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QUESNELLE.

About all the boats and scows that have been built to take the river route have left. A few have made the passage beyond the Cottonwood canyon. One of the scows getting into a swirl was upset and about $3,500 worth of provisions and other articles had been lost. A quantity of flour and bacon still stayed in the boat which was landed nine miles below the place of disaster. Fortunately no lives were lost, but the party may try again and take a pack-train overland.

Three pack trains have arrived this week.

Mr. Borland had his large pack-train crossed by the Charlotte to the other side the Fraser. Mr. Borland will accompany his train to Telegraph Creek where he will load for the Klondike The freight will be sent by boat to that point. The others are loaded and will carry in supplies to the Omenica or Peace River. The trail is being opened up in that direction by the road party sent out lately by road superintendant St. Laurent.

The progress made in building the dredges is considerable and the saw mill is kept quite busy sawing lumber. Mr. Brown is here overseeing the work in preparation and will push it as speedily as possible until finished.

The appearance of the streets of Quesnelle is much improved. Constable Anderson has a force of two busily engaged earning a livelihood. The way of transgressors may be very hard but they sometimes make it quite smooth for others. Mr. Anderson is ready to give employment to as many more as will run the risk of breaking the laws in the way of supplying liquor to Indians.

J. H. Blome, photographer, is in town and is taking photographs for a few days. Mr. Blome does excellent work in this line.

John Stevenson, S. M. and assessor and collector is spending a few weeks here. He is busily engaged increasing the revenue and performing other duties belonging to his position as government official.

G. J. Fife, commercial traveller from Vancouver, and wife, visited Quesnelle this week.

Mrs. Borland came as far as Quesnelle with her husband, and stayed a few days, returning by steamer to Soda Creek.

General Kinchant has been spending a few weeks in this part with the intention of being a candidate for provincial honors at the general election.

Mrs. Reid and two sons have returned from their sojourn in California during the winter.

We are having glorious weather Every thing is springing up rapidly and grass is plentiful. The spring work is well-nigh completed.

LYTTON.

C. Robson, of Anthony & Robson, will shortly erect a residence near the firm's store. He has nearly all of the lumber on the ground.

Dr. Wallace has the frame up for his new building which will be used for his drug store. He expects to be able to move into it in a couple of weeks.

Miss A. Buie, who has been nurse in a Tacoma hospital for some time, returned Saturday evening on a visit to her relations, and will return in a few days.

Miss B. Dobie arrived from Port Arthur this week and is visiting her sister Mrs. D. G. Sutherland. She will spend several weeks in Lytton and will visit the coast cities before returning to her home.

The Misses Smith, of Kootenay, who have been visiting friends at Vancouver, stopped off a week at Lytton visiting Miss Trodden.

William Cameron is acting as provincial constable in the absence of D. G. Sutherland at Ashcroft. He has the makings of a very efficient officer.

Mr. Clark, C. P. R. station agent expects his wife and family to arrive shortly from Donald.

The public school is pretty well crowded and the provincial government has made allowance for a monitor at North Lytton. This will be a great convenience as at present the attendance is too large for one man to handle.

Early Closing.

EDITOR MINING JOURNAL—Sir: I note with pleasure that your correspondent "Orison" has opened the early closing question in the columns of your valuable paper, and I desire to express hearty approval of the views held by him. It is certainly high time that something should be done to induce the merchants of Ashcroft to allow their employees a few hours in the week that they may call their own. As matters are now, the employees are at work in many instances from 7 a. m. to 9 or 10, and sometimes later, in the evening. These long hours are continued throughout the year; even public holidays are disregarded. Now, I am sure, everyone will agree that such a state of affairs is not conducive to the well-being of the men, and it is a well established fact that shorter hours induce better work. We are told, however, by the merchants here, that it is impossible to close earlier, but it seems to me, that in the present state of affairs it would be a very easy matter to come to some arrangement for early closing, there being but few to consult. As to its impossibility, we are told that some years ago the stores were kept open on Sundays and that it was then stated to be an impossibility to close on Sundays, as business would suffer, etc., but I do not think that any one will now say any harm has been done, or that business has decreased, although Sunday closing is the rule.

In fact, early closing has been inaugurated in other places, almost all towns being in favor of it, and we have yet to hear of any evil effects on the trade of such places; if it is successful elsewhere why not in Ashcroft?

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I am of the opinion that this matter should be taken up energetically and pushed to a successful issue and not allowed to drop as so many matters of public interest are in Ashcroft, owing, principally to the apathy of those whose position in the town calls for more broad mindedness and public spirit than at present shown. Yours truly:

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

Lands and Works Enquiry.

The commission of enquiry into the conduct of affairs at the Lands and Works Department, met Wednesday morning, and Commissioner Walkem explained that the enquiry was limited to the charge of fees being solicited and obtained by employees, contrary to statute, to expedite business. Everything else was foreign to the matter. The employees of the department were examined and denied having any knowledge of such having been done. Surveyor General Kains partially admitted some knowledge of Tolmie having offered him $10, but all other evidence was stereotyped denials. The Commission was adjourned until next morning, to allow F. G. Richards, the principal witness on the other side, to be present.

An Ontario Party.

Captain M. McPhatter of Galt, W. R. Hamilton of Kincardine and Omar Warner of Cayuga arrived in Ashcroft this week and are stopping at the Cargile House. They are representing the Jubilee Mining and Development Company of Toronto, and of which Mr. H. Cargill, of Cargill, Ont. is president. They will procure all the necessary articles and outfits here, and will be prepared to spend about two years prospecting the northern country. Several more men will arrive shortly, this being only the advance guard of the whole party. The company has on its board some of the names of the most prominent men in Ontario.

After having received satisfactory reports from this route the party had no hesitation in trying this and since arriving at Ashcroft are more than satisfied. They expect to get to the Yukon in July.

Captain McPhatter is an experienced miner and packer, and is a good man for the trip, and has shown excellent judgment in outfitting his party. They will probably get started on their journey about Tuesday.

Quesnelle Lake Co.

Mr. Helmcken in moving the second reading of the bill to amend the Quesnelle Lake Company Dam act. In doing so he explained that as section 8 of the Dam Company's act of 1895 provided that nothing in the act contained should be construed so as to prevent free miners holding claims or leaseholds from depositing tailings in the South Fork river; and as doubts had arisen as to the true meaning of the section it was desirable that any such doubts should be settled, and the rights of free miners under the section definitely determined. He therefore had brought in this bill which contained the following section: "It is hereby declared that all free miners holding a record or lease of any mining land on the 31st day of December, 1897, on the South Fork river, its banks, benches and hillsides, have been since the commencement of the respective works or undertakings, entitled to deposit tailings in the bed or channel of the said river and shall continue to have the right or privilege of depositing tailings in the said river during the existence of their respective records, leases or any renewals thereof."

Mr. Sword here raised the point of order that the bill was to amend a private bill, and although it was quite competent for a government to amend a private bill, no private member could move to do so without going through the procedure required for private bills, by giving notice and presenting the bill to committee before its introduction in the house.

Mr. Helmcken in answer to this said that although the bill had originally been a private one it had afterwards been made a public bill by the government.

Hon. Mr. Turner remarked that as the point was important it would be well to adjourn the debate in order that the members might have full opportunity of considering it.

Debate was accordingly adjourned.

Edward Remenyi, the famous musician who has held royalty enchanted and enthralled fashionable audiences all over the world, fell dead on the stage of the Orpheum theatre, San Francisco, on Sunday afternoon.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

The following horse races have been prepared to take place on Tuesday, May 24th:

Open for all—Three-eighths of a mile, single dash. Purse $50.

British Columbia bred horses—Three-quarter mile, single dash. Purse $25.

Saddle horse race—Half-mile and repeat. Purse $25.

Consolation—Half-mile, single dash. Purse $20.

Entrances for races closes Monday evening at 9 o'clock, with John Hawthorne, secretary.

A Tale of Dilations.

In a quiet room in a little town called Cashcroft a few nights since a party of young men were playing that highly entertaining but sometimes expensive game called "Hit It." Besides the well known faces of the boys, who oft times recreate in the manner above described, were some chechacos (new in the business). Finally it came the time for one of the chechacos to spread out the black jacks, and he did it very luckily; in fact, one could have almost mistrusted what was afterwards found to be true, that he could read the cards by the backs as easily as by the faces. After one of the boys named Vizalia had guessed wrong, Barney James had failed to guess right, one of the boys whom we will call Cowle had been puzzled, and a party called Blue had made a series of mistakes, the chechaco arose with much wealth in his clothes, secured a horse and started toward Klondike. Now Barney James, Vizula and Boy Blue conceived the idea that the man was crooked; at any rate he had the town sack. So a horse brigade was organized to go in pursuit. The chechaco was run down, and, all the same Uncle Sam and Havana, the committee demanded entrance to his room, but a stout lock and a landlord who did not want his house bombarded, caused the party to form a blockade which was rigorously enforced for two days and nights when the blockaders drew off for consultation. The result of the consultation was that the Boy Blue was left on guard whilst the remainder of the forces went for legal aid. Fortunately for the chechaco he was supplied with a bottle of dynamite, or forty rod, or something of the kind and he did'nt do a thing only paralyze the guard and put him to bed in his late castle. When the other forces returned with reinforcements, and a storming party arrived with the law, the chechaco and the company funds had taken a walk together. Now there is not to be a distribution of "We never sleep" medals among our local detectives.

Passing Away.

The death has occurad at San Francisco of Alexander Snedden Orr, an old miner who worked in all the British Columbia and Yukon camps. His remains will be brought to Victoria for interment. The deceased was a native of Airdrie, Scotland, 58 years of age.

Two deaths occurred at the Provincial Home, Kamloops, on Saturday. John Lewis, who came from Victoria about two years ago, died somewhat suddenly, and Robert Brodie expired the same day. Lewis was 87 years of age and Brodie 77. Lewis was an old timer and was well known in Barkervill. The funerals took place yesterday afternoon.

Supplementary Estimates.

The supplementary estimates were laid before the members of the house last Friday evening and were finally passed Thursday. The sum in whole is $550,940.06. The chief items of interest for this part of the country are as follows:

ROADS—	
Forks Quesnelle to Quesnelle lake (refund of part of cost)	$4,000
Forks Quesnelle to 108-Mile House	3,000
150-Mile House to Forks Quesnelle	2,000
Collins to Beaver lake	500
Bridge at mouth Keatley creek	2,000
Ferry at Chimney creek, installing cable	1,200
Ferry at Sada cacek, installing cable	2,116
FIRE DEPARTMENT—	
Lillooet	1,000
Ashcroft	200
TRAILS—	
Queinelle to Hazleton	8,000
Quesnelle to Omenica (repairs)	1,000

Against the Law.

In the action of Bryden vs. the Union Colliery Company at Victoria, Mr. Justice Drake has handed down his judgment, holding that the employment of Chinamen underground is contrary to law, as follows: "The defendants of this action contend that Section 4 of the Coal Mines Regulations Act, being Cap 138 of the Revised Statutes, 1898, as far as it affects the employment Chinese underground, is ultra vires of the Provincial Government. The same question was argued before the Full Court upon a reference to that Court under the Supreme Court Reference Act, 1891, which is now to be found in Section 98, of the Supreme Courts Act, Revised Statutes, B. C., 1897, and the Act there referred to is the same as the above mentioned statute. The Full Court having considered the question of jurisdiction, and having arrived at the conclusion that the restriction as to the employment of Chinese below ground is within the constitutional power of the provincial legislature, and is not ultra vires, although I may not be bound by that opinion therein expressed, it only remains with me to give judgment in accordance with that opinion, and I therefore give judgment in accordance with that opinion, and I therefore hold that the employment of Chinese laborers below ground is an infraction of Section 4 of the Coal Mines Regulations Act, and is contrary to law, and that the law was one within the power of the Provincial Legislature to pass: and I adopt the reasons given by the Full Court and make the same part of my judgment. As this is a friendly action, in order to raise the question for another tribunal, I make no order as to costs."

Methodist Conference.

At the Methodist conference held at Vancouver last week the following are the ministers appointed for Kamloops district: Kamloops, C. Ladner; Kamloops, Chinese, to be supplied under superintendence of Kamloops; Thompson river, to be supplied; Nicola, R. B. Laidlay; Clinton, one wanted; Salmon Arm, R.H.P.; Revelstoke, S. J. Thompson; Trout Lake City, one to be sent; Golden, Geo. A. Cropp; Enderby, W. L. Hall, J. E. Rosoman, supernumary; Vernon, E. Robson; Okanagan, one wanted; Fairview, W. E. Moody; Cariboo, to be supplied; Ashcroft, G. H. Osborne; Lillooet, one wanted. J. Turner left in the hands of the general board of missions for work in the Yukon.

Lacrosse.

The arrangements that were being made for a lacrosse match with the Kamloops lacrosse team have been postponed as Kamloops can not play with Ashcroft on account of some of their men being away. As for the Ashcroft team, it is in name only, as they have not had a practice since a lacrosse team was talked of. The nearest they have ever been together was at Savona last year when they had an impromptu match with Kamloops. Several nights have been spoken of for a few of the boys to have a practice but that was the end of it. We hope if a match is arranged they will be able to get in one practice so as to know their positions and the players. It would be a good thing to try and have a little game on the Queen's Birthday, as in all probability the stores will close up for a little while in the afternoon, and this will give the players and citizens a chance to spend the afternoon.

There are a number of people in town who have never seen a lacrosse match, and they would no doubt appreciate it The horse racing will not take up the whole of the day and it will be necessary for some kind of entertainment for the citizens and visitors.

Business Outlook.

Business in all lines continues good in Ashcroft and many men are being outfitted for the northern country. Kamloops, too, according to reports from there, is doing well.

Many hundreds of men are now on their way from the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho Colorado, and even farther south.

The northern and central portions of British Columbia will be so thoroughly looked over this season that valuable discoveries will be made in sections now unknown as mining sections.

A wagon road from Quesnelle north is the one thing needed to open up and develop the entire country from Quesnelle through to Glenora.

A good start is given by the vote of $8,000 in the supplementary estimates for additional expenditure on the trail, but $100,000, or so much as required therefor, should be promptly voted to change the trail to a wagon road.

If a $5,000,000 loan is to be offered for intended improvements, at present it is not much for this much needed work.

If Victoria and Vancouver must have half a dozen railroads built for their upbuilding, give us at least one wagon road through the entire province.

To ask is not asking a favor but only a right that the people of the interior should insist upon.

Public Work Improvement.

In the supplementary estimates of provincial government an extra appropriation of $8,000 is made for work on the Telegraph trail from Quesnelle to Hazleton. The government road gangs are out working both ways from Quesnelle and Hazleton, the intention being to meet. The work is in charge of John Harris and Mr. St. Laurent, and are doing good and quick work in connection with the clearing and repairing of the trail. Parties going north have no need to fear serious trouble as the trail will be in fine condition and all the dangerous streams have bridges across or ferries running.

The sum of $1,000 has been appropriated for repairs on the Omenica trail, which branches off the Telegraph trail at Tsin-cut lake. The improvement of this trail will be a boon to the prospectors and companies operating in the Omenica country.

Appropriations for roads and trails from Quesnelle Forks, a long needed want, have been made and work will probably be started this season.

GLADSTONE DEAD.

London, May 19.—Mr. Gladstone passed peacefully away at Hawarden at 9.45 last night. The Commons members discussed appropriate proceedings to be observed, as in the case of the death of Lord Chatham and the younger Pitt, namely, that the Queen be asked that Mr. Gladstone be buried with public honours.

Sent Up For Trial.

W. C. McKenzie who was arrested the first of the week charged with stealing $205 from G. Stacy and was turned loose on account of not sufficient evidence was again arrested on Constable Sutherland's information. McKenzie after leaving Ashcroft went to Savona, where he had money changed, and it was through this that caused his arrest. From Savona he went to Kamloops where he was arrested. Constable Sutherland went up Thursday afternoon and brought him to Ashcroft where he came up before F. W. Foster, J. P. and sent up for trial. At Kamloops on Constable Sutherland cross examining him he owned up to robbing Stacy, and said when he saw Constable Sutherland on the train he threw the money away. He will probably be tried by speedy trials. McKenzie worked for some time at Kamloops and had only arrived at Ashcroft a few days before the robbery. He is a very young man not more than 23 years old.

Thompson Bridge Fire.

The bridge across the Thompson river here was ablaze Friday noon, and had it not been for the quick attention of several of our citizens we would not now be able to cross. The fire was in the center of the bridge and was noticed by a teamster who was crossing, and when he arrived in town he informed a crowd who hastily went to the scene with buckets and ropes. This is about the fourth time the bridge has been on fire, and the flames have always been extinguished just in time. It no doubt comes from the carelessness of persons throwing lighted cigar or cigarette stubs on the bridge, which soon starts a blaze fanned as it is by the continual breeze blowing up the river. The splinters and debris on the bridge are very dry and are easily ignited. The cleaning of the bridge should be looked to more closely as without this bridge the town of Ashcroft would suffer greatly. A few persons can remember the inconvenience that was caused when the bridge was washed away by the high water of 1894. Of course it would be impossible to have a fire brigade in Ashcroft!

43rd Company.

The 43rd Mining & Milling company's men leave the first of the week for their properties on Manson and Slate creeks in the Omenica districts. The party is in charge of Lt.-Colonel Wright and consists of Harry Wright, G. Davison, L. Slater, D. McLean, J. Slater, J. A. McMartin and P. Keough. Heretofore the colonel has hired his men at Ashcroft and has found it to his advantage to let them go into the country on their own responsibility, and if they do not give satisfaction, he discharges them and has no further trouble with them.

The 43rd company has some fine property and when the colonel gets to actual work he will bring out some gold to show the results of his three years labors. He expects if every thing is going right to commence work in good style by the first of July. A. F. Cotton, the engineer of the company who went in by Hazelton arrived at Manson creek April 10th with six men and will have everything in pretty good shape when the colonel and his party arrive, letters from him state that things are in good condition. One of the men, John Roberts, left in last season to look after the company's interests there, fell from the flume and and broke his neck during the winter. Evidence was taken before a justice of the peace and the man was buried.

The party have about fifty animals to pack in their supplies, among the animals are several fine mules which will be used on Manson Creek for hauling timbers, etc. The colonel also purchased a wagon and will haul most of his donnage to Quesnelle. The class of animals this year are superior to what the company have had and will stand more. J. A. McMartin will have charge of the pack train for the season and will keep the camp supplied with all the necessaries.

The 43rd Company have spent considerable amount of money on Manson and Slate creeks and the directors and shareholders are perfectly satisfied with the way that the work has been done under Col. Wright's supervision. The time is not far distant now until their property rewards them for their past expenditure. This company was the first large company in the Omenica district three years ago and the present year there will be several properties worked, and hundreds of men prospecting throughout the district, and when the 43rd company makes a cleanup more attention will be drawn to this district. During the summer we will have reports from this district concerning the work and doings of the large number of men who went in this season.

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There are no signs of an early closing movement for Ashcroft as yet.

The supplementary estimates were presented to the house this week and amount to $550,910.06.

Will the Queen's Birthday be celebrated this year in Ashcroft? Arrangements have been made for horse racing, but so far there will be no athletic *sports. Arrangements should be made* to have some kind of athletic sports on that day.

In the provincial supplementary estimates an appropriation of $200. is made for fire protection at Ashcroft. Is it possible to have an organized fire *brigade in Ashcroft? The $200 will* be all right when the water-works system is put in.

The sidewalks along Railway avenue would not be spoiled very much if some one would have the large spikes driven in. The streets also need a little *cleaning in some parts of the town.* What's the matter with some of our jail-birds making a tour around town cleaning up.

The Ashcroft Amateur Athletic Association which was started here a few weeks ago should receive more support than *it has up to the present.* Every man in town should come forward and help the association along It is not necessary for them all to take part in the games, but it will give encouragement to the boys who represent the different teams proposed for the summer. It is likely that in a few *weeks that a lacrosse match will take* place between Ashcroft and Kamloops and the boys need all the assistance that they can get. All those who are not members of the association should join at once.

Premier Turner has announced that the provincial general elections will take place some time in July. At present there has been no name put forward as a government candidate in West Yale to oppose Charles A. Semlin, leader of the opposition. From the present outlook it looks as if the government was going to let the district go by *default. In the Cariboo, Lillooet and* Yale districts both parties are well organized and are doing good work for the candidates at present named. J. D. Prentice, is the opposition candidate, and D. Stoddart, the present member, is the government canditate for East Lillooet. W. H. Gallager, received the *nomination at the opposition convention* Lillooet to contest West Lillooet against A. W. Smith. H. Helgeson and Major Kenchant are the opposition candidates for the Cariboo district and are at present among the constituents. Joseph Hunter and S. A. Rogers will in all probability be the government *candidates. F. J. Deane, opposition candi*date for North Yale is doing hard work in his district in opposition to the Hon. *G. B. Martin,* chief commissioner of Lands and Works. In North Yale both sides expect to have a land slide in their favor. So far West Yale is about the only district in the province that *has not been stirred up by politics.* As yet it is pretty hard to predict which way the fight is going.

The Barkerville Church.

The following article is taken from the Victoria Nation, and will be a great surprise to the people of Barkerville to find how neglectful they have been with their church. But a person always *has to go away from home to find the* news. If the archdeacon would make a visit to the place referred to he would find out his mistake. As for the ferns poking their way through the floor is nearly impossible, as the building is fully twelve feet above ground.

"On Saturday last, Canon Pentreath, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Westminster, made an appeal from the pulpit of Christs Church, Vancouver, for contributions to the Mission fund. He spoke particularly of the church in Barkerville, Cariboo, which the people of that small town are too poor to support. The little wooden building has been closed for four years. To those who remember that church as it was in the palmy days of Cariboo—rough and unpainted, *it is true,* but swept and cared for—there comes with a pang the knowledge that the courts where, in olden days, many voices rang forth in praise, now is silent. The few men and women who still cling lovingly to the little town, because of the halo of happy memories which surround it, have now no Sunday service: *and the weeds and* mountain-fern push their way through the floor where the feet of the worshipers used to stand. It cannot be that such an appeal will pass unnoticed by the many more fortunate ones in our coast cities who enjoy each Sunday all the privileges of the church."

Prohibition and Drunkenness.

*As a piece of practical evidence appro*pos of the coming plebiscite the following from the London (England) Spectator is interesting:

"The Times of Wednesday published a valuable account of the working of prohibitory laws in Norway. The people there are genuinely alarmed at the spread of spirit drinking, and after trying the Gothenburg system, which purified the pot houses, 18 towns resolved to prohibit the sale of spirits altogether. They did prohibit it, closing every spirit shop, with the result that drunkenness immediately increased. Not only was a strong kind of *port wine drank in quantities, but illicit* stills were set up in most back kitchens, and the people drank the raw fresh spirits with lamentable results. Even the children were found intoxicated, and the arrests for drunkenness increased by from 30 to 80 per cent. Prohibition, in fact, totally failed, as *it always will fail where it is not sup*ported by a popular conviction that it is criminal to drink alcohal. Then it succeeds, and then also it is totally unnecessary. It is always forgotten that the population of any town or village can prohibit the sale of liquor at once and finally by the simplest of expedients, *viz: Not buying them.* The dram shops will not give away one drop. Drink is not sold because it is seen but because it is wished for."

A FIRM RESOLUTION.

THERE is trouble in many an American home right now. Many a mother's heart aches as she thinks of her boy who has gone to the war. Many a girl mourns for a sweetheart who is with the other boys in blue at the front. There is nothing new in this kind of sorrow, although we will never cause it. While we would rather be a dead hero *than a living coward, all our female re*lations and friends can rest assured that our name will never appear in the despatches as being deceased from an over dose of bull fighters lead. We may die of starvation in the newspaper business, be buried in a slide or shot by an indignant populace, but we will *never die dressed up in blue, or red* for that matter. Of that fact we are certain. We have camly considered the question and arrived at the conclusion that it is more heathly in New Denver than in Cuba at the present stage of affairs. Of course, if the bull-fighters would charge down Carpenter *creek with the intention of capturing* New Denver, under the impression that it was an American territory we would get out and give them all the hell we had on hand. Outside of this bare possibility there is no danger of us making any vacant chairs in Spain. We intend to still camp on the old *ground and print the same kind of a* paper that we did in ante-bellum days.—New Denver Ledge.

A Remarkable Case.

Writing from Kamloops the World correspondent says: An operation was recently performed in Kamloops by Dr. Proctor for appendicitis which deserves to be placed on record as a wonderful medical scientific achievement, and one of the most unique of its kind in the history of surgery. A *young girl 12 years of age, the daughter* of Oliver Evans, a well-known farmer near Ashcroft, was brought to the hospital a short time since writhing in what was believed to be mortal agony. Upon consultation amongst the medical men it was decided to perform an operation at once, it being deemed to *be a case of death in any event.* Nevertheless, a diagnosis was made of the patient, when it was discovered that the disease had made such headway that the appendix had actually sloughed off forming a large abscess, the bowels being full of pus and turning gangrenous. Never for a moment was it *deemed possible to save the* child's life, but by the most careful and assiduous attention, even to the extent of sleeping alongside the patient's couch, Dr. Proctor has at length succeeded in bringing the patient into a more favorable state, and every hope is now entertained of her recovery, *greatly to the joy of her parents and* relatives. This is considered one of the most remarkable cases of appendicitis that has ever been heard of, and too much cannot be said in praise of the careful and scientific manner in which Dr. Proctor has handled it.

Three Staple Methods.

In North West Canada there are three staple methods of earning a livelihood,—through the Government, the C. P. R. and the North West Mounted Police. The rest is a mere scramble. If you have the good luck to be the second cousin, two generations removed, of the Secretary of the Interior's cook, you can bring that influence to bear in securing a civil service appointment. The instant the Government falls, of course, off goes your coco, but what *is life without a little excitement?* Study railroading and telegraphy for years until you become an expert, and then you can honor your father and mother by coming into the North West and taking charge of the Krokenole junction, with the distinct understanding that who somebody's liver is out of *whack you get removed to Sagebush* siding, this last assignment also being handicapped with the proviso that when he jams his finger in the door or accidently swallows a chew, you get fired. If you are a hopeless waster and have proved that in ordinary concerns of life you cannot control yourself, *join the Mounted Police, and after a* while you will be sent off on detachment to some little burg to control the town and the country side. These jobs can be classified this way;—A Government job calls for tailor made clothes; a C. P. R. job ready made clothes and bulk whiskey; while, *in the police, clothes costs nothing and* any kind of whiskey goes. Who wouldn't be a policeman? As for the rest of the population, the farmers and the common horde of bread winners, to say nothing of the riff raff to which we belong, all have the awfullest time rustling a suit of clothes. *It is as much as we can do to get a* hair cut. At the first favorable opportunity we are going to chuck up the Free Lance and hustle around for a government job. Almost everybody else has one. We will fix up our politics to suit the idiosyncracies of any man who will get us a job that calls for *tailor made clothes.* We are wearied to death of the strain and worry attendant upon our journalistic exertions, which so far have consisted in a great measure in explaining away ill advised jokes.—Wetaskiwin Free Lance.

*The first meeting of the Royal Com*mission appointed to enquire into the allegations of the maladministration in the conduct of business in the Lands and Works Department, was held in Court House Victoria, Tuesday at 3 p.m. before Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem.

It was announced Friday that His Excellency the Governor-General will sever his official connection with Canada before the end of the present year. This statement is considered authentic, and Lord Aberdeen, it is understood, has intimated this to several of his most intimate friends. Lord Hopetoun is spoken *of as his successor.*

Klondike Traffic.

The extravagant guesses as to the amount of traffic to the Klondike this spring have come far from *being* realized. So light has been the travel, in fact, that railroad men are wondering if it has been worth the three months fight with the Canadian Pacific, and the loss of revenue on regular business consequent upon the reductions made upon all Western lines and the Grand Trunk.

During the winter many railroad men made personal visits to the north Pacific coast points to ascertain the probable volume of Alaska traffic. Almost without exception they placed the total at 150,000 or 200,000 men. Since January 1, when the first of the travel to the Klondike *began, accurate count* has been kept on all passengers on all boats going to Alaska ports. Up to April 1 the number of passengers had not reached 26,000. It is conceded that the rush is now over and the best evidence of this is the fact that the boat lines have reduced their rates $10 a *ticket. Hence 30,000 will more than* cover the entire traffic for the season, exclusive of that which went overland, and which is very small.

For this business transcontinental rates were reduced more than 60 per cent., the fare from St. Paul and Missouri river points being only $10, ye, *the reductions do not seem to have* stimulated traffic to any appreciable extent. Furthermore, these low rates are in effect still, and the prospects of getting them out are very poor, for the Canadian Pacific and the American lines are no nearer a settlement than they were when the fight began early in *the winter.*

By No Means an Easy Thing.

The *practical prospector* is rapidly taking the place of the ignorant and inexperienced. He has paid for his knowledge, not by years in the management of paying properties, but by years of loss mixed up with his gains, to indeliably impress his experience upon ahe mental faculties. It is a business *to which few are adapted,* and fewer still are successful. There is nothing in the business world that requires such a wide range of knowledge as that of mining and prospecting. The practical prospector of today understands every detail of the solfataric, dynamic and chemical factors *most effective in the world's past per*iods of universal formation. He has learned that while heat, water and vapors have produced deposits in veins and otherwise, many of which have proven valuable, that the greater part of the great bonanzas of the world are always in connection with two of the *six principal divisions of igneous* or eruptive rocks—trachyt and felstyte—the former generally lying in great fields and truncated masses, the latter in dikes and in overflows and older formations. These again have been divided into various characteristics, owing to the period of eruption or *subsequent metamorphism, all of which* have been intrumental in mineralizing the adjoining county rocks in veins and deposits. The secrets of the success of the modern prospector and mine manager lie in his knowledge of the dates and effects of the porphyry overflows and intrusions. The advance from pre*historic mining was slow, but is now* coeval with all other industries and scientific attainments.—Mining and Scientific Press.

TRAVELLING LIBRARIES.

Acting under the instructions of the Executive, Travelling Libraries are being sent out to the following organizations: Farmers' Institutes, Mining Camps, Rural Communities and Village Communities.

These libraries have been selected with great care and consist of collections of books relating to agriculture, mining, forestry, and works of history, biography, travel, nature science, etc.

The movement is educational, the *object being to* place the best reading in the homes which are remote from the large cities and towns. There is no fee, but communities petitioning for a Library pay the cost of one case. A petition duly signed, as required by the rules, must be received accompanied by six dollars to cover cost of the case, *in order that a Library may be* forwarded.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," Part III.;

—AND—

In the Matter of a Petition by the "Ashcroft Water Works Company, Limited," for a Certificate Under the Provisions of Section 55 of said Act.

1. This is to certify that the Ashcroft Water Works Company, Limited, a specially incorporated company within the meaning of Part III. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," *incorporated on the 28th day of July,* 1897, for the sole object of constructing and operating a water works system for the supply of the unincorporated locality hereinafter defined, and the purposes necessary and incidental thereto, has by its petition prayed for the granting of a certificate under the provisions of Section 55 of the said Act, and furthermore, that upon the hearing of the said petition it *has been made to appear to my satisfaction* that the company has complied with the provisions of Section 52 of the said Act, and that the facts made to appear to me are such as to justify the construction and operation of the proposed undertaking and works, and the doing and exercising of all acts and statutory powers in connection therewith.

2. And this is further to certify that the said undertaking, as shown by the documents and plans filed in support of the said petition, is as follows:

(a) The company propose to generate electricity at a point about three miles from the town of Ashcroft on the Bonaparte river by water power, and to convey an electrical current by wires to an electric motor pump situated *on the east side of the Thompson river* at the foot of First street of the said town of Ashcroft and about 800 feet south of the bridge on the Cariboo road crossing the Thompson river near the said town of Ashcroft, and with the use of this pump to pump water from the Thompson river to a reservoir situate about 1000 feet from the pump house upon the lands lastly described at an elevation of about two *hundred feet and to distribute the water from* the said pump and the said reservoir through the the said unincorporated locality by means of pipes and mains laid under the street for the use of the inhabitants.

(b) The unincorporated locality for which the above company was incorporated with the object of constructing and operating a water works system, and for purposes necessary and incidental thereto, consists of all and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Province of British Columbia, and known annd numbered as blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 upon the map or plan of the town of Ashcroft, showing the subdivisions of part of Lot 423, Group 1, Kamloops Division of Yale District, deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria on the 28th day of June, 1886, and there numbered 189, and the station grounds of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company shown on *the said plan.*

(c) The approximate number of persons actually resident within the said unincorporated locality is about 500, the number of inhabited *houses 40, dwelling houses 40, churches* 3, stores 8, and buildings and works occupied for industrial purposes 8.

(d) The amount of unrecorded water for *which the company has made application* is 100 inches, and the estimated quantity of water available in the Thompson river from which the company propose to draw their supply is about 1,000,000 inches. No head is required for the operation of the proposed system.

(e) The lands sought to be taken by the company under powers of expropriation is a strip of land nine feet wide running through *Block 23* of the said town of Ashcroft, thence continuing in a strip of the same width through and across the right of way of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, thence in an easterly direction in a strip of the same width for a distance of about 800 feet from the eastern boundary of the said right of way to the proposed site of the reservoir, which said site is also sought to be taken under powers of expropriation and which will include about one-quarter of an acre. All of the said land sought to be so acquired east of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's right of way is in said Lot 423, Group 1, Kamloops Division of Yale District but does not form part of the said townsite of Ashcroft.

3. And this is further to certify that the amount of capital of the said company, which shall be duly subscribed for before the company shall be authorized to exercise its corporate powers, is hereby fixed at the sum of $10,000.

4. And this is further to certify that the time within which the said capital is to be subscribed is fixed at one month from the date hereof, and the time within which such work *taking is to be commenced* is fixed at one month from the date hereof.

5. And this is further to certify that I have imposed the following conditions and restrictions, *which I deem necessary in the pub*lic interest, namely:

(a) That such works shall be in operation so as supply water to the amount of 5,000 gallons per day within *the said unincorporated locality* within twelve months from the date hereof.

Dated this tenth day of May, A.D. 1898.

(Seal of Supreme Court, B.C.) GEO. A. WALKEM, *A Judge of the Supreme* Court of British Columbia.

I hereby certify the above written document is a true and correct copy of the certificate of the Honorable Mr. Justice Walkem made herein the 10th day of May, 1898, of which it purports to be a copy.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
Registrar of Supreme Court of British Columbia.

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Dated at New Westminster this 23rd day of April, A.D. 1898.

WITNESS: H. J. FINK.
STUART HENDERSON. 143

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"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. } No. 81.

This is to certify that "The Dominion Gold Dredging and Placer Mining Company, Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

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Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Empress No. 1, Empress No. 2, Empress No. 3, Empress No. 4, Empress No. 5, Empress No. 6 Mineral Claims, and Empress Fractional Mineral Claim, situate in Yale Mining Division of Yale District, about 4 miles N.E. of Agassiz.

Take notice that William Bauer, acting as agent for W. Gordon Ross, free miners' certificate No. 29,705.A, intend sixty days from date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder *for a Certificate of Improvements* for the purpose of obtaining crown grants of the above claims.

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WHEN MOTHER LOOKS.

I 'member such a lot of things
That happened long ago
When me an Jim was six years old,
An now we're ten or so,
But those I remember best—
The ones I 'most can see—
Are the things that used to happen
When mother looked at me.

One time in church when me an Jim
Was snickerin out loud—
The minister was prayin, an
The people's heads was bowed—
We had the biggest kind of joke
About a bumblebee,
But things got quiet rather quick
When mother looked at me.

An then there's sometimes when I think
I've had such lots of fun
A-goin in a-swimmin with the boys
Down there by Jones' run,
But when I get back home again—
Just 'bout in time for tea—
There's a kind of a differ'nt feelin comes
When mother looks at me.

That time when I was awful sick,
An the doctor shook his head,
An every time pa come around
His eyes was wet an red,
I 'member her hands on my face.
How soft they used to be!
Somehow the pain seemed easier
When mother looked at me.

It's funny how it makes you feel.
I ain't afraid of her.
She's about the nicest person
You'd find most anywhere.
But the queerest sort of feelin,
As queer as queer can be,
Makes everything seem different
When mother looks at me.
—Letchworth Smith in True Republic.

GYPSIES OF HUNGARY

TZIGANES, WHO FURNISH THE "HUNGARIAN ORCHESTRAS."

Nomads Who Make Hungary Their National Home and Who Generally Refuse All Attempts to Civilize Them—A Weird Lot of Musical Tramps.

Fashion's fondness for Hungarian orchestras the world over and a recent society scandal in which an American girl was implicated have drawn the attention of two continents to those curious people called Tziganes in Hungary, Bohemians in France and gypsies in England and the United States. Hungary is the home of the Tziganes in so far as they have any home. In all other European countries they were persecuted for centuries as emissaries of the evil one and enemies of Christianity, but Hungary took pity on them and treated the wanderers like lost children. It was in the fifteenth century that they first made their appearance there. King Sigismond received them hospitably and recommended to the charity and pity of the public "these poor wandering people, without a home and hounded by every one."

There are now about 150,000 of these Tziganes in Hungary. They may be divided into three classes—those who go barcheaded and barefooted, the wandering gypsies; those who wear headgear and shoes on Sundays, the seminomads, and those who always wear hats and shoes and who have to a great extent abandoned the nomadic lives of their ancestors. These latter are the most civilized and are generally musicians, who excel in the playing of Hungarian tunes.

When the Tziganes arrived in Hungary, *they were not trained musically, but they* soon appropriated Magyar music, and out of it have made a crude and weird art of their own. Their favorite instrument is the "bas 'alja," as they term the violin. Some play the harp, but they have a marked aversion for the piano, for the reason that it cannot be easily moved about. In Hungary no fete or festival takes place without a Tzigane orchestra. At election times a Tziganc band always heads the electoral processions, and no wedding is considered complete without their music for the dance. The Tziganes have become natural musicians, playing from inspiration and generally being unable to read music. Liszt, who made a study of the Tziganes, says that music is to them a sublime language, a mystic song, which they often make use of instead of conversation, and that they have, in fact, invented a music of their own.

One of the favorite abodes of these strange people is near the frontier of Croatia. It is there that the typical Bohemians are seen at their best. Their "camps" are always set up at some distance from the nearest town or village, often in close proximity to some forest. The Tziganc huts—for they are nothing more—consist of a single room, unless the owner is extremely well to do, and generally devoid of furniture. The Tziganes eat and sleep on the bare boards. At all times of the day there is a smoldering fire in the hut, over which hangs a sandstone pot, for the Tziganc has no fixed hour for his meals, but eats whenever he feels hungry. The ordinary bill of fare consists of potatoes, stews, milk and lard. On festive occasions such titbits are indulged in as hedgehogs, foxes and squirrels. Cats are considered by the Tziganes a princely diet. Dogs are trained to hunt hedgehogs and foxes. They have a peculiar manner of cooking foxes. They are placed in running water for a couple of days and then cooked under hot coals in a hole in the ground. The Tziganes have a partiality for the flesh of dead animals, and whenever a farm or a stable takes fire they rush to the scene in the hope of finding the carcass of some dead animal. Like certain oriental races, they use their fingers in conveying food to their mouths.

Tzigane women, as a rule, go about half naked, the young girls wearing nothing but a small apron, excepting when they go to the neighboring town. The men wear but little clothing, and until the time of their marriage, at between 12 and 15 years of age, they go about almost naked. After marriage, however, they attire themselves in the gaudy Hungarian national costume, of which they are very proud. Cast off garments of some Magyar nobleman they have a great weakness for, and when they are able to obtain a bright red coat their satisfaction is complete.

The Tziganes have horror of work or restraint of any kind. Even those who have a fixed residence like to roam about when they feel so inclined. So firm is this wandering instinct with them that they have no word in their language to signify "remain." Most of the trades they adopt are suitable for a nomadic life. They are either horse dealers, blacksmiths, sheep shearers or, and above all, beggars. It is quite impossible to take a country drive through some provinces of Hungary without coming across a band of Tziganes, some one of whom will surely follow a carriage for a half hour or more until he has received a coin. The Tziganes have given themselves the nickname of "poor men," and the habit of begging is so thoroughly rooted in them that even will to do members of their race, whom one occasionally meets in Budapest driving pure blooded horses and wearing costly jewels, cannot resist the temptation of asking for money.

Many unsuccessful attempts have been made to restrain the vagabond propensities of the Tziganes. The Emperor Joseph II once tried to compel them to have a fixed residence and allotted them land, distributed agricultural implements among them and ordered them to cultivate their land; but, instead of taking up their residences in the comfortable houses they had been presented with, the Tziganes turned the houses into stables for their horses and cows and set up tents near by for their own use. To prevent the corn given them for seed from sprouting they boiled it. But the emperor was not discouraged. He abolished the Tzigane language, as he had already done away with the Magyar language, did away with the very names of Tziganc and finally took their children from them to be educated by German and Hungarian farmers, who were to bring *them up according to a strict code of discipline.* But the little Tziganes grew up with all the instincts of their race, and at the first opportunity they escaped and rejoined their parents.—Nagy Karpad Cor. New York Times.

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"I had placed entire confidence in Green and decided to go out and see if I had made a mistake in so doing. He took me to visit the ranches, and I found to my surprise that there weren't half a dozen cattle on either of them.

"'They're all back in the brush,' insisted Green pompously, 'but they are all in fine condition, and you have the two best ranches in southern California.'

"However, I soon saw that my $30,000 was invested in a scoundrel. I knew that if I showed the least sign of suspecting him he would skip over the border into Mexico, and that would be the last of my money. So I pretended to believe him and let him take me to the station, supposedly to go back home. He seemed particularly anxious to have me get out of town and never left me for a moment until we reached the depot. I waited until he was out of sight and then took a carriage to the hotel.

"The next morning we made arrangements for his arrest in the afternoon, and about 1 o'clock I decided to take a little stroll. There was only one man in town that I knew must not see me, and that was Green. The chances were small, as I was two miles from his house, and I took them.

"I didn't meet a pedestrian, but at the sound of wheels looked up, and there was Green driving right toward me! There seemed no way of escape, and for the moment I was paralyzed. Suddenly I noticed that there was a large telegraph pole just ahead of me, and I saw that by retaining my speed and gauging it accurately I could move in such relation to the pole that it would obstruct his view of me and hide me. I never walked so carefully in my life, but it saved me $30,000, for two hours after we arrested him and he refunded the money."—Detroit Free Press.

PIN HOLES IN THE CHECKS.

The Only One of the Cashier's Precautions That Was Overlooked by the Forger.

In the course of a lecture delivered recently on chemical tests used in discovering by the ink the age of documents and whether there have been interpolations Professor C. A. Doremus told of a curious discovery in the case of a raised check made by his father, who is an expert in chemistry and in documents. The interests involved in this case were very large, and it was not practicable that the original check should be tampered with or chemically treated. For purposes of testimony an enlarged photograph of the check was taken by Dr. Doremus, who was called as an expert in the case. The first trial resulted in no decision, and on the second trial what purported to be the original check was produced. It was handed to the cashier of the bank for identification. He examined it and said:

"This is not the original check."

"How do you know that?" demanded the amazed lawyer.

"Because in the heading of the original check I picked a hole in the center of each of the 'o's' with a pin," was the reply. "This check has not those holes."

In all other respects the check seemed to be identical. The court called for Dr. Doremus' photograph to be produced. It plainly showed the pin holes. Upon this the lawyer for the defense threw up his case, and the guilty substitutor of the false check fled the country.—New York Sun.

A Chinese Feast.

It may have been the privilege of some of you to have indulged in all manner of gorgeous feasts, to have supped with potentates, to have eaten of the rarest dainties procurable, but I venture to state the few have partaken of viands the like of which were laid before the present writer at Peking.

The dinner lasted for three hours. There was no stiffness in the feast, it being quite courteous, after you had taken the birds' nest soups and the shark fins, to toy with chopsticks, affect an appetite and smoke in direct, profuse British fashion while the attendants stood over you waving peacock fans.

You began with cake, with apricot kernels and watermelon seeds washed in salt for a relish; then came a group of courses—ham garnished with bamboo sprouts, smoked duck and cucumbers, pickled chicken, shrimps with leeks, spiced sausage with celery, fish with fir tree cones and sweet pickle. After this came peaches in honey, pomegranates, water chestnuts, fresh thorn apples and honey gold cake.

In my list of the 70 courses I notice that we were proffered birds' nest soup, roast duck, shark fins, mushrooms with pigeon eggs, baked white pigeons, lotus seeds, ham in honey, a fat duck, perch, sweetmeats, the stomachs of fat fish, pears in honey, whale sinews, soles of pigeon feet, lotus seed soup, sliced dog bulbs, salted shrimps, prune juice and almonds with bean curd!—Strand Magazine.

Engineer A. Weber and Fireman Smith were killed on the C. P. R. by the derailing of a freight train on Saturday night near Moose Jaw. The accident was caused by the burning out of a small culvert. Six cars loaded with British Columbia lumber and shingles were destroyed.

It is less than two weeks since Dewey achieved fame, but already the American papers have interviewed half the male population of the United States about their "dear old schoolmate, the commodore." In fact, the citizens who claim to have gone to school with Dewey greatly outnumbered the fighting strength of Uncle Sam's standing army.

Professor John Fiske, the historian, in a recent sketch of the early history of Cuba, relates the following: Hatuey, it should be said, was a native Indian chief. In the year 1511 came Diego Velasquez, and it was not long before poor Hatuey was tied to a stake and fagots piled about him. While the flames were licking the flesh from his bones, a black robed priest held up a crucifix, and begged of him to repent of his sins and secure a place in Heaven. "Where is Heaven?" cried Hatuey; "are there any Spaniards there?" "Yea, many," quoth the priest. "Then," said the writhing victim, "pray let me go somewhere else."

The Government of the Province of British Columbia.

PART IV.

"WATER CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1897."

1. This is to certify that the "Ashcroft Water, Light and Power Company, Limited," a specially incorporated company within the meaning of Part IV. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," incorporated on the 25th day of February, 1898, has submitted its undertaking to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for approval, which said undertaking as shown by the documents and plans filed with the undersigned, is as follows:

To erect a power house, works and machinery for producing power, at a point on the Bonaparte river about three miles from its mouth, in the Kamloops Division of Yale District, and to operate the same by the use of 500 inches of water from the said Bonaparte river recorded by the company for the purpose of converting water power into electrical power and supplying the town of Ashcroft, B.C., with water, light, power and heat. The electrical power to be conveyed to the said town of Ashcroft by means of a wire and poles along the Cariboo wagon road from the aforesaid company's power house, a distance of about three miles.

Also to supply power for the irrigation of Lot 377, Group 1, in aforesaid district, and of such other lands situate within a radius of six miles from the site of the said power house as the company may deem fit, and to furnish *power to the Ashcroft* Waterworks Company, Limited, and that the said undertaking as so submitted has been approved.

2. And this is further to certify that the amount of capital of the said company, which shall be duly subscribed before the said company commences the construction of its undertaking and works, or exercises any of the power of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," Part IV., in that behalf, is hereby fixed at the sum of $10,000.

3. And this is further to certify that the time within which such capital is to be subscribed is fixed at one month from the date hereof, and the time within which such undertaking and works are to be commenced is fixed at one month from the date hereof, and the date by which such works shall be in operation is fixed at the first day of October, 1898.

Dated this sixth day of May, 1898.

W. S. GORE,
Water Commissioner.

Lands and Works Department,
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Certified to by "James Baker,"
215 Clerk of the Executive Council.

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EDUCATION.

Notice is hereby given that the annual examination of candidates for certificates of qualification to teach in the Public Schools of the Province will be held as follows, commencing on Monday, July 4th, 1898, at 8:45 a.m.:

Victoria ...In South Park School Building.
Vancouver..... In High School Building.
Kamloops..... In Public School Building.

Each applicant must forward a notice, thirty days before the examination, stating the class and grade of certificate for which he will be a candidate, the optional subjects selected, and at which of the above-named places he will attend.

Every notice of intention to be an applicant must be accompanied with satisfactory testimonial of moral character.

Candidates are notified that all of the above requirements must be fulfilled before their applications can filed.

All candidates for First Class, Grade A Certificates, including Graduates, must attend in Victoria to take the subjects prescribed for July 13th and 14th instants, and to undergo required oral examination.

S. D. POPE,
Superintendent of Education.

Education Office,
Victoria, May 4th, 1898. 1t4

TABLE.

Showing the Dates and Places of Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery for the Year 1898.

SPRING ASSIZES.

Nanaimo	Tuesday, 3rd May.
New Westminster	Tuesday, 10th May.
Vancouver	Tuesday, 17th May.
Victoria	Tuesday, 31st May.
Clinton	Monday, 30th May.
Kamloops	Monday, 6th June.
Vernon	Monday, 13th June.
Nelson*	Monday, 20th June.
Donald*	Monday, 27th June.

*Special Assize.

FALL ASSIZES.

Clinton	Thursday, 22nd September.
Richfield	Monday, 26th September.
Kamloops	Monday, 3rd October.
Lytton	Friday, 14th October.
Vernon	Monday, 10th October.
New Westminster	Tuesday, 1st November.
Vancouver	Monday, 14th November.
Victoria	Tuesday, 15th November.
Nanaimo	Tuesday, 22nd November.

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NOTICE.

Sittings of the County Court of Cariboo will be holden as follows:

150-Mile House, Wednesday, 15th June, 1898.
Soda Creek, Friday, 17th June, 1898.
Quesnelle, Monday, 20th June, 1898.
Richfield, Thursday, 23rd June, 1898.

Court opens each day at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

By order
JAMES McKEN,
Registrar County Court.

Barkerville, B.C., Jan. 25, 1898. 48-8

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22.30	arrive	NELSON leave	18.40
16.15		THREE FORKS	8.20
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NOTICE.

Re Robert McLeese Estate.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Robert McLeese, deceased, late of Soda Creek, B.C., are hereby notified to send their full names and addresses, and the full particulars of their claims and accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of July, 1898, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the said Executors then have notice.

Dated the 13th day of April, 1898.

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Kamloops, B.C., April 1st, 1898. *W. H. PEGRAM, Manager*

LOCAL NEWS.

Reserved seats at the drug store for the Harry Lindley company.

Ike Lee had his face slightly disfigured last week by a horse's hoof striking him rather hard.

A. Stevenson, superintendent of public works, was in town for a day the first of the week.

J. Frank, representing E. G. Prior & Co., was in town Thursday en route for the Cariboo country.

W. Anderson, an employee of F. W. Foster's establishment, has been laid up all week through sickness.

H. E. Leslie, of Huntington Junction is now station agent at Ashcroft, Mr. Clements being away on his holidays.

In another column will be found a notice by Eagle & Paxton, and persons interested in live stock would do well to read it.

M. P. Stewart went to the coast this week for a visit of about ten days. He is largely interested in mining properties near Ashcroft.

E. D. Putman arrived from the coast the first of the week and is now in the employ of Harvey, Bailey & Co. He formerly came from Truro, N.S.

Mr. W. Leveridge, H. T. Findley, R. W. Endworth and J. B. Hobson, jr., came down on last Tuesday's stage from Quesnelle Forks and went west the same evening.

C. Tetley, agent for the Cottonwood Alluvial Gold Mining Company, whose property is about twenty miles from Quesnelle, arrived up from Vancouver Sunday night and went up next morning to Quesnelle.

J. M. Mackinnon and D. G. Smith, of Vancouver, came in on Tuesday's stage from Lillooet where they had been up Bridge river looking after properties they are interested in and investigating others. They left for Vancouver the same evening.

Mrs. Pearson of Lytton and Mrs. Crossley of Victoria spent a few days at Maiden Creek this week visiting Mrs. Dougherty and family, and returned to Lytton Thursday evening. They were accompanied to Ashcroft by Mrs. Dougherty.

Mrs. Harvey, wife of Oliver Harvey, of Harvey Bailey & Co., arrived in town Friday morning from Enderby and will remain in Ashcroft for some time. Mr. Harvey has had the house formerly owned by J. J. Mackay furnished and will live in it.

John Shields is rapidly pushing work ahead at the dam, a road has been recently built from the Cariboo road down to the Bonaparte for getting in supplies. Boston Flat, which Mr. Shields has recently secured, will be probably fenced in this season and it is expected that a crop will be gotten off it this season.

Major Moore will go up to Quesnelle on Friday's stage to visit the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels Company's property on Lightning creek. The major, with Charles Ramos, who will go up on the Monday following, will look over the property to estimate on the expenditure for this season's work. A number of men will be employed in a few weeks and good work will be done this season.

Jacob Mundorf, proprietor of the 20-Mile House left last Saturday evening for New York for a several weeks visit. This is Mr. Mundorf's first trip east in forty-nine years, having come out in the early days, following up the mining excitement and latterly settling on the Bonaparte. He has sisters and brothers living in New York. The trip east will benefit him considerably, as until lately he has not enjoyed the best of health.

N. De Keyser's watchmaking and jewelry shop is being very tastefully arranged and is receiving a good patronage from this section of the country. The shop is on Third street next door to the Telegraph office. Besides repairing all kinds of jewelry, watches, clocks, etc. they also supply mining appliances such as quicksilver, cyanides, acids, aneroids, magnets etc. Any person needing anything in this line would do well to call in and see De Keyser.

The Canadian Pacific Railway proposal for the fast express service involves a considerable reduction of time from Montreal to Vancouver, and if adopted the journey will probably be made in 100 hours. To enable this time to be made some local trains will have to be put on to handle the business of the smaller places, as the fast trains will only stop at the most important stations. About the end of this month is the time suggested for the inauguration of this service.

At Pavilion Farm, last Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, John McKay Yorston, of Lillooet, and Miss Isabella Jessie Fea of Orkney Isles, Scotland, were quietly united in the bonds of matrimony, Rev. James Hardie officiating. The groom was supported by his brother Robert Yorston, while the Misses F. M. and E. J. Carson acted as bridesmaids. The newly married couple left for their future home in Lillooet at 1 o'clock of the same day, followed by the best wishes of a host of friends and a wide circle of acquaintances.

Harry Lindley will be at the town hall Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

D. G. Sutherland, of Lytton, has been relieving Jos. Burr as constable for the past week.

Mrs. M. Bryson left last Saturday for New Westminster, where she will visit her parents.

Miss Pauline Tingley is down from Kamloops spending a few days with her parents.

A. S. Van Alstyne spent a few days at the water works dam on the Bonaparte this week.

D. D. Dubig, of Vancouver, came up Sunday night and left by stage next morning for Quesnelle Forks.

Dr. Burgess, of Mansell & Burgess dentists, Vancouver, has been at the Ashcroft hotel for the past few days.

Francis Webb, of Ashcroft, has received the appointment of a justice of the peace within and for the county of Yale.

Robt. McKee, ex reeve of Langley, spent the past week in town and will go north to Omenica with the Colonel Wright party.

Michael Burns, so long a resident of Cariboo was taken to the Kamloops hospital Thursday for treatment. Mr. Burns has been ailing for some weeks and is in a serious condition.

J. Edward DuBedat spent a couple of days in town making arrangements for the Harry Lindley company, which plays in the town hall next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

A. W. Smith, M.P.P. for West Lillooet, and Mrs. Smith, returned from Victoria Thursday evening, where Mr. Smith had been attending to parliamentary duties. They left for their home in Lillooet Friday morning.

Pauline, a Dog Creek Indian, was arrested for being drunk this week and in default of fine was sentenced to six weeks imprisonment at Kamloops. Louisa, a Cache Creek Indian, was up for the same offence and was fined $10 and costs.

Arthur Jordan, who became well known in Spokane and other places by interviews of the Ashcroft route, left town Tuesday. He had made arrangements to take a St. Louis party through and was waiting for the rest of the party. The party will go along without him. He was hired as guide and claimed that he had been over this way. Last week Wren, who came overland from Spokane, left his party in much the same way.

Senator R. H. Campbell is now at Barkerville arranging for a start at the Cariboo Gold Fields mines. We confidently expect good reports from this valuable property. It will mean much for Cariboo to have good results from this great mine. That there is gold there in immense quantities, no one familar with Cariboo and its mines will question. If the hydraulic elevator is a success, and we see no possible reason why it should not be, the gold output will be very satisfactory.

Harry Lindley and his company of fifteen will play in the town hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, May, 23, 24, and 25. The company has been playing at the coast cities for the past seven months with good success. They played in Ashcroft one night last fall to a full house and gave entire satisfaction. They have a number of plays which they put on to suit the occasion and have all the latest songs of the day. They will receive a hearty welcome from the people here. Reserved seats at the drug store, at the usual prices.

Al Thomas and Elmer Holcomb arrived from Wenatchee, Wash., Wednesday, with sixteen horses, bound for the gold fields. They came up through Princeton and Nicola, and report good feed all along the route. The horses are in good condition, having been well cared for by the owners. The party will remain in town for a few days awaiting the arrival of rest of their party from the same section of the country. They are well prepared for their trip and will purchase their supplies at Ashcroft. They will probably stay in the country for a couple of years.

J. G. Collins returned from Vancouver the first of the week where he had been interviewing parties who are about to take over the copper proposition in Alaska, owned by Messrs. Collins, Lyne, Prentice and others. The party will shortly go up to the property and thoroughly investigate and do development work and will bring down a large quantity of the ore. This copper proposition is claimed to be one of the largest in the west and one of the easiest to work. Mr Collins expects to return to the coast in a few weeks.

Jos. Wm. Burr left Monday morning for the 150-Mile House with Alex Goodfellow, who was arrested at Victoria a few weeks ago charged with forging E. Dupont's signature to the Golden River Quesnelle cheques. He had a preliminary hearing in Victoria which was adjourned to the 150, where he will appear before the local justices of the peace. There were several forged cheques issued for small amounts. Goodfellow worked for the company at the dam last summer and it is believed there is evidence sufficient to send him up for trial at the Clinton assizes on May 30th.

W. Canceller and A. Goodisson are registered at the Ashcroft hotel from Nicola.

Kamloops has now a half holiday in connection with the early closing system.

Mrs. K. Steadman went out to Cache Creek Thursday morning for a few day's visit.

James Mellors, a well known rancher near Kamloops, was in town for a couple of days this week.

Fred P. Wilson, representing McLennan, McFeely & Co., Vancouver, was in town for a couple of days this week.

Reports from Victoria say that Mrs. F. Webb is slightly improved. Her daughter, Mrs. Gibson, is still in Victoria.

A fire at Quesnelle Forks last Friday burned down a couple Chinese buildings and a few surrounding shacks. No insurance.

A sitting of the county court takes place at Clinton on Tuesday, July 19th, and the court of assize will be held on Monday, May 30th.

J. B. Perkins and E. Pederson have purchased the bussiness of Campbell Bros., blacksmiths, and will continue to cater to the wants of the public.

Dr. Miller and Woodley from Baltimore who went up the road some time ago, returned by Tuesday's stage and will leave for the east in a few days.

Mrs. Bremner, wife of J. A. Bremner, secretary of the B. C. Express company, and child, arrived from Toronto Thursday morning and will reside in Arherott.

Dr Pelly and Maurice White, of Vancouver, have spent the past few days in Ashcroft preparing gor trip into Manson creek, Omenica. They expect to leave this morning.

The provincial legislature Thursday concluded the business of the session and in the evening, the usual parting compliments were exchanged. The propogation was announced for 3 o'clock Friday.

E. J. Prell, barber for the past few months at the Ashcroft Hotel desires to give notice to his patrons that he has removed to the shop of James Cohen on Railway avenue, and will be pleased to see his old and any new patrons.

E. Shaw, J. Attwood and R. Porter of Boston, Mass., who have been camped at the lakes on the hill for the past few weeks, started north Friday afternoon with ten horses loaded with their supplies. They are bound for the Peace river country.

Electric Light and Waterworks.

F. Hoffmeister, an electrician from Vancouver, arrived in town Tuesday and will take charge of the putting in of the electric plant. The first of the week a couple more men will arrive to assist in the work. The work of stretching the wire from the dam to town will commence at once and also the wiring of the business and dwelling houses. A car of machinery arrived this week from the east and consists of dynamos, pumps, wires and all electrical machinery necessary for the electric light plant. It is expected that the town will be lighted with electricity by the middle of July.

A force of carpenters will arrive in a few days to construct pump, power houses and assist in the construction of a flume at the dam. The resivoir, which will be placed on the hill opposite the C. P. R. tank, and will be built at Vancouver, being sent here in sections, and will be about three times the size of the C. P. R. tank. As soon as work is far enough advanced a large force of men will be put on cigging the ditches and laying the pipes for the water works system.

Mr. John Shields, the superintendent, is doing good work and expects to have the whole system completed by the end of August.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment:

29th April, 1898.

Francis Webb, of Ashcroft, Esquire, to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the county of Yale. 3-4

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between P. G. Campbell and C. Campbell under the firm name of Campbell Bros., doing a general blacksmith business has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. P. G. Campbell will collect and settle all accounts of the said firm. P. G. CAMPBELL, C. CAMPBELL.

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Ashcroft, B. C., May 16th, 1898.

FOR SALE.

A good pack train of 25 mules, in first-class condition. Enquire of

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About four hundred (400) head of cattle consisting of seventy-five beef steers from two-year-olds up to seven, ninety yearlings, steers and spayed heifers, and the balance in good breeding cattle.

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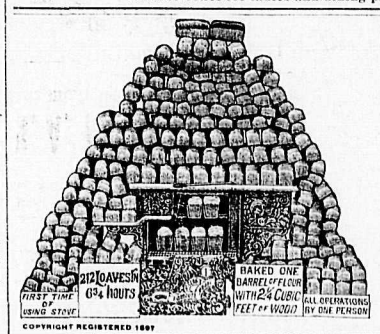

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Between Harper's mill and the Perry ranch, on or about April 3rd, one bundle containing blankets and clothing. The finder will receive a suitable rewrrd by addressing the undersigned. ANDREW MOONEY, Gang Ranch, Chilcoten.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a sitting of the county court of Cariboo will be held at Clinton, on Tuesday, 19th July, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. By order

F. SOUES, Registrar of the County Court of Cariboo at Clinton. 3t9

TAILORING!

I beg to announce that I have opened up a Tailoring establishment in the

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☞ Satisfaction guaranteed.

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ASHCROFT, - - - - B. C.

TENDERS.

Highway Bridge across the Thompson River at Kamloops, B.C.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Hon. the Chief Commissione, of Lands and Works up to and including the 31st day of May next for supplying and delivering at the site of the works all the piles required in connection with the construction of the above bridge.

Tenders must be addressed to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner, and endorsed "Tender for Piles, Kamloops Bridge."

Tenders must be accompanied, as security for the due fulfillment of the work, by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit equal to five per cent. of the total amount of tender, made payable to the order of the undersigned, which will be forfeited if the successful tenderer fails to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. The cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenderers must also furnish the names of two sureties acceptable to the Department who are willing to execute a bond for the penal sum of two hundred dollars each for the due completion of the work.

Specifications can be seen on and after the tenth instant, at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, and at the office of the Government agent, Kamloops. Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the printed forms supplied.

The Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

W. S. GORE, Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C., 7th May, 1898. 213

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ASHCROFT, - B. C.

Reliable information and reports furnished on mines in Cariboo, Omenica and northern British Columbia. Correspondence solicited.

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Magnificent ranch on the Cariboo road, including 480 acres hay land, producing 500 to 1000 tons of hay yearly; 2,000 acres pastoral land, fenced; 470 head of cattle and 10 horses; also dwelling houses, stables, sheds, corrals, etc., etc.

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Ashcroft, B.C.

CATTLE RANCH FOR SALE.

By Order of the Court the property situate at Meadow lake about 20 miles from Clinton on the road from the 50-Mile House to the Dog Creek road, and known as Lots 141 and 142 Lillooet District, containing about 320 acres, is offered for sale. Title Crown grant to deceased. Also about 80 head of cattle, about 35 horses, and a pack train of about 21 trained pack horses with aparajos, rigging, etc.; also, about 27 additional aparajos, etc. The land is chiefly uncultivated meadow land. Good water supply; buildings in good repair. The house is a stopping place for travelers.

For particulars apply to Joseph E. N. Smith, Clinton Hotel, executor of estate of Raphael Valenzuela, deceased, or to

CREASE & CREASE, Victoria, B.C. Solicitors for Executor.

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NOTICE.

A SITTING OF THE COUNTY COURT of Cariboo will be held at Ashcroft, B. C., on Wednesday, the 1st day of June, A.D., 1898, at the hour of 11 a. m.

By Order, JOSEPH WM. BURR, Deputy Registrar C. C. of Cariboo.

Ashcroft, B.C., May 11, 1898. 3-

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