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THE MIOCENE MINE.

Extracts from a letter received at this office from Senator Campbell, in which he very kindly describes the present condition of the Miocene mine The letter is written from Harper's Camp, Horsefly, under date of Aug. 24. After stating that the JOURNAL's description of the conditions at the mine were about as described in the JOURNAL two week ago he writes:

"I was very well pleased with the prospect we got in our first upraise from the 550 foot level, but was satisfied that we were not in the main channel this proved later to be the case. After extending the main tunnel 100 feet from the first upraise and where we got our first prosect, we made a second upraise, in this we broke through all of a sudden into a tremendous, fine body of gravel, the water and gravel came with such a rush that the men were driven out and couldn't get into the upraise again. It had to be bulkheaded to prevent the tunnel filling, only a very little of the gravel could be secured from this. It showed well in gold. We then started a drive from floor of main tunnel with the intention of striking the gravel at another point but when in about 25 feet, and still in bedrock, the upraise broke in afresh and flooded us so we were compelled to pull out.

We were not surprised at this, in fact, we expected to be flooded at any moment, at the same time we hoped to be able to determine the extent and value of the bottom gravel without having to install a pumping plant for handling bedrock water, for the reason that we did not know how much of a plant would be required to handle it.

Of course we would have liked to explore it some more before stopping but I am well satisfied now that we have a very rich and extensive mine here and as soon as the company decides upon what kind of a plant to put in, work will be resumed.

The exploiting of this deep, ancient channel has proved to be much greater than at first anticipated but I never once believed for a moment that the bottom of this immense channel could be otherwise than very rich. Being the first to sink on it we had to feel our way without knowing the depth or what would be encountered. We have also had two very unfavorable seasons for this kind of work, the continuous rains have kept the roads in an impassable condition and made it almost impossible to bring in machinery and supplies.

If your new government can only cause zero to come at once, business may proceed, and it will save time and money and trouble trying to make roads where it is next to an impossible thing to do.

The community can rest assured that that there is plenty of gold here in the Horsefly channels and they will be worked very extensively. It is a big proposition opening them up, but it will be done."

Quicksilver In B. C.

Quicksilver is a metal sparingly distributed, and, at present, the supply is not keeping pace with the demand. For the past 30 years California has been the chief producer, but her mines, worked as they were with the usual American energy, are now with the exception of the New Almaden and New Idria almost all closed. They average a little over one per cent., or about £3 a ton. None of the recent discoveries of the metal in the United States seem to be of importance. Russia is a great producer, thanks to Siberia, and there ore is treated which contains less than ½ per cent., the lowest grade ore treated in the world at a profit. It requires 6½ tons to yield one flask of 76 lbs. Spain also yields a large quantity, most of which comes from the Almaden Mines, which yeilds 8 per cent., or £16 a ton, and produces 20,000 tons of ore yearly. The Idria Mine is the great producer of Austria, which yields about 200 tons of the metal. This mine has been worked for 400 years. Mexico has a large output, which, however it absorbs. Peru used to be a large producer, but now only yields a small amount. The great mine of Huancarisica produced over 50,000 tons of quicksilver, worth £13,000,000, at a cost it is said of only 2,200,000. Italy still manages to produce 350 tons in spite af the long period during which it has been worked. Of the newer discoveries the most important are those in the British Colonies—New South Wales, New Zealand and British Columbia. Of these only New Zealand has had the benefit of much capital spent on exploitation of the metal. The British Columbian locality is the newest, and in only one case has any money been spent on development there, and that was a small sum. Its deposits seem all to be grouped along one zone, running north and south from Kamloops Lake, and traced about 45 miles, having a width of a mile. It is likely that this will soon be a producing district. Certainly the approaching exhaustion of the present supply necessitates new producers, and it should be a matter of congratulation that these are likely to be in British Colonies.—B. C. Review.

Assessment Act Changes.

The following are the rates of taxation contained in the Assessment Act amendment, which passed its third reading in the legislature on Monday night:

Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate other than wild land; three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land; three-quarters of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property; on so much of the income of any person as exceeds $1,000 in accordance with the following classification: upon such excess the rates shall be:

Class A—On $1,000 and not exceeding $10,000, 1½ per cent. up to $5,000, and 2½ per cent on the remainder.

Class B—On $10,000 and not exceeding $20,000, 2 per cent. up to $10,000 and 3 per cent on the remainder.

Class C—On $20,000 and not exceeding $40,000, 3 per cent. up to $20,000 and 4 per cent. on the remainder.

Provided, always, that if the above taxes so assessed and levied are paid on or before the 30th day of June in each year, but not otherwise, the collector is hereby authorized to receive and shall receive in lieu of the above rates.

Three fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of wild land other than wild land; two and one half per cent. on the assessed value of wild land; one half of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property. Upon such excess of income:

Class A—On $1,000 and not exceeding $10,000, 1 per cent. up to $5,000, and 2 per cent. on the remainder.

Class B—On $10,000 and not exceeding $20,000 1½ per cent. up to $10,000 and 2½ per cent. on the remainder.

Class C—On $20,000 and not exceeding $40,000, 3 per cent up to $40,000 and 3½ per cent. on the remainder.

6. Section 10 of the said act is hereby repealed, and the following section is substituted therefor:

"10. There shall be assessed, levied and collected quarterly from every person owning, managing, leasing or working a mine, and paid to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, 2 per cent on the assessed value of all ore or mineral bearing substances raised, gotten or gained from any lands in the province, and which have been sold or removed from the premises; provided, however that all ore producing mines not yielding and realizing on ore a market value of $5,000 in any one year; and all mines (placer or dredging) not producing a gross value of $2,000 in any one year, shall upon a verified statement from the owner or manager of the mine, certified by the assessor of the district and forwarded to the minister of mines, be entitled to (a) a refund, in the case of ore producing mines of one-half of the tax paid; and (b) to a refund of the whole tax in the case of placer or dredging mines. The taxes imposed by this section shall be in substitution for all taxes upon the land from which said ore or placer gold is mined or won, so long as said land is not used for other than mining purposes, and shall also be in substitution for all taxes upon the personal property used in the working of said mines."

7. Section 14 of the said act is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:

"14. The owner or manager of every mine liable to pay the tax imposed hereby shall, in addition to any other statements which may be required under the provisions of this act and amendments, transmit within seven days from the end of any quarter or period, as the case may be, to the assessor for the district in which the mine is situate, a statement showing: (1) The amount of ore, minerals or mineral bearing substances shipped or sent from or treated on the mining premises previous to the preceding quarter or period in respect of which return had not heretofore been received by the assessor: (2) The amount of ore, minerals or mineral-bearing substances shipped or sent from the mine during the preceding quarter; (3) the name of the smelter or mill and the locality to which the same are sent; (4) the cost per ton for transportation so smelter or mill; (5) the cost per ton for smelter or mill charges: (6) the amount of ore, minerals or mineral bearing substances treated on the mining premises during the preceding quarter or period; (7) the value of the ore shipped, exclusive of the charges for freight or treatment; (8) the value of the ore treated on the mining premises, exclusive of the charges for treatment.

Penalties are provided for making false returns, and besides the amount of the tax is doubled.

Ashcroft Conservative Association.

At a meeting of this association held last Saturday evening the following officers were elected: Pres., C. A. Semlin; Vice-Pres., P. Parke; Secy-Treas., S. T. Creelman; executive, J. W. Burr, Geo. I. Blair, W. Lyne, Jas. Campbell, R. G. Gordon. C. A. Semlin and W. Crozier were selected delegates to attend the convention at Westminster this week.

A resolution was passed recommending the delegates to oppose the introduction of party lines in provincial politics.

BETTER SERVICE WANTED.

MR. EDITOR:—Would you kindly give space for my views on subletting contracts. For the past three years we have had anything but a good and efficient mail service on this route from Clinton to 150 Mile House via Big Bar and Alkali Lake. It will be remembered that three years ago tenders was called for a mail service from Clinton to 150-Mile House to call at the postoffices at Big Bar and Alkali Lake and that all mail contracts north of Ashcroft were let by the government to the present B. C. Express Co. They in turn sublet yearly contracts for this service, not through to the 150-Mile House, but only as far as Alkali Lake. What we want is a good mail service on this route through to the 150-Mile House, as the tenders called for, and what the B. C. Express Co. has not given us. I consider that this company is infringing on the rights of the people by not carrying out the mail service as the tenders called for or giving the public a good and satisfactory explanation why they did not. They have given us a much inferior mail service than we had previous to their service.

By subletting yearly it must be understood that no person can equip this line with the necessary stock and vehicles and give a reasonable service, if the contract is only for one year, without asking big pay for doing it. The consequence is that the contract is generally let to parties who have one year to learn by experience that they do not know as much as they thought they did, and the public is imposed on by them until the term expires, then some other party will take their place and it so goes on from year to year.

For the past three years we have had all kinds of vehicles from a bobsleigh to a two horse coach, and all kinds of drivers.

I can truthfully say that in no part of the Dominion has it ever been brought to my notice where ex-convicts have been intrusted with Her Majesty's mail until on this route, and very often the stock and vehicles look more like a Siwash outfit than a respectable mail service. I have been wondering for the past three weeks what will come next as there is a new contract on and we have had all kinds except the pig-tail Chinese to drive our mail.

We want a reasonably good mail and express service through to the 150-Mile House and we must have it or know the reason why.

Cariboo is the only market we have for farm produce and we are entitled to a mail direct to our markets. There is the short distance of 37 miles, with as many settlers to serve as on any other route for the same distance and in order to send a letter by the present service it has to be carried 190 miles, causing delay and inconvenience. This should be remedied without unnecessary delay.

JOHN E. MOORE.

August 24, 1900.

Freighting to Cariboo.

In the business of freighting supplies to Cariboo there are at present engaged about thirty-five regular teaming outfits. In addition some of the ranchers in Cariboo make an occasional trip, and three or four pack trains, owned and operated by Chinamen, are also in the business. The regular freighters, all of whom are members of ths Cariboo Protective Association, use altogether about 240 horses and 75 wagons.

Very few of the solid axle wagons that were once such a familiar sight are to be seen on the road now. The slow moving but mighty bull teams that used to take on their big loads at Yale are a thing of the past and have given way to 6 and 8 horse teams.

For a number of late years one bull team made regular trips from Ashcroft but it ceased operations a year ago, and it is doubtful if ever another one pulls a load of freight from here.

During the season of steam navigation between Soda Creek and Quesnel a great deal of freight for further away points is loaded on the steamer at Soda Creek, thus shortening the trip considerably.

Freighters take good care of the freight entrusted to them and deliver it in good shape. The business is a hard one for both horses and men and considering the money invested and risk attached to the business the present rate is only a fair one.

Liberals Select Delegates.

The Liberals of Ashcroft met in the town hall on Thursday evening and selected delegates to attend the Liberal convention at Revelstoke on the 5th of September. J. B. Bryson, chairman; H. L. Roberts, secretary. The delegates nominated were:

Stuart Henderson, M. Stewart, Jas. Shields, W. Higginbottom, C. Deans, J. Bryson, H. Smith, H. Roberts, C. R. Doxat, D. McGillivray. Alternate delegates; Alex Minty, C. George.

Moved by Stuart Henderson, seconded by Wm. Lyne: "The Liberals of Ashcroft in mass meeting assembled hereby instruct its delegates to nominate Mr. Bostock as the candidate for the Riding and endeavor to procure his acceptance of the nomination. Should he refuse, delegates to have their own choice."

TROUT FISHING

Although the Thompson River in the vicinity of Ashcroft has always been known to local anglers as giving good sport in trout fishing no attempt has ever been made to spread the information among their brothers in the art at the coast. The best pools that can be reached in a few minutes walk from the town have, of course, been often fished so that not much of a string can be taken from them. Nearly every evening during the trout season local anglers tramp the shores north and south of the town and seldom do they return without 2 or 3 good specimens, and quite often obtain good catches. But to the enthusiast who wants a full basket every time he goes out the hooking of two or three, even if they are three pounders, is only an aggrevation.

The Bonaparte river, about one and a half miles from Ashcroft, gives good sport and many a large string has been taken from it.

Perhaps the best pools are found between here and Pennie's station fifteen miles east, because of the fact that they are seldom visited by local sports and are unknown to the stranger who occasionally throws a line into the Thompson.

Last year Arthur and George Bailey made several large catches from these pools and about two weeks ago took 51 pounds of splendid trout in less than a day.

Within a radius of 30 miles and very easy of access, are a number of lakes teeming with trout.

Sportsmen fram a distance who wish to spend a holiday where they can enjoy good fish ng and shooting, will find good opportunities for an enjoyable outing quite near Ashcroft.

There is no necessity for those coming from a distance to load themselves with food, ammunition, rods, flies, tents, etc., as a good assortment of these articles is carried by our merchants who can supply complete outfits at fair prices. Arrangements for conveyance of outfits to the lakes and mountains can be made before or after Ashcroft is reached.

Ashcroft Custom House.

The collections at the Ashcroft Customs House for the year ending June 30, 1900, amounted to $21,230.23, an increase of $4,758.79 over the preceding year. The value of dutiable goods was $75,480 and free goods $42 853.

Mining machinery is the principal item of imports, the bulk of which was taken to the mines of Cariboo and Lillooet. No large mining operations have been undertaken in the last year that would materially increase custom receipts, so that what might be considered the legitimate demands of the district are shown to have increased nearly 30 per cent.

Three very large gold dredging plants have been imported into this district, one from Great Britain, the others from the United States. A large portion of this machinery is on the free list so that in proportion to their value very little duty was collected from them.

Boundry Line.

The Canadian and United States Boundry Commissioners have completed the work deputed them in the disputed territory in the North West.

This consisted in running lines and erecting monuments across the Dalton trail and the White and Chilkoot passes. The Canadian Commissioner says that the agreement between the two governments in regard to the work provided for the protection of those who had already obtained property in the district, but the rights of only a few were effected, except about Porcupine Creek, where claims had been staked in Canadian territory under the impression that it was United States. Mr. Tittman, who represented the United States, says that the unmistakable character of the summit of the Chilkoot pass simplified the work of delimination. The Porcupine placer mines will, it is estimated, yield this season $250,000.

Anderson Lake.

A meeting of the Anderson Lake directors and stock holders was held in Ashcroft this week. On Thursday the meeting was adjourned until Monday. Arrangements for the permanent working of the property will, it is expected, be made at next week's meeting. The property, while the ore now in sight is not of as high average grade as was anticipated, is believed by the owners to be good. Application will be made at once for crown grants and the mill will, it is expected, be overhauled and new ore feeders put in and started up within the next few days.

Read This Aloud.

If you cross a stick across a stick,
Or stick a stick across a stick,
Or stick a stick across a cross,
Or cross a cross across a cross,
Or cross a crossed stick across a stick,
Or stick a crossed stick across a stick,
Or stick a cross stick across a crossed stick,
Or cross a crossed stick across a cross,
Or cross a cross across a crossed stick,
Would this be an acrostic?

At the Town Hall Tonight.

Miss Edith J. Miller, one of Canada's greatest contraltos, and now one of America's leading vocalists, will sing here on Thursday, September 6th in the Theatre Royal, late Alhambra Theatre. Miss Miller has with her as members of her company, Mr. Robert Campbell, tenor; Miss Jean Forsyth, accompanist, and Mr. Stanley Adams, baritone, and a splendid program of the best compositions is promised.

The coast tour is under the management of Mr. W. H. Lucas, manager of the Theatre Royal, Vancouver, who has engaged them to give a series of concerts, about ten in all, through the province. They are under the patronage of Lord and Lady Minto, as are the concerts in Victoria, which will be also under the patronage of Lieut.-Governor Sir Henri Joly, and the Colonel and officers of the Fifth Regiment, Canadian artilery.—News Advertiser.

Half Pound Peaches.

Peaches that weigh half a pound each, of splendid flavor and fine appearance, grown by Mr. Pebagliate, of Lytton, were on sale yesterday in Jas. Haddock's fruit store.

Mr. Haddock, who has had a good deal of experience in California fruits, says that he has never handled any from there as large as these and never yet has tasted a peach of better flavor. A nice lot of watermelons have also been received from Lytton.

Thomas Francis Burnett was arrested by Constable Mulhern yesterday afternoon on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. Burnett is a miner from Lillooet and the evidence against him seems to be of a serious nature. It appears that Mr. Haywood, of the Commercial Hotel, advanced a sum of money on a cheque which was drawn on the Bank of British Columbia for a considerable amount over one thousand dollars. Mr. Haywood became suspicious that the cheque was a bogus one and making inquiries at the bank found his suspicions correct. The man was accordingly placed in charge of the police. Among the papers found in his possession were two cheques on the Bank of British Columbia, in favor of Thomas Francis Burnett, one for $1,425 and the other for $500 on account of the Grey Fox mineral claim and signed by C. H. Barrie, per J. C. D. It is supposed that these cheques are also bogus.—News Advertiser.

There is no town in British Columbia, so far as we know, that has as good a water and electric light service as the little town of Ashcroft. The rates paid seem high. With the increase of the size of the town and the consequent demand for use of water and lights it is hoped there can be made a meterial reduction in rates and yet leave the company, which has shown most commendable enterprise in installing its plant and in keeping it in first class condition, a fair return on their investment. One reason for the regularity of the service is the fact that in Mr. Taylor, at the dam, the company have a thorough and efficient engineer and electrician. The officials of the company located in Ashcroft are accommodating and efficient. We trust that within the following year the increase in the revenues by reason of extentions of service may be such that the company may see its way to a reduction in rates.

James Gannon, who was injured near Clinton, as mentioned last week, was taken to the Kamloops hospital on Monday last, being brought down in a special conveyance by Supt. Leighton, of the B. C. Express Co. We are informed that the injury is a fracture of the femur or thigh bone of the right leg. It will cause Mr. Gannon to keep his bed for some weeks but if there is a good union of the broken bone the injury will not be of a permanent nature. It is an unfortunate accident and "Jimmie's" many friends hope to see him around again in the course of a few weeks.

The communication in another column from Senator Campbell describing the present condition of the Miocene mine will be read with interest. It is reported, aparently on reliable authority, that there will be a large addition to the Horsefly Hydraulic Company's mill soon and that 30 stamps will be running there next season, which with other promising propositions in Horsefly that will be prospected should make it a busy camp next season, and all of which will be of individual benefit to Ashcroft and the Cariboo county in general.

An unfortunate accident occured at the Kamloops sawmill this morning. A man named Fison fell from the pile driver a distance of forty feet to the scow sustaining a fractured arm, a nasty head wound, and severe contusion of the back. Dr. Wade was sent for at once, and after the injured man's wounds had been dressed, he was removed to the hospital. It is feared that Fison may have sustained serious injuries to the spine.—Sentinel.

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Secret Societies' Resolution.

At a meeting of the secret societies in Nanaimo August 11th to consider the lodge doctor question the following resolutions were carried unanimously:

Whereas the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia have enacted legislation conferring special privileges upon the learned professions, and

Whereas the powers and privileges so conferred were for the purpose of qualification and the protection of the public interest, and

Whereas the action of certain professional classes has been directed against the accustomed and legitimate active uses of benevolent societies and inimical to the best interests of the public welfare, and

Whereas difficulty exists in obtaining medical practitioners to carry on the work of benvolent institutions, and

Whereas the B. C. Medical Act excludes from practice in British Columbia graduates from all colleges and universities unless they pass the examination provided by the B. C. Medical Council,

Therefore be it resolved that the Combined Benevolent Societies of British Columbia here assembled protest against the unjust discrimination of the B. C. Medical Council and memorialize the B. C. Legislature to repeal, during the present session, obnoxious clauses in the Medical Act and admit upon the Provincial Register all practitioners possessing a medical diploma from British or Canadian colleges or universities, holding a license to practice in any province of the Dominion of Canada, and

Be it further resolved that we vigorously protest against class legislation and ask that equal privileges be given the legal and dental professions.

Be it further resolved that copies of these Resolutions be presented to the Premier Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir, and also the local press.

Moved by W. J. Grower, Victoria; seconded by Wm. Bennett, Nanaimo; assented to by S. H. Williams, Vancouver.

It was also decided to hold the next gathering of the societies at Vancouver in August next, when it is expected that the brethren will prepare a program worthy of themselves and creditable to the city of which they are so justly proud.

Gold Dredging in New Zealand.

The Revolving Screen.—The dredged material is emptied by the buckets as they pass over the upper tumbler on to an iron chute, which, aided by a stream of water, delivers it into a revolving perforated cylinder or screen 16 to 25 feet long, and set with a moderate slope toward the stern of the dredge. This cylinder is made of steel plate 0.5 in. thick. The holes vary in diameter from 0.3125 in. at the upper end to 0.625 in. at the lower end. Some dredges have two cylinders side by side, but this is now generally considered to be a mistake on account of the difficulty at getting at the rollers between the cylinders for repairs. These perforated cylinders are usually rotated by means of spur gearing, but in some recent dredges they are rotated by a large friction wheel or roller. The cylinder is supported on four or six friction rollers Through the revolving cylinder passes a large perforated pipe, which discharges numerous jets of water upon the dirt, which wash all the fine stuff through its perforated sides on to the gold saving tables below. The wash water is supplied by a large centrifugal pump, taking the water from the river or paddock in which the dredge works. A very large quantity of water is used for washing the dirt, amounting to as much as six or seven sluice heads altogether, or at least 250 cu. ft. for 1 cu. yard of wash dirt treated. If the perforations of the screen become blocked with small stones, it is usually sufficiently cleared by running a stream of clean water through it, and revolving oppositely to the usual direction.

In some of the older dredges there is no revolving screen. The dirt, together with the wash water is delivered on a grizzly which separates the large stones. The smaller stuff passes into a sluice box 3 or 4 ft. wide and some 60 feet long, which is lined with cocoanut matting. Upon the matting iron or steel rails or bars are laid longitudinally. The tailings are discharged over the stern. This arrangement saves the cost of a cylinder but generally necessitates the employment of an extra man per shift to look after the grizzly and the sluice box.

Some of the small dredges working in ground free from large stones dispense with any appliance for separating the stones, or breaking up lumps of clay, a function partly fulfilled by the grizzly or the revolving cylinder.

Old dredges unprovided with the revolving screen, perforated iron plates may be placed with advantage above the cocoanut matting in the sluice boxes, so as to form an under current sluice.

Returning now to the more modern type of dredge, universally provided with the revolving screed we see the coarse material passing out of the cylinder into a chute which discharges it, if the dredge is working in a river, into the stream.

The Elevator.—When the dredge is working against a high bank the coarse stuff is shot into the buckets of the elevator, which, as previously mentioned, stack it in a high heap at the stern. The buckets of the elevator are perforated, so that any water discharged into them drains off and runs down the elevator frame into the pond. It is of importance not to carry water up to the top of the elevator, as it would wash the stacked material down under the stern of the dredge, and perhaps finally cause the dredge to take the ground.

In working a high bank a dredge builds a stack behind it a good many feet higher than the original surface of the ground. Hence, for a 25 or 30 foot bank the elevator must be long enough to stack the stones to a height of 40 ft. or more. In thus stacking the stones by themselves a certain amount of much needed space is lost. The obvious remedy is to mix a certain amount of fine stuff with the stones, but in practice this is not easily applied on account of the water accompaning the sand which passes over the tables. It is proposed to discharge the tailings from the tables into a well or sump, whence an auxiliary elevator will dredge the silt, or part of it, and discharge into the buckets of the main elevator. A device of this kind is badly needed, not only with high banks but with banks of medium height which contain but a small percentage of stones. In Central Otago, however, the wash is nearly always very stony.

Gold Saving Appliances.—On most of the dredges the primary gold saving appliances are tables covered with cocoanut matting laid on coarse calico. The matting is held down by coarse iron netting or expanded metal (the latter being much prefered) and longitudinal iron riffles. The tables are usually made of sheet iron and have a fall of 1 in 8. Dredges with two cylinders have tables on both sides, but those with one cylinder have them, as a rule, on one side only. The tables are as wide as the perforated part of the cylinder is long, say, from 12 to 18 feet. There length is at most not more than 16 to 18 feet. They are divided into 3, 4 or 6 sections by longitudinal partitions. Each section going toward the stern is a little lower than its upper neighbor, this being so as to allow for the downward slope of cylinder. For convenience in washing the mats are in lengths of 3 or 4 ft.

Amalgamated copper plates have been tried at various times as gold savers in conjunction with the matting but have so far not been proved of any great value. The great rush of water and coarse sand over them scours away the amalgam. Another point is that on many dredging claims the gold is "rusty" and will not amalgamate until hammered somewhat, or treated with acid so as to remove the resistant coating.

The sand and water discharged from the perforations of the cylinder rush with great velocity over the tables into a narrow launder, whith is lined with matting and expanded metal, and discharges the tailings past the stern of the vessel. In one or two dredges there is a second set of tables underneat the first one, sloping in the opposite direction. This plan doubles the length of table over which the dirt passes and hints at one of the defects of our dredges, namely, the want of space for gold saving machinery.

Another gold saving appliance, often neglected, is the save-all, which consists of a short table or sluice box covered with cocoanut matting, and protected from large stones by a grizzly or by iron bars laid on the matting. The save all is placed below the upper tumbler, and its purpose is to catch and treat the dirt which is falling from the buckets escapes the chute leading to the revolving screen. A small stream of water from a pipe washes the stuff into the well hole or over the side of the dredge.

(Continued next week)

Canadian Manufactures At Paris.

It is pleasing to learn that Canada is carrying off many important prizes at the great Paris exposition. Not only is this the case in regard to exhibits of natural products, but it is still more gratifying to learn that industriously Canada is also felt there.

The young manufacturing industries of Canada, it is gratifying to learn, have been holding their own with the old established industries of Europe. Among the important prizes captured by the Canadians is the gold medal awarded the Thos. Davidson Manufacturing Co., of Montreal, for enamelled ware. Taking into consideration the fact that the manufacture of this line of goods is comparatively a new industry in Canada, it speaks very highly for the class of goods being turned out in Canada when one of our manufacturers gets such a flattering award. Canadians who think it is necessary to buy imported goods in order to secure a good article, should now begin to get their eyes opened to the fact that this country has made great progress industrially of late years. Japan has come to the front rapidly by the patriotism of her people, who refuse to buy imported goods when they can procure home manufactured suited to their requirements. If Canadians would be a little more patriotic in this respect, instead of decrying home manufactures, they would greatly assist in building up our own country, and they would find also that the feeling against home goods is largely a prejudice that is unreasonable and unwarranted.

Hardware Trade Notes

Canadian mill have cut their prices on bar iron to $1.80 for carlots and $1.90 for smaller vuantities, a drop of 20 cents.

Canadian manufacturers of rivits, burrs and bolts have been obliged to increase their discounts or in other words to lower their prices in order to meet the United States competition. The discount on carriage, section, wagon box, etc., rivits, black M. rivits, black and tinned rivets has been increased from 50 per cent. to 60 per cent. and that of iron or steel burrs from 45 per cent to 55 per cent. On tire bolts, the discount has been increased from 60 per cent. to 67½ per cent. and stove bolts from 60 ano 10 to 67½ per cent.

CHINESE CUSTOMS.

It is a remarkable thing about Pekin that, in a city laid out on an enormous plan, with high avenues, high walls, beautified by pretty pagodas, elegant temples, large yamens containing the imperial palaces and sacred grounds, so little is done toward the comfort of pedestrians and of people riding on mules, horses camels or vehicles. The thoroughfares are never repaired, so that the streets are flooded soon after it begins to rain. You cannot walk in the streets at such times. The only means of travel then is the peculiar springless Pekin cart, by which one gets covered with mud and filth.

The laws and customs allow a Chinaman to have as many wives as he can support, but only the first wife is considered the legitimate mother of the household. She is the ruler of all the children, who will mourn for her a hundred days. The husband, who can remarry as often as he likes, does not show any sign of mourning for his wife to the outer world, but a woman who marries again a ter her husband's death is not considered respectable. Should she, on the other hand, commit suidide on her husband's grave, then a pailau, which is an ornamental gateway or arch, will be erected as a sign of transcendent loyalty and virtue. But the great majority of Chinese do not adhere to polygamy. They have a proverb which says that where one woman reigns there is peace; two women under the same roof signifies a fight, and three women means intrigue and disorder.

A most peculiar thing about the Chinese is that they do not know the value of time. We have had some convincing proffs of this in the last few weeks, The Chinese were in no hurry to let us know that the diplomats and foreign residents of Pekin were alive. The manner in which the Chinese ignore time may also be noticed in another way. If a Chinaman announces his visit for official or other business, you may be sure that he will arrive from an hour to half a day later, sometimes even on the next day without deeming it necessary to apologize for the delay. When the caller finally does arrive, there is generally a long exchange of polite phrases and words. Afterwards you drink tea and smoke pipes. During all this time you talk of politics and the weather, and possibly, just before the caller intends to leave, he will casually bring up the purpose of his visit.

A curious sight is to see wealthy Chinamen travelling on board a coast or ocean steamer. They all retire to their cabins to remain there during the voyage. Here they will eat, drink, amuse themselves and smoke opium, with the pungent odor of which the neighboring cabins are soon unpleasantly filled. On a voyage from Ningpo to Shang-Hai I once visited a Chinese steerage; there were over 700 men and women crouched on the floor, smoking their peculiar water and opium pipes, the smoke of which filled the whole ship. It is always a great curiosity for a stranger to enter one of the public places, mostly Chinese tea houses, where a kind of sofa arrangement for opium smokers may be found. Places exist where more than a hundred of such sofas, on each of which two Chinamen generally lie, the one conversing while the other holds his pipe over a small burning lamp and puffs the smokable extract of the Indian poppy.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia, between James Reid, Plaintiff, and The Cariboo Dredging Company, Defendants.

In obedience to a writ of Venditioni Exponas issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in this suit, and to me directed for the sum of $1194.18, and endorsed:—"Levy $1194.18 and $3.50 costs of execution and $3.50 costs of this writ and also interest on $1194.18 at 6 per centum per annum from the 21st day of May, 1900 until payment besides Sheriff's poundage, officer's fees and all other legal incidental expenses," Unless the said execution debt, interest and costs are sooner paid) will sell by public auction at the Occidental Hotel, in the town of Quesnel, at 11 a. m., on Saturday, the 15th day of September, proxime, the whole of the dredging plant of the defendant company, situate at a point on Quesnel River, about midway between Quesnel and Quesnel Forks, and consisting of one screw with steam engines, boilers, pumps, chains, buckets, shafting, cables, belting pulleys, anchors, tools, etc., or sufficient thereof to satisfy the said execution debt, interest and costs.

JOHN STEVENSON,
Sheriff of Cariboo.
Barkerville, B. C., August, 10th, 1900. 10-4

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Notice is hereby given that all accounts due the estate of the late Moses Pigeon, of Dog Creek, must be paid to the undersigned on or before the 30th September, 1900.

All accounts against the said estate must be sworn to and delivered to me.

JOHN E. MOORE, Executor.
Alkali Lake, B.C., July 18, 1900.

NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estate of John Shaw, late of Barkerville, B. C., deceased intestate.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was, by order dated July 28th, 1900, appointed to be administrator of all and singular, the goods, chattels and credits of deceased.

All claims against the said estate of said deceased are to be sent in, duly verified, forthwith; and all accounts due to the deceased are to be paid forthwith to me.

JOHN A. FRASER,
Official Administrator.
Quesnel, B. C., Aug. 6, 1900. 15-4in

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease lots 182 and 183, group 1, Cariboo district, containg 40 acres each, for the purpose of cutting wild hay thereon.

D. P. ARTHUR,
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There isn't more night than day.

'Tis rainy weather, my darling,
Time's waves they heavily run,
But, taking the year together, my dear,
There isn't more cloud than sun.

We are old folks now, my darling,
Our heads are growing gray,
But, taking the year all around, my dear,
You will always find the May.

We have had our May, my darling,
And our roses long ago,
And the time of the year is coming, my dear,
For the silent night and the snow;

But God is God, my darling,
Of the night of death so grim;
The gate that leads out of life, good wife,
Is the gate that leads to him.
—Rembrandt Peale.

HAUNTED BY A TELEGRAPH DISPATCH.

A Murderer's Touch on the Instrument Betrayed Him.

Dick Ramsey and I had gone west to make our fortunes. What that means none but an eastern boy who has tried it can tell.

We roughed it together, sometimes faring well when we happened to fall into the camp of a hospitable westerner, but more often tramping it from village to village looking for the work which was never found and wondering when we should strike our "streak" of luck.

Finally we separated, Dick to take the position of station agent at Lakeville, a new settlement, and I to go on to Riverdale, ten miles beyond, to hold a similar position. We could talk by wire, but we found that further communication would be impossible, for we were well tied down and after our separation did not see each other again.

Dick was a gentle sort of fellow, one of those dreamers who never get on in a worldly way, but the dearest companion imaginable. I missed him terribly for awhile, but his occasional talk at the wire told me he was alive and well.

One afternoon there came a frantic call at the wire, and I hurried to the instrument to hear Dick tapping off the words that the express train had been delayed and to hold the "runaway," due at the station ten minutes later, until I heard from him. Directly after the message came the line: "Express train in sight. Something wrong. Stand by." I waited a full minute; then came Dick's familiar tap tap: "Express is being run by strange hands. They have stopped at this station. Send relief."

There was a second's silence; then, before I could flash the alarm along the line, the tapping began again. It ran: "Everything all right. Goodby."

I signaled for him to repeat the message, and again came the words: "Everything all right. Goodby."

I held the instrument in my hand and debated with myself upon my course of conduct. I did not want to needlessly send the alarm along the line. On the other hand, why had Dick sent his first message? I touched the instrument and asked, "Is everything all right, Dick?" And the answer came back, "Everything is all right."

It did not seem at all like Dick's touch, but I laid it to nervousness and quieted my fears while I waited for the "runaway."

I recalled that Dick had told me over the wire the previous evening that the "runaway" would have a large sum of money aboard, which it was to transfer to the express at his station.

When the "runaway" came up, I notified the engineer that the express was waiting for him at Lakeville, and I also casually mentioned that the alarm had come from there, but that afterward I had received a message that all was well.

He seemed disturbed and advised me to repeat the story to the United States marshal aboard, which I did, with the result that the train pulled out of the station prepared for emergencies, though neither they nor I thought anything of the hasty message that had been flashed to me.

Ten minutes later the message came over the wires from Lakeville: "Found train in charge of highwaymen. Dick Ramsey murdered at instrument. Object was to rob the 'runaway,' but we overpowered them after a desperate struggle. Notify the stations along the line to send relief."

This, in brief, was the story of the death of Dick Ramsey, and after I had seen him laid away in the graveyard at Lakeville I packed up my goods and journeyed farther on, for I could not remain so near the scene of my old friend's death.

Well, strange things happen, and after I had found a position with the same company 50 miles away I was assigned back to Lakeville.

I found the village grown into a settlement of very fair size and the simple little station replaced by a very pretentious one, while the humble little churchyard where they had buried poor Dick Ramsey was gay with flowering shrubs, and spires of marble lifted themselves here and there among the trees. Dick's grave was still marked by the rude cross I had placed over it.

Well, in the duties of my new position I am afraid I forgot Dick, and for weeks at a time I never thought of the mound behind the church and the poor fellow who had come with me from home and whose joys and sorrows had been mine for so long.

In Dick's place at the instrument there sat an honest little chap, and assisting him was another lad, for the station at Lakeville now boasted half a dozen employees.

High above the station, on a bluff that commanded the finest view in town, was the home of the president of the company, a man who had fought his way up and who now boasted his millions.

The president was a tall, dark man, with stern features, but a kind heart, and often I watched him with envy as he alighted from his private car and entered the handsome victoria which carried him behind his spanking team up to his home on Lakeville heights.

Often the president did not go up to the city, and on these occasions he wired me on his private line, and I wired to the city for him.

One day, chancing to sit at the instrument, there came a call on the president's wire, and, responding, I received this message: "Let me know if the road is clear."

A minute later I called up his private wire and tapped, "The road is clear."

"All right," came back the answer.

It was a simple enough message, but it set my pulses throbbing. Mechanically I touched the button and repeated the message, "The road is clear," and immediately came back the words, "All right."

I sat at the instrument like a man in a dream, and my thoughts were with Dick, who had sat at the same spot five years before and had touched that same instrument. What was there in that reply that so fascinated me, or was it the anniversary of poor Dick's death that made me fanciful?

That afternoon the president came down to the station on business, and I looked at him closely. He must have seen me watching him, for he shifted his position uneasily and nervously handled the instrument. I may say that he was an expert operator and preferred telegraphing his messages to writing them.

As I watched him I remembered hearing the strange story of his rise; how from an operator on a distant road he had suddenly become a stockholder, a director and finally the president of the road, and how his wealth and holdings were known far and wide.

He seemed ill at ease that day, and I withdrew my eyes and busied myself elsewhere. But more than once he caught me looking at him.

Twice that day the president drove down to the station, and slowly he drove home again, as though he were disturbed about something. The third time he came it was almost dark, and I heard him send his coachman home, telling him that he would follow soon on foot.

For half an hour the president busied himself around the station, a most unusual thing for him, and when he finally took leave it was to walk hurriedly away in the direction of the churchyard, a journey which I often took myself.

Scarcely realizing what I was doing, I pulled my cap over my eyes and started after him. What excuse I would make if he turned and saw me I knew not. I only understood that some force was pulling me onward and that same force was taking me over the same road and in the very footprints of President Greydon of the Lakeville and Laska railway.

To my surprise, he turned the corner as he reached the church and, plodding his way past it, opened the gate which led into the churchyard and slowly wended his way among the graves. Noiselessly I followed him. Through the narrow paths we went, he the substance, I the shadow close after him.

But, horror of horrors, he stopped! And, my God, he bent over Dick Ramsey's grave! Lower and lower he sank until he was upon his knees and his hands were spread out upon the sod. In the uncertain light of the rising moon I could see that he threw back his head, that his face was drawn and deadly white and that his lips were moving.

I must have stepped upon a twig, for a sound betrayed me. Springing to his feet, he turned and faced me, not ten feet away.

With a cry of rage he sprang toward me. "So you followed me!" he cried fiercely between his teeth. "You dogged my steps!"

He was a powerful man, but in the struggle which followed I easily mastered him and had him pinioned, white and panting. "Do not add another murder," I said fiercely, "to that of Dick Ramsey."

"How do you know?" he whispered.

"I recognized your hand upon the wire. I was the agent at the next station when you—took Dick's place—you remember—five years ago—today!"

"Oh, God, yes!" he cried. "Shall I ever forget? When I had to come to this cursed place to live, I thought it might disappear after awhile. But it grows stronger every day. I live with it, see it, hear it—that poor fellow—all the time! Yet I had to do it or be killed. There was a gang of us. Oh, oh!" he cried, and, breaking down utterly, the proud president of the road buried his face in his hands.

It was a strange scene, we two there in the moonlight, accuser and accused, he trembling, I revengeful.

"I tried to lead a better life," he continued, "and on my gains I succeeded well. But, oh, the misery of these years! I thought tonight if I could see his grave and pray upon it I might be forgiven and have rest." His eyes sought the spot where poor Dick lay with crushed skull.

"What are you going to do?" I asked after we had stood there in silence.

"Give myself up now, I suppose," said he. "There is no other way."

The next day the whole country was ringing with the strange confession of President Greydon. He made a clean breast of it and was so manly and sincere in his repentance that nobody was sorry when his sentence was placed at a term of imprisonment instead of the death penalty, which is so summarily dealt out to criminals in the newest of the western towns.—Columbus Dispatch.

Nature as an Armorer.

There are few departments of human life where man has been so entirely anticipated and at the same time surpassed by the lower animals as in the invention of armor.

His cunningest devices of the mailed fist order were none of them original. If you examine a fine and fully developed suit of plate armor in the form which it assumed at its highest zenith in the fifteenth century, you will find that the trunk and limbs were completely inclosed in a splendid fitting, jointed case of iron plates, all exquisitely polished. The suit as a whole was a triumphant product of the armorer's art.

Yet if you look at a lobster's tail you will see at a glance that all these clever devices of man's imagining had been invented and patented long before by nature and that the elaborate workmanship of the Plantagenet craftsmen who cased knight and horse for the battlefield or the tournament in glistening metal was but a poor imitation of the ineffable skill with which the unheeded crustaceans of the time protected every vulnerable portion of their bodies from the assaults and attacks of their submarine enemies.—

LISTEN BOYS!

Tom McCosh

The Ashcroft Tailor, has just received a consignment of Spring

Suitings, Serges, Worsteds and Pantings, of the

VERY BEST QUALITY

Direct from Scotland, and would be pleased to have you call and inspect same.
All orders will be carefully attended to and satisfaction guaranteed.

ASHCROFT B.C.

NOTICE.

All accounts due Mr. G. E. Johnson, late proprietor of the Grand Central and Cargile Hotels, are payable to me and must be settled at once.

D. MURPHY
Barrister etc., Ashcroft.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—Patrons will greatly oblige the JOURNAL office by having change of advertisement in before Thursday noon.

His Own Trap.

There is a young man in the pension office who is buying a house on the installment plan at a town somewhere between this city and Baltimore, and his dear little wife lives out there. It is his wont to come in early of a morning and to go out again on the 5:30 train when his day's work is done. A few days ago he met an old friend from Chicago, and, yielding to the entreaties of that old friend, he decided to spend the evening in town. He was so afraid wife would feel hurt if she knew that he had deliberately planned an evening's good time without counting her in that he manfully resolved to deceive her. Accordingly as he came away from the office he went to a telegraph office and sent this message to her:

"Unavoidably detained. Missed 5:30 train. Will be out later."

It was a great deal later when he reached his happy home. Wife met him at the door, and there was a look in her eye that every married man learns to know and instinctively to dread.

"Did you get my message precious?" he asked as he kissed her tenderly, holding his breath meanwhile as a precautionary measure.

"Yes, dear," she made answer, and when a woman calls her husband "dear" that way you can cut loose from the weather bureau and prognosticate a few things on your own hook. "Yes, dear, I received your message. Here it is."

There it was, sure enough. It was marked as plain as plain could be, "Received at 4:23." He hadn't thought of that.

An Old Salt's Stories.

The captain of the brig was much disliked by his officers, and, being ill with yellow fever and likely to die, the first lieutenant used to drill the marines in the burial service on the deck over the captain's cabin by way of cheering him up, the corporal giving his orders in a loud voice thus: "The corpse is now a-coming up the 'atchway! Reverse harms!" The skipper ultimately recovered.

The commander of a certain gunboat used to say that, having no doctor on board, he mixed the medicines provided in a chest into two bottles, and whenever any of his crew happened to be sick he drew an imaginary line across the man's stomach, and according as the pain was above or below that line he gave him a dose out of No. 1 or No. 2. He claimed that no man ever came to him twice, which was very likely.—"Hurrah For the Life of a Sailor," by Vice Admiral Kennedy.

Trouble in the Church.

The Kennebec (Me.) Journal says: "They made a strenuous matter of religion in the good old days, as is shown by this extract from the diary of Charles Creamer of Waldoboro, under date of June, 182°.

"'Sunday there was a knockdown in the Congregational meeting house between the Congregationalists and Universalists. The Universalists came off victorious. I was there. Saturday night the pulpit was guarded all night by men with clubs. Sunday was the great day. Both parties occupied the church, and there were great music and singing. Afterward the Congregationalists bought out the Universalists, and there was no more trouble.'"

Knew She Was Ugly.

The Duchess of Orleans, mother of the regent who governed France during the monarchy of Louis XV, was notorious for her ugliness. She wrote:

"From early youth I knew how ugly I was and hated to have people look sharply at me. I never cared for dress, as I knew that diamonds and ornaments would only attract attention to me. Once Countess Soissons asked me why I never turned to look at a mirror in passing, as every other woman did. I told her I could not endure the sight of my own face.

"As a girl I must have been very ugly. I had little, blinking eyes, a pug nose and a big mouth with thick lips. My face was broad and fat and my figure short and stumpy. Nobody would have tolerated me except for my good disposition.

"I don't suppose that there was in the whole world another pair of hands as ugly as mine. The king often told me so, and I laughed, for I was resolved always to laugh at my hideousness. I must confess that I had to laugh very often.

"What surprised me most was that any one could fall in love with me. I was notoriously the ugliest woman at court, yet I was married at 19.

"I often asked my husband if the sight of me were not repulsive and what he had seen in me that induced him to fall in love with me. I never got a satisfactory answer, but I think that I must have had some other attractions which outweighed my ugliness."

"What did you tell those people about the flat, Eliza?"

"They asked me if it was good walking distance, and I told them it was."

"Gracious! Good walking distance from what?"

"How do I know? They didn't say, and I wasn't going to be inquisitive."—Chicago Record.

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On the Main Road from the 150-Mile House to Quesnelle Forks.

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A well stocked bar in connection
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NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that I am not responsible for any accounts contracted by W. Gibbons as he is not now in my employ.

W. PARKER

Big Lake, B. C. Aug. 18, 1900.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the time for receiving tenders for carrying H. M. mails between Clinton and Alkali Lake, B. C., is extended to Tuesday, September 11, 1900.

BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS CO.
J. A. BREMNER, Sec

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Notice is hereby given that thirty days from date I shall apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of forty acres of land for the purpose of cutting wild hay thereon, commencing from a post marked "Otis Earley, south west corner" and situated at the south west corner of a small meadow about three miles south of Dragon Lake near Quesnel, Cariboo district, then east twenty chains, thence north twenty chains, thence west twenty chains, thence south twenty chains to point of commencement.

OTIS EARLEY.

Quesnel, B. C. July 25th, 1900.

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All points in Cariboo—Monday and Friday.
Lillooet direct from Ashcroft—Monday and Friday.
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Through and return tickets at reduced rates. Special rigs furnished.
Stages leaving Ashcroft Mondays and Fridays will connect with steamer Charlotte at Soda Creek.

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The Steamer CHARLOTTE will make regular trips from Soda Creek to Quesnelle, connecting with all

STAGE LINES.

from Ashcroft and way points.

Freight left at Soda Creek for the steamer will be stored free of charge, also freight by steamer for points beyond Quesnelle will be forwarded free of charge for such forwarding. Fare each way, $4.50; freight per ton $10.

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Good table and good service
The only first-class Hotel in town.

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THE ASHCROFT JOURNAL
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1900.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

B. F. English is in Cariboo.

F. W. Foster has returned to Clinton.

See the advertisement of the Lac La Hache Races.

Willie Burr is visiting his grand parents at Lytton.

The piano placed in the town hall by Wm. Lyne is a splendid instrument.

Dawson is being supplied with Ashcroft potatoes. They can't get better.

John Marshall and William Brett, of Lillooet, spent a few days here this week.

Mr. H. L. Roberts, accompanied by Mrs. Roberts, returned from the coast last Sunday.

A good deal of freight has been sent out by Ashcroft forwarding agents during the past week.

Miss Mercer has accepted a position in the dressmaking department of F. W Foster's store.

"Dick" Stewart, well known in Ashcroft and throughout the district, is in town this week.

Mrs. (Rev.) Boyle returned yesterday from a three week's visit with Mrs Charles Fennie.

E. E. Bell, one of the B. C. Express Company's popular drivers, was in Ashcroft this week.

A. F. Rosenberger, a mining capitalist, with headquarters at Nelson, registered at the Grand Central Hotel.

The Ashcroft school house will be repaired and changed around somewhat, we understand, yet this season.

Miss Campbell, on 4th street has a beautiful assortment of sweet peas of many different varieties.

Mark Dumond, besides his lines of cooking stoves, carries a good assortment of shelf hardware.

Mr. John Jane, the Savona general merchant, carries a complete stock of goods and of the Standard qualities.

Stewart Pritchard, late of Kamloops, is now assistant postmaster here, Mr. R. B. Cotton having resigned that position.

The attention of those wishing a holiday of fishing and shooting is called to the advertisement of Stewart & Crozier on this page.

Archdeacon Pentreath preached in St. Albans morning and evening last Sunday. His appeal for aid to missions was liberally replied to.

Arthur and George Bailey are enjoying a fishing and hunting expedition, and as they are experts in such sports good results may be expected.

In this issue Messrs. Bailey and Roberts, executors of the late G. E. Johnson's estate, are calling for settlement of accounts with the estate.

Some of our ranchers will have three good crops of alfalfa this season. There will be more feed saved for cattle this year than for a good many years past.

John Wilson is not yet able to leave his bed. The doctor says he will not be able to get up for a week or more, as the break in his leg is knitting very slowly.

The train working on the filling west of Savona is doing good work. C. M. Allan is operator and when not attending to business spends his time at Savona.

Every week sees carloads of "Ashcroft's pride" going to supply the hungry inhabitants of the coast. What a treat it must be for them to have nice dry potatoes.

Ten men from the Miocene mine, Horsefly, came down Thursday. They are all likely to return when the Miocene company have arranged to begin operations again.

J. B. Bryson, W. G. McQuarrie and other old Westminster citizens have for the last week been wearing a constant grin, something of the I-told-you-so style. A stranger might think they had won the games themselves.

Frank Walker, who was formerly night clerk at the Cargile House, writes the JOURNAL an interesting letter on Alaskan affairs. Mr. Walker is doing well in Juneau but hopes some day to return to this section of the country. Mr. Walker thinks the climate of the Thompson River valley is hard to equal anywhere in the world.

The marriage of Mr. John Lazotte and Miss Ada Higginbottom took place in St. Albans Episcopal church last Monday. Only intimate friends of the bride were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. A. Dorrell. After a honeymoon trip to Seattle the happy couple will reside at Vancouver, the groom's home.

C. F. McDonald, of Hat Creek, was in town yesterday.

Ashcroft hotels are doing a good business this week.

The Misses Walker, of Bonaparte, were in Ashcroft this week.

Editor Fraser, of the Lillooet Prospector made a short visit here Wednesday.

R. Stoddart, after spending a few weeks in Seattle and Victoria, is again in Ashcroft.

Both J. B. Bryson's residence and the Presbyterian manse are rapidly nearing completion.

A careful estimate of the cattle owned within 20 miles of Ashcroft is from 9,000 to 10,000 head.

A mining expert from Victoria has made an examination of A. Haddock's copper claim near Ashcroft.

The C. P. R. street improvement is a first-class piece of work and add much to the appearance of the street.

R. T. Ward, manager of the Ward Horsefly Gold Mining Co., is spending a few days in town this week.

John Marshall and Wm. E. Brett, of Lillooet, were in Ashcroft this week. They are now spending a few days in Kamloops.

The Misses Lawrence, of Vancouver, are visiting their cousin, Mr. George Taylor, electrician of the A. E. W. & I. Co., at the dam.

The talented singers who will appear in the town hall tonight will undoubtedly give one of the best entertainments of the kind that we have had.

Our local tailor, McCosh who imports all his tweeds direct from Scotland, has lately received a lot of up-to-date styles in tweeds and worsted cloths.

Don't fail to attend the Clinton races. They are honestly conducted and the committee will make it their business to see that you enjoy youself.

The happiest spot on the Cariboo road is said to be the 59-Mile House and the happiest man is R. A. Walker. The cause of all the joy is the arrival of a bouncing baby boy.

Mr. Ellenwood, Cache Creek's popular school teacher, who returned from a visit to his eastern home some time ago, says he had a delightful trip. Mrs. Ellenwood and the children were much benefited by the trip.

Jas. Haddock has purchased the building lately occupied by S. G. Fladgate and moved it on C. P. R. land next to the fire hall. He will use it as a warehouse for storing hides, furs and other goods.

The entertainment given at the town hall last night by the "Cosgrove Merry Makers" attracted a fair sized audience. The moving pictures of South African war scenes were especially good, showing the troops in action.

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—Lord Roberts has asked the Dominion authorities to allow the Canadian contingents now in Africa to remain for two or three months longer than the limit of October 15th. The request will be granted.

The mixing of gold metals is one of the marvels of modern physics. Sir W. Roberts, after keeping a cylinder of gold and one of lead together for four years, at about 65 degrees F., finds that the gold has slowly but surely made its way into or mixed with the lead.

Archdeacon Pentreath has returned from Ashcroft, where he was last Sunday, in the interest of the Diocesan Mission Fund. There is only a small congregation of people at Ashcroft, but they contributed $65. One lady walked 22 miles into town and contributed $10.—News Advertiser.

Mr. J. B. Charleson, superintendent of government telegraphs, says that communication along the new line from Ashcroft is interrupted owing to damage done yesterday by a cyclone above Quesnel. At the present time he estimates that the parties working towards each other ought not to be more than 75 miles apart and that by about the beginning of October the line will be in working order between here and Dawson.—Province.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is to be commended for the highly satisfactory way in which it is filling in its grounds in front of the depot and warehouse. It has been a bad place for some years and we have waited a long time for it to be put in shape. It is now nearly finished, train load after train load of good gravel has been drawn in and the main street will be, when this work is finished, a credit to the town. The citizens, we are sure, nepreciate the good work done by the C. P. R. Incidentally thanks of the people are due Mr. James Haddock for the hard work he has done in connection with this much needed improvement. Twice within the past two years he has taken the trouble to carry around a petition to be signed, asking that this work be done. It undoubtedly had much to do with the final conclusion of the company to do the work.

Weiler Bros. have a change of ad. in this issue.

Mrs. J. A. Bremner leaves today for an extended visit with her mother at Toronto.

Mr. Redpath, who lately won fame in an attempt to save a girl from drowning when en route to Dawson, was at Savona last Sunday.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Dr. W. J. Curry, resident dentist of Kamloops, will be in Ashcroft about the 5th of September for ten days, after which he will visit the principal places up the Cariboo road. He makes a specialty of gas for painless extraction and guarantees first-class work in all branches of dentistry.

Did it ever occur to you why the name "Blue Ribbon" was applied to tea. In contests and trials intended to bring out the superior merits of articles and animals the successful one is awarded first prize, the emblem of which is a blue ribbon. The public have awarded a blue ribbon to the tea now known as Blue Ribbon Tea. F. W. Foster sells it for 50 cents.

Trout fishing and hunting. Do you want to spend a few days hunting and fishing on lakes hitherto never visited by sportsmen? If you do, communicate with the undersigned who will at reasonable rates carry you to the place which is 20 miles travel on the Cariboo road and 12 miles by trail.
STEWART & CROZIER, Ashcroft, B. C.

FREIGHT SHIPMENTS.

Below will be found the date of departure, teamster and destination of freight shipped north by Ashcroft forwarding agents:

Aug. 24	A Switzer, 150-M. H.....	13,000
	24 Ah Foo, P. T. Ques. F'ks	7,000
	25 Hudson Bay Co. Soda C	7,000
	25 P Garrigan, Pavilion....	1,500
	27 W McDonald, Gang R...	2,500
	28 R Walker, Barkerville..	10,000
	28 M Batterwill, Williams L	9 000
	29 A Wills, 150-Mile House.	12,200
	30 J M Collins, Barkerville.	7,500
	30 T Harmon, 150 M. H....	12,200
	31 H Smith, 150-M. H.....	10,000
	31 H Curry, 150-M H.....	17,000
	W Patrick, 150-M. H.....	10,000

PASSENGER LIST.

The following is the list of passengers arriving and departing by Ashcroft stage lines:

B. C. EXPRESS CO.

ARRIVALS.

G B Fry	from	Stanley
F Ellis		Clinton
Mr Meany		Lillooet
Mr Robertson		70-Mile House
Ah Youn		Barkerville
Ah Tin		"
Mrs Beecher		"
Lee Lun		150 Mile House
A F Rosenberger		Lillooet
J Marshall		"
W Brett		"

DEPARTURES.

Mrs Turner	To	Barkerville
W Mc Arther		Lillooet
Mr and Mrs Cummings		"
Mr Thomas		"
Mr Brady		"
D E Campbell		Clinton
Mrs Lung		"
Mr Wilson		Barkerville
Mr Hancock		111-Mile House

Lac La Hache Fall Races

—Will Be Held—

Thursday and Friday

October 18 and 19, 1900.

Programs will be issued shortly

J. McIntosh,
115 Mile House, Secretary

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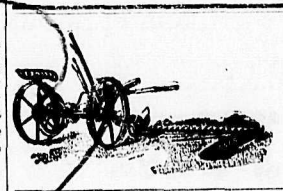

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Agent, Ashcroft.

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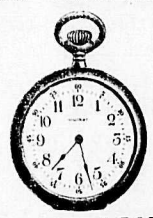

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Chatham Wagon, 3 inch tires, each	$70
Sleighs, 3 inch runners	$20
Harness per sett	$16
Aperajoes, complete	$15
Packsaddles	$3.50

The above, although second hand are in first class repair

Apply to

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NOTICE.

LIGHTNING CREEK GOLD GRAVELS AND DRAINAGE COMPANY, Limited.

The adjourned annual general meeting of the above company will be held at the office of the company at Ashcroft, British Columbia, on Friday, the 7th day of September, 1900, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

D. MURPHY, Secretary.

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To winter fifty or sixty head of cattle, horses or mules. I have over 200 tons of clover hay to feed. Price $4 per head per month or $20 for five months from November 1 to April 1.

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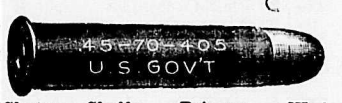

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