association in West Brighton, Staten Island, was closed this afternoon by bank examiners. The association did a bond mortgage and building loan business and rumors that the bank was in trouble had started a run upon it. The association was incorporated in 1890. Jas. T. Rourke is its secretary.

WAITING FOR ROJESTVENSKY.

Amsterdam, Jan. 3.—A telegram from Batavia says two Japanese cruisers are coasting off Java toward a flotilla of Japanese torpedo boat destroyers are north of Borneo. A Dutch naval cutter is cruising on the western coast of the archipelago.

NO BENEFIT.

Montreal Gazette.—English papers are now discussing the setback to trade caused by the heavy South African war. It is pointed out that the war was on there were people who spoke of its stimulating effect on business. They were the short-sighted ones. Business is never long benefited by waste, and war output is mostly waste.

THE VICTORIA BOARD OF TRADE HAS FOLLOWED THE NEW YORK BOARD IN A FODDING RESOLUTION.

The Victoria Board of Trade has followed the New York board in a flogging resolution. The board has passed a resolution that the Victoria Board of Trade has followed the New York board in a flogging resolution.

First Meeting In Civic Campaign

Municipal Election Ball Started Rolling at Spring Ridge Last Night.

The Various Candidates Explain Views on Projects Affecting City.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The civic campaign for aldermanic and school board honors was held yesterday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall, Fernwood road, a considerable number of citizens and residents of the district—being moved by public-spiritedness or vagrant curiosity to attend, and ex-Ald. Edward Bragg presiding—a tactful and acceptable chairman—the ward candidates for the council—Mr. Fullerton, Dr. Lewis Hall, Mr. W. J. Hanna and Ald. Beckwith—were accorded respectful attention during the greater part of two hours, in which the three aspirants for board honors fully detailed their views as to the various desirable features of practical civic policy for the Victoria of today, special attention being paid to the question of waterworks, improvement of electric lighting, and the criticism which followed on his remarks. It would appear from the discussion last evening that waterworks expenditure will be the chief issue in the campaign, which now has but few days to run. Further district campaign meetings are to be held in the North Ward school on Monday evening, and a Semple's hall, Victoria Ward, on Tuesday evening.

It was Ald. Beckwith's part to defend the record of the board of which he has been a member, and this he apparently succeeded in doing to the satisfaction of the audience. He carefully reviewed the work of the council, justifying its course with reasons for each significant action taken, and particularly dealing with the question of improved water service. With respect to the cost of concrete sidewalks to the property owners of Victoria, the alderman pointed out of similar walks in the neighborhood of Vancouver and Seattle. Ald. Beckwith explained how the contention of Mr. Sorby and the attention of the City Association, based upon figures of cost, was highly misleading—the items of draining, blasting and filling (the real burden) had not been taken into account. The walk in the cities brought forward for purposes of comparison, while here the features of the work are charged. The real cost, the alderman pointed out, with the support of figures attested correct by the city engineer, was lower by considerable in Victoria than in the other cities referred to.

Days Doing At The Capital

Commission Appointed to Deal With All International Waterways.

Interesting Disclosures Expected as Outcome of a Liberal Suit.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Messrs. J. Coste, J. B. Mayboe, K. O. and W. F. King, C. E., have been appointed a commission to deal with all questions affecting waterways contiguous in both Canada and the United States.

Admiral Dewey Proposes to Form Reserve List of Officers.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The creation of a reserve list of the navy to which commanders and captains who have passed a given age shall be transferred, a chief recommendation contained in a long letter which Admiral Dewey, president of the board, has received from the secretary of the United States navy department because of their anxiety over the "second condition of the commission personnel of the active list, the danger of postponing action to improve its efficiency."

QUEBER CUSTOMS.

In certain districts in England a mixture of butter, sugar, spices, and rum, called "rum butter," is made when the rum is not of the best quality. The rum is placed in a bowl for the child, and the mixture is stirred in. The child is then given the mixture, and the rum is absorbed. The mixture is then given to the child, and the rum is absorbed.

NAN PATTERSON'S BAIL.

New York, Jan. 4.—Nan Patterson was taken into the Supreme court early today in an effort by her counsel to secure her release on bail. District Attorney Jerome has refused to accept any offer for bail, although two offers of \$50,000 each had been made in her behalf. Miss Patterson was taken before Justice Greenbaum on a writ of habeas corpus. The writ directed that the district attorney should appear to show cause why bail should not be granted. After hearing arguments, Justice Greenbaum reserved his decision until noon tomorrow, instructed his counsel to submit briefs in the meantime.

NEW YEAR RECEPTIONS.

Tokyo, Jan. 1.—The Emperor and Empress held a brilliant New Year ceremony at the palace today. Copenhagen, Jan. 1.—King Christian gave the usual New Year reception to the diplomatic corps.