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BARKERVILLE.

Alex. McArthur, one of Barkerville's old and respected residents is sojourning in Ashcroft for a few days trying the efficiency of hot sun baths which he can get at any degree, for his rheumatic trouble; from a chat with him we hear that there is a larger number of men at work in the vicinity of Barkerville than last season, and that the results of sluicing on the different creeks will prove satisfactory, in most cases.

The Cariboo Gold Fields are at work elevating gravel and have quite a large force of men at work.

On Lowhee the water was turned on earlier than usual and for the fore part of the season waste water from Williams and upper Lightning was used; the output from Lowhee will be good.

On Summit the deep work of Messrs. Hamshaw and Youngs is progressing satisfactorily, and good results are looked for during the season; they are hydraulicing the forks of Summit creek, having two full outfits at work and are moving a large amount of gravel that is said to be good.

Col. Beecher is working a force of men on Wolf and Antler creeks and on Antler, H. Carry is carrying out his plans of opening up his property with a good outlook.

John Butts' property on Williams' creek is being worked by his nephew. On Sisters creek some work is being done.

On Dragon creek Gust Lange is as usual pushing his work and will do better this season than ever before.

John Lanyon of Mosquito creek, one of the old timers, who was spoken of a year ago in these columns as having lived for over 30 years within ten miles of Stanley, where a town has been built up and gone down again, where more than $12,000,000 was taken out in a few years from Lightning creek and yet John Lanyon never so much as saw the town, as he explained it he was doing well enough on Mosquito and had no business at Stanley. A few weeks ago he was taken down with pneumonia and died after a short illness.

At Lightning the new machinery for the Lightning Creek Gold Cravels and Drainage Company is now on the ground and will soon be installed by Harry Jones and work resumed.

On Peters' creek the Premier Gold Mining Company under the management of J. G. Mather are doing work on their deep diggings proposition.

Snowshoe and Keithley creeks have companies at work and taken all in all there will be quite an output of gold from the Barkerville section this season, and with the disapprovance of the Anti-Alien legislation and encouraging treatment in the way of roads and bridges, such improvements as Messrs. Hunter and Rogers are expected to secure for the district while not lively, and times not good it seems only fair to expect a gradual improvement in a mining way for old Cariboo, the kind that first made British Columbia known to the world and whose placer and deep gravel contains many times the millions that has been taken out since 1859.

Conforming to Ideals.

A common error indulged in by the prospector, the expert miner and the scientific mining expert, is that in their experiences in and observation of great mines they create an ideal mine to which they expect all other mines to conform. If the prospector has made a lucky strike in a contact vein, then ever afterwards he is prone to overlook promising prospects in other formations, ofttimes escaping a fortune by expecting nature to conform to his idea of what a mine should be.

Not many years ago Prof. Walton, of London, than whom no fairer man to the prospector and mine owner ever visited Montana, was shown a piece of yellow porphyry containing visible specks of native gold. "Ah!" said the professor, gold in yellow porphyry!" "Is that a favorable indication?" asked the sample man. "Indication, my boy, never mind the indication; when you find a rock carrying gold you just go ahead and dig on it as long as it lasts." Thus laying down a rule that can be profitably followed by prospectors and miners.

Mineral disposition is much like English grammar—the exceptions are more numerous than the rule; and further, metallurgy is a progressive science; it builds on experience gained by delving into the crust of the earth and the precious metals are being found in combinations unknown a few years ago. It is not well to disparage the value of education in the theory of mining or the known facts of geology and metallurgy, but the mere bookish man should realize the fact that he may make himself very ridiculous by opposing his theories to revealed facts. Indications and deductions drawn from former experience are good fellows to associate with; they are usually guides towards the metals, but a body of ore carrying gold and silver in paying quantities soothes to gentle, lasting slumber the best set of indications and theories ever promulgated.

FUNERAL OF A. McNAUGHTON.

The funeral of A. McNaughton, one of the pioneers of Cariboo, took place on the morning of the 23rd of June, at Quesnel. The pall bearers were all old timers and friends of the deceased, namely, Senator Jas. Reid, S.A. Rogers, M.P.P., A. Barlow, S. M., John McLean, W.A. Johnston, J. C. Boyd, J. E. Brown and Joseph Hopwood.

The large procession formed at the residence and proceeded to the church where the Rev. Field Yolland conducted the impressive Church of England burial service which was largely a choral one. The procession was then continued to the cemetery where the coffin, which was covered with wreaths, was tenderly laid by the side of the deceased's only child.

The late gentleman came to the province in 1862 with the celebrated overland party from Montreal, of which his talented wife has written a most interesting book, largely from his own account of the trip.

Mr. McNaughton had remained a resident of Cariboo ever since his first arrival and was highly esteemed and respected by all.

STOPING WITH MACHINE DRILLS.

A recent paper bearing this title, written by B. L. Thane, appeared in the Transactions of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, calling attention to the greater economy of power drilling over hand work in stoping. In Canada the majority of the stoping is done with machines, while the reverse is the case in the United States, a fact which is perhaps not generally known in this country. In spite of this the costs of mining are generally higher here than there, a result due to the difference in skill of the workmen. There have been cases in Canada where miners from Colorado and Utah, working by single hand drilling have advanced drifts more rapidly than Canadian miners using machine drills in other parts of the same mine in exactly similar rock. This means that the western miners not only were very expert drillers, but that they were so much better trained in the art of blasting that the total length of holes drilled per unit volume of rock broken was in their case less, which shows that our Canadian miners have something to learn regarding the proper location of shot holes. That our mining costs are so high in mines using power drills in stopes shows again the need of more efficient training of the common miner in the principles and practice of economical setting of shot holes. In the North Star mine in California, where with hand stoping the mining costs had been brought below 75 cents per ton of ore lifted, machine drills have been introduced to reduce expenses. A similar change has been made in the Utica mine. Mr. Thane reports that in his own work in Alaska, two men using an Ingersoll-Sergeant "Baby drill" put in regularly 40 feet of hole a day in hard quartz, full of slips and seams. This was done between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., leaving still sufficient time during the shift for the same miners to do all their own timbering, to build their own chutes and ladderways, to shovel away the broken rock, and to keep the place in ship-shape order. He does not mention the system of breaking adopted, but it is presumable that he was breaking to benches. It is curious that this system has not been employed in any of the mines in Central and Eastern Canada. It admits of the most economical use of dynamite, and keeps the mine in better condition. It is a system which was so early evolved in mining practice on account of its manifest advantages, that it is difficult to account for the fact that in a mining region of large extent the true art of stoping should have been practically lost. It emphasizes again the need of creating a body of properly trained mine foremen, which can be accomplished by requiring them to take out a license, to be issued after suitable demonstration of fitness.—Canadian Mining Review.

Quesnel Mining Division.

The following report on the Keithley Creek district has been received by Mr. Wm. Stephenson, Mining Recorder at Quesnel Forks.

The water supply for the season is good, in fact much above the average, and hydraulic miners have no cause for complaint re water supply in this section. On the other hand those waiting for low water to enable them to get at the bottom of river and creek beds, had a very short season's work, and in some cases could not work at all as, owing to the amount of rain during the summer, all streams kept at higher stage of water than usual.

As a whole, judging from the amount of gold obtained, the results of the season's work have not been as satisfactory as anticipated. The very early frost in October closed the hydraulic mines on Keithley and Snowshoe Creeks before some of them had cleaned up for the season's work, and although the weather was mild afterwards these did not resume work and therefore are short of results for the season. Likewise some of the best mining propositions in this section, owing to accidents and other circumstances have not realized expectations as to the season s yield of gold.

Although matters are not as favorable as expected, yet there has been a great deal of work done by a number of new companies in the way of getting machinery on their different properties for further operations, both in the Quesnel Forks and Horsefly sections of this mining division.

The good results of the Horsefly Gold Mining Company's season's work, as well as the success of the Miocene company in reaching bed-rock with its shaft, have caused quite a stir in the Horsefly section in the way of new locations, which presumably means more work during the coming season.

Dredging propositions now seem to have interested quite an amount of capital in this section, as two dredges have been built during the season for working on the upper part of the main Quesnel river, one being built at Quesnel Forks and the other at a place seven miles lower. The one built at the Ferry was floated down the river to the place of operation and worked for a short time during the latter part of the season, with, I am told, good results for the amount of work done. The one built seven miles below the Forks has not yet been launched; the cold weather set in and all the machinery not being on hand it was concluded not to launch the boat until next spring. This latter is a large boat 80 feet long by 40 feet wide.

Next season will probably see a considerable amount of dredging work done on the upper part of Quesnel river, and should the machines prove to be the right kind there is little doubt of satisfactory results.

Re mineral claims there is nothing to report for the year, with the exception of three new locations and certain assesment work; no effort have been made to develop any claims.

Report, MINISTER OF MINES.

Telegraph Appropriations.

Supplementary estimates brought down on the 27th inst. at Ottawa mention $14,000 for re-polling the telegraph line from Ashcroft to Quesnel and Barkerville, and Quesnel telegraph line $150,000. Kamloops public buildings get $5,500. $6,000 is appropriated for a telegraph line from the 150-Mile House to Quesnel Forks and Horsefly. Just what the $150,000 for the Quesnel line means is not clear. It may refer to the through line from Quesnel to Dawson.

The amount to be expended on repolling from here to Barkerville is to put this line into shape to handle the Dawson business. Mr. Charleson, when he was here, said this would be necessary as the old line is in bad shape. These appropriations mean a great deal for the business interests of Cariboo district, particularly for Quesnel Forks and Horsefly, two important mining centres, and they further show that the member for the district, Mr. H. Bostock, has carefully guarded its interests.

Letter of Condolence.

KAMLOOPS, June 23, 1900.

At a meeting of the Mainland Pioneer Society held at Kamloops, the following resolutions were adopted, and forwarded to the widow of the late Charles Pennie.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty God to remove from this life Charles Pennie, an old and respected member of the Ashcroft Pioneer Society; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Mainland Pioneer Society assembled at Kamloops, whilst bowing in humble submission to the will of the Great Creator and Disposer of events, desire to express our deep sorrow in the loss of one who, in an acquaintance extending over many years, had won esteem for his sterling worth and conscientious honesty, so prominently displayed during a long and useful life, replete with the acts of a kind and generous disposition which was always ready to assist the distressed and unfortunate.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the widow of the deceased, to whom we tender our heartfelt sympathy in her sad bereavement. JOHN RATCHFORD, Secretary.

S. A. Rogers, M. P. P. for Cariboo drove down from Barkerville with his own team on Thursday and left Friday morning for Victoria, taking his horses and carriage with him. It was owing to an unfortunate mistake in the dates that prevented him being present at the Vancouver convention as he intended being there. Mr. Rogers may take a trip to the old country before he returns to Barkerville. He thinks that in the reorganization of the government there can be formed one of the strongest governments ever had in British Columbia, and that the selection of Mr. Dunsmuir as premier now will greatly tend to settle matters and create confidence throughout the province.

T. J. Derby and Dr. Samson spent a day or two here this week. Mr. Derby says that the high water will interfere with his mining operations at Crows nar for a short time.

Mineral Production of British Columbia.

The report of the Minister of Mines of British Columbia for 1899, which has just been issued, gives much interesting information as to the mines and mining industry. From its statement we take the following table, showing the metal production of the province for 1899:—

	Quantity.	Value.
Placer gold, oz	67,215	$1,344,900
Lode gold, oz	138,345	2,857,573
Total gold, oz	205,560	$4,202,473
" Silver, oz	2,930,413	1,963,708
" Copper, lbs	7,722,501	1,551,451
" Lead, lbs	21,832,186	878,870
Total value		$8,096,501

The notable features of 1899 are the heavy falling off in the production of the silver-lead mines; the increase in copper and lode gold, and the very large gain in placer gold. The last named increase came in large degree from hydraulic mining, but chiefly from the placers of the Cassiar country and the newly opened Atlin district. There was an increase in lode gold from the West Kootenay division and a smaller one in the Coast districts, East Kootenay showing a reduction in output.

In addition to the metal given above there was a production of 55 oz. platinum from the Similkameen Division. It is believed that this could be increased if miners were aware of the high value of the metal, and could distinguish it when found.

There were 2,000 tons of iron ore mined, part near Kamloops and part on Texada Island. This was all used for flux.

The production of coal and coke was as below, in long tons of 2,210 lbs.:

	Coal.		Coke.	
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
1899	1,294,132	$3,882,396	34,251	$171,255

The total value of the mineral production of British Columbia in 1899, including all the products named above, was $12,356,555; which compares with $10,906,861 in 1898, and $10,455,268 in 1897.

GOLD.

The gold production for the year 1899—including both placer and lode gold—amounts to the large sum of $4,202,473, thoroughly substantiating the claim of British Columbia to the title of the Golden Province.

Never before in the history of the province has the gold production reached the four million mark. The nearest approach thereto was in 1863, when the production was $3,913,563, and this year consequently leads any previous year by $288,910.

PLACER GOLD.

The yield of placer gold was $1,344,900, an amount not equaled within the last twelve years. This increase is due to the Atlin District, which this year first enters the lists as a serious producer, and, despite the disadvantage of a late first season and innumerable disputes as to the ownership of claims, has yielded about $800,000 in gold.

Placer mining in other parts of the province has, on the whole, not been very successful this past year, largely owing to an excessively wet season, which kept the rivers so constantly in flood that but few of them could be worked by the usual placer methods.

Gold obtained by hydraulicing has been included under placer gold, and forms the chief part of the product of the Cariboo District.

Dredging for gold has not as yet become a factor in the yield. Many companies are at work building and experimenting with different classes of dredges and machinery, but the problem of saving the fine flake gold, which unquestionably exists in the bed of the Fraser and other rivers, is a complicated one and requires time to solve.

LODE GOLD.

The output of gold obtained from lode mining was $2,857,573, an increase over last year of some $656,356. This increase is due chiefly to the greatly increased tonnage of the Rossland camp and the operations of the Ymir mines in the Nelson mining division.

Lillooet mining division this year has also contributed some $27,000 worth of gold, the product of stamp mills, whereas in the Osoyoos district there has been a decrease of about 30 per cent. from the previous year's production, which is accounted for by the fact that most of the producing mines confined themselves largely to development work, in anticipation of the railway facilities expected in the near future, and the consequent cheapening of freights and supplies.

The production of gold from lode mining has been obtained approximately as follows:

From direct smelting	$2,136,000
" combined amalgamation and concentrating	600,000
From cyanide process	91,000
Total	$2,857,000

PLATINUM.

The returns of platinum produced are very incomplete. It is known that some has been secured at Quesnel, at North Bend, and other places, of which no record has been obtained. The only return of production we have is from the Similkameen mining division, and that is only 55 ounces. It appears that many of the placer miners do not know its value, and throw it away as so much "black sand." I might state that the value of the crude platinum sand, as washed out, will vary from $12 to $15 per ounce Troy. It must be further remembered by placer miners that this sand is often highly magnetic, and, consequently, that the magnet will not effect a separation between this and the iron sand.

In confirmation of this statement I would quote from a paper in the report of the geological survey of Canada, by G. C. Hoffman, chemist to the survey. Mr. Hoffman investigated a sample of 17.89 grammes of native platinum from Granite Creek, a branch of North Fork of Similkameen. "The ore was separated by means of a magnet into two distinct portions, a non-magnetic and a magnetic; the latter constituted 37.78 per cent. by weight of the whole." The following analyses were obtained by him on these portions:

	(1) Non-magnetic.		(2) Magnetic.
Platinum	68.10	.....	78.43
Palladium	.20	.....	.09
Rhodium	3.10	.....	1.70
Iridium	1.21	.....	1.01
Osmium		.....	—
Copper	3.09	.....	3.89
Iron	7.87	.....	9.78
Osmiridium	14.62	.....	3.77
Gangue (imbedded chromite)	1.95	.....	1.37
	100.29		99.97

While actual production must be the ultimate measures of the value of a mine or mineral district, still with a province such as ours only beginning to be developed, where lode mining has been prosecuted for practically less than ten years, and where railways are only commencing to give those transportation facilities necessary for the mining of all except unusually high grade ores, it is not to be expected that production alone will as yet give the full measure of our progress in mining.

This last year there has been an exceedingly large amount of development done in several districts, notably in Cariboo, the Boundry district, and on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

For the particulars of such development attention is therefore directed to the detailed reports of the various districts.—Minister of Mines Report.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

Yesterday being the last day of the school term, before the holidays, the usual public examination exercises were held with the following results.

In Mr. Gorden's room Alice Shaw was awarded the roll of honor for proficiency, Lila Laidley for deportment, and Earnest Lyne for regularity.

High school entrance class—Alice Shaw received 951 marks out of a possible 1150, Lila Laidley 950, Minnie Burr 902, Constance Nesbitt 889, and Roddie McKay 780.

Roy Laidley was first in the fourth reader, and Rosie Burr, first in third reader.

Annie Munroe and Marjorie and Herbert Nesbitt were promoted from Miss Hawthorne's room to Mr. Gorden's.

The scholars that stand best in the different subjects are Alice Shaw in writing, Roy Laidley, history; Minnie Burr, reciting; Lena Boyle, reading and Hazel Shaw, arithmetic.

In Miss Hawthorne's room Greta Shaw was awarded roll of honor for deportment, Annie Munroe for proficiency, and Laura Hawthorne, regularity. Among those present and who expressed themselves as much pleased with the general efficiency of the school were Rev. R. Boyle, Trustees Shaw and Burr, Mesdames Boyle, Shaw, Bose and Barnes.

Rev. R. Boyle presented the rolls of honor in both rooms.

Trustee Burr in his address promised two prizes in each room for proficiency the next term.

Baseball.

The following is the team that will go to Kamloops to-morrow night and meet the team of that town at baseball on Monday.

J. Sherwood, c; J. Barker, p; F. Reynolds, r. f.; R. Cotton, s. s.; G. Beattie, 2nd base; W. Morgan, 1st base; F. Rosenburg, c. f.; C. Deans, 3rd base; M. Bailey, l.f. Owing to J. Bremner bruising one of his fingers while practicing, he will be unable to play his position, but will play on the bench.

Following is the Kamloops team: G. Borthwick, c.; J. N. Moore, l. f.; T. Weller, r. f.; J. Herchimer, p.; J. McCrum, s.s.; E. Counter, 2nd base; W. Hunt, c. f.; T. Coughlan, 1st base; H. King, 3rd base; M. Crawford, C. Blair, R. McKay, F. Burns, spare men. The following prizes will be given for the best average pitching and his fielding of his position by any pitcher during the game: Fifty Interior cigars, by the Inland Cigar Manufacturing Company for the best average in batting; a cigar holder, value $1.50, Hopkins & McLean, for the best average in fielding, fielder to have more than one chance before he can be entitled to consideration; 1 pair of whist counters, by Kamloops Drug Company. The above prizes, which are open to both teams, will be awarded from the results of the score book.

Mr. F. Calder who went to Seattle last week has written to friends that he expects to visit Dawson before his return to Ashcroft.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Park returned last night from a long visit to Ireland.

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RIVER DREDGING IN CARIBOO.

JOHN BOWRON, COLD COMMISSIONER.

This method of gold mining in the Cariboo district offers to the capitalist a field almost without limit. The Fraser, Quesnel, Cottonwood and Willow rivers together offer an area sufficient to float gold dredgers equal in numbers to the British navy. *I think* it may be stated as an absolute certainty that the four rivers above noted carry deposits of gold in paying quantities in the greater portion of their length. Quite an array of companies felt so well assured of this that they have installed dredges at an enormous outlay of money, and claim to have *positively established the fact that the* beds of the streams on which they are operating are rich in gold deposits.

The conditions they have had to meet, however, up to the present, have proved, with possibly one exception, that the types of machines they have provided are not what are required to cope with nature in her Cariboo mood. The one exception noted is that of the North-West Dredging Company of Tacoma, Wash., under the management of Mr. C. M. Seeley. This company has probably approached nearer the ideal with the dredge it has built than has any other. This dredge is of the elevator type, and while built with the sole view to determine whether or not it was of the proper design to be operated in the swift current of our rivers, and being accordingly of small proportions has proven to the entire satisfaction of the management that it has hit upon the form of machine. Mr. Seeley has positively assured me that while in actual operation the dredge did all that was expected of it, *although, owing to the fact that* it was built for experimental purposes, many details of its construction were found to be too light for the heavy work required of it. These defects, however, the company will amply provide for in the large dredge it contemplates placing on the property in the near future. After most painstaking research the company has also installed an apparatus for saving the fine gold (in which form it appears almost exclusively in our rapid rivers), which is claimed to be the most perfect yet discovered.

THE NEW ENGLAND DREDGING COMPANY.

This is one of the newer dredging companies. Its property is situated on the Quesnel river, ten miles below *where the north and south branches* join. It has well under way one of the largest and most complete dredges of the elevator type, in the province, which differs, however, in construction from any at present in use in these parts. The machinery entering into its construction is of the heaviest type, and no expense or trouble has been *spared to make it in every respect a* model dredge. From these facts the greatest interest is displayed in the operations of the company. It is a source of regret that the commendable exertions of the management to have everything in readiness for beginning actual dredging as early in 1900 as the river will permit bid fair to be of no avail, owing to the fact that it has been impossible to move parts of the heavy plant over the wagon road. Some of these parts are now lying along the roadside at different points waiting for a passable condition of the roads.

THE NEWALL DREDGING COMPANY.

This company has been working its small dredge, during the season, near *Quesnel Forks at such times as the* condition of the river permitted dredging operations. The result of the season's work is, as yet, unknown to me.

(Note by Provincial Mineralogist.—Mr. Newall has informed me personally that his work this past season was purely experimental and exploratory, and that, while he was perfectly satisfied from his season's work that gold *existed there in as sufficient quantities* as he had hoped, still he was as yet not quite so certain as to the best means of saving same, both as regards plant and mode of working. He is, however, to continue his operations next season, and is sanguine of ultimate success.)

THE PITTSBURG AND CARIBOO DREDGING COMPANY.

This company, as was intimated in my report of last year, owing to untoward circumstances was prevented from prosecuting its work during the season of 1898. Everything was gotten in readiness last spring for a thorough season's work. Operations were begun on the company's claim on the Fraser river, near Cottonwood canyon. After prosecuting the work there for some time, and results not meeting the expectations, the dredge was moved down stream about six miles below the town of Quesnel. At this point is situated what is known as *Rich Bar. By the* time all was in readiness for work the season was far spent, and the water in the river was low; I am informed, however, that during the short time left for actual work very satisfactory results were obtained. The company uses the "dipper type" of dredge, and has a large and well appointed machine.

THE HALL DREDGING COMPANY.

The dredge operated by this company is similar in some particulars to that of the North-West Dredging Company. *Work has been carried on during* the past season, but I have not been able to learn the result.—Minister of Mines Report.

Mines in South Africa.

While the Transvaal war is not yet completely at an end, and there may be some fighting yet before we can consider peace as restored, the fact that *the British army* is in possession of Johannesburg and Pretoria shows that the organized resistance has collapsed, as we indicated last week, and that it will not be long before work at the mines can be begun. In fact, it is said that many of the managers and other officials of the mines are under orders to return to Johannesburg, though it will doubtless be some time yet before the necessities of military occupation will permit the full resumption of operations. Moreover there is much to be done in clearing up and putting in order the railroad communications and providing against possible raids by the remant of the Boers who still hold out.

While there has been no time nor opportunity yet to inspect the mines, such reports as have come from the Witwatersrand indicate that their condition is better than might have been expected. Our correspondents from Johannesburg have all along claimed that care has been taken of machinery and other property, and that in the mines which have been operated under government control the machinery is actually in better order than it was when the agents of the companies left it. In these operated mines no development work has been done and the ore reserves have been largely used up, but no actual damage is reported. A good deal of work will be needed underground before the large mills can be started up.

It is too soon yet to say when gold production from the Witwatersrand mines will be resumed until further and more definite information is at hand.—Ex.

A Novel Idea.

Mrs. Egerton, an English lady, who did nursing work in Dawson City, carried out an original idea in London, which greatly gratified the C.P.R. people. Mrs. Egerton had been much struck by the scenery along the C. P. R., as well as with the service which the company rendered across the continent, and she determined to let the *folk in England know something about* both. For this purpose she availed herself of a fancy ball at Convent Garden to appear in a costume which took the first prize for originality, and which illustrated Canadian scenery and the C.P.R. in a highly striking manner. The lady's hat was trimmed in a manner to show the C.P.R. trains *in motion; her care set forth* Lake Ontario, Lake Superior and the Rocky Mountains, while the front of her dress showed a train rushing at full speed through the wonderful ravines in the far Northwest. In the lady's hand was a banner which contained the coats of arms of the several provinces constituting the Dominion. The tout ensemble, as the London press remarked at the time, was wonderfully striking and impressive and gave at a glance an idea of a country of which Londoners, previous to the jubilee, knew very little. Mrs. Egerton, as Mr. Baker, the C. P. R. agent in London, pointed out, did all this 'off her own bat,' and solely with the patriotic view of making Canada known. The lady is coming out again, probably this summer, when she will make an extended tour of the country. Photographs of Mrs. Egerton in her unique costume are at the general offices of the C. P. R.

According to the Klondykers recently arrived at the coast there has been a big stampede to Sulphur creek, in the Klondyke district. Three miles of ground has been staked by the stampeders.

The following particulars of the wash-up for the past season in the Yukon territory show the extent of mining now being done. On Eldorado *creek 541 men were employed, working* 19 claims, from which $3,746,200 was recovered. On the Bonanza 957 men recovered $3,216,490; on the Gold Hill creek, on the 31 claims, on which 235 men were working, $1,002,000 was taken out, while from the Dominion $2,136,-940 was washed by 707 men. The total wash-up from 560 claims, employing 5,280 men, was $13,553,270.

Canadian Sovereigns.

Canada will probably have its own mint in the near future, as it is understood that the Imperial authorities have decided to establish a branch mint in the Dominion. British Columbia had its own mint for a few years during the height of the Cariboo excitement when New Westminister was the capital of the Colony, but the output was small and today the $25 pieces are very rare. This new mint which is talked about will coin sovereigns, and the occasion would be opportune to bring prominently forward the long mooted adoption of a decimal system of coinage throughout the Empire.

When the question of a Canadian mint was discussed in 1872 it met with strong opposition from the Bankers *who failed to see how they could bene*fit by it, but with the ever-increasing output of gold, which in 1882 was under $1,000,000, and this year will exceed $25,000,000 in value it has become apparent that this opposition was short-sighted, especially in view of the damage suffered by Western Canadian trade owing to the superior facilities *offered in 'Frisco and Seattle to the* Klondike miner in regard to the purchase of his dust. How soon Canada will have her own gold coinage one cannot tell, but it is certain that its advent will be much hastened by the establishment of this proposed branch Mint.

A Roller Gold Dredge.

A dredge has been built by the Hammond Manufacturing Company of Portland, Oregon, for the Monarch Gold Mining and Dredging Company, to be taken to Cape Nome, Alaska. This machine is to work from low tide into the water to a depth of 10 or 12 ft. It stands on the bottom and is raised and lowered on three large caster shafts, either one of which can be adjusted so *as to level the plant while in operation*, regardless of the slope of the beach. The ladder to which the buckets are connected works through a universal coupling, is swung from side to side, and excavates to a width of 25ft. and 6 ft. below the surface of the beach gravel which it stands on. The gravel that is raised by the buckets is dumped into a trommel, where the large, coarse gravel is screened out, and the fine passes on to fluted copper plates, on which the gold is saved by amalgamation through a shaking or reciprocating motion.

The mode of moving this machine is by planting an anchor or "deadman" along the beach, and by no means of heavy winding drums connected to balls at the rollers on which the machine stands, and by wire ropes the machine is hauled around at the will of the operator. The rollers are made to turn in any direction, which enables the machine to work in and out of the surf or along the beach as occasion may require.

The Hammond Company has just completed this plant and made a very satisfactory trial. It was found that the operators could move the plant and dig at the same time without any difficulty whatever. The rollers which the machine rests upon are 4 ft. wide and 5 ft. in diameter. The power is a gasoline engine, which in the test showed good economy and ample capacity for handling the plant.

The company has also built for the Monarch Company a very large pumping plant and four Acme amalgamators, all of which will go to Nome shortly.

One Cause for Failure in Mining.

The Weekly Statesman of Boise City, Idaho, strikes a sympathetic chord when it makes the following statement:

"The most fatal thrusts to Idaho's mining reputation in the past have been the incompetent men sent here to develop promising properties, men dispatched to the state as mine superin*tendents simply and solely because of* ties of kindred or friendship, and regardless of their ignorance of mines or mining or their incapacity or indisposition to learn. Failure invariably waits on such men. They bleed the confiding capitalist to the last penny, and when at last the revenue for operating expenses is shut off the reason assigned invariably is the fault, not of the manager, but of the property, or the state, or a conspiracy of causes against our "relation or friend," the ex-superintendent. A good mine superintendent cannot be made out of a man with less sense than a horse and with energy equal to a snail, no matter how proud the line of the forebears from whom he descended and degenerated.

"Our Idaho brethren are not alone by any means in the matter of mismanagement of mining properties. *Unfortunately for the entire mining* region, nearly every mining company organized and operated by eastern people has to undergo the same trials and tribulations."

No, you are not alone, unfortunately. The editor of the Statesman has evidently been reading the Mining and Engineering Review, and he therefore knows that California also suffers.

An interesting event to the mining world will be celebrated next week at Eisleben in Germany, where ceremonies will be held in commemoration of the seven hundredth anniversary of the opening of the Mansfeld copper mines, which are still actively worked. These mines antedate by a few years those of the Stora Kopparbarget in Sweden, and are the oldest mines in the world which have been operated continuously, or with only brief interruptions. It is true that the Rio Tinto mines in Spain are worked by Romans and the lead mines of Laurium in Greece by their Greek owners over 2,000 years; but there are gaps of centuries in the history of those mines. Many distinguished men, including the Emperor of Germany, are to be present at Eisleben, and it will be a memorable event.

When the sheriff of Dakota county, Nebraska, was apprised of the work of *the 32 South Dakota farmers in digging* a channel across Rininger's neck to make a short cut for the tortuous Missouri river he immediately dispatched a posse of deputies to stop the unlawful work. Among the posse members were bankers and prominent business men. They went fully armed, as it was expected a determined re*sistance would be made*, but they arrived too late. The last farmer had already crossed into South Dakota before the posse came in sight. When the posse arrived they found the swift current of the river fast eating a wide and deeper channel across the neck through which the trench was dug. It is only a question of a few hours when the channel of the big river will be unalterably changed and the farms on the fertile peninsula will be a part of the domain of South Dakota.

Gold dredging is making its influence felt on the gold returns of New Zealand, and Otago, far and away out-distances all other localities in the yield of the precious metal. Of a total of 39,165 ozs. entered for export during March, Dunedin contributed no less than 18,632 ozs., or nearly half of the whole product for the colony. The returns for the quarter ended March 31st show an increase over those of the corresponding period last year by a value of £10,789, and when a number of dredges rapidly approaching completion get to work, the gold returns will show a still further increase.

The New Zealand gold output for last month amounted to 29,095 ozs., valued at £111,860, as compared with 25,962 ozs., valued at £100,161, in May, 1899.

The gold output of New South Wales during May amounted to 17,636 ozs., valued at £[illegible]0,757, as compared with 14,641 ozs., valued at £52,262, in May, 1899. The yield for the last five months was 141,431 ozs., valued at £494,257, as compared with 144,408 ozs. valued at £497,890, in the corresponding period of last year.

A well known freighter on the Cariboo road gave us an order to print him 200 special receipt forms in book form of 100 each. They are very valuable to teamsters and others because it enables them to keep all their receipts *together and it is as easily carried as a* pocket book. Sample sheets sent on application. ASHCROFT JOURNAL.

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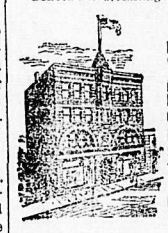

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HARRY FOOKS,
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"The old man caught the train that left at midnight, and while he was buying his ticket he told me that the message referred to his brother who had left home 20 years before and from whom he had heard nothing during all that time.

"*The next night a party* called and asked if there were any messages for him, giving the same name as the old man who had left the night before. He must have noticed that I looked at him rather blankly, for he went on to explain that he had a brother in California who was sick and that he was anxious to hear from him.

"Well, *it turned out that the mes*sage that I had received the night before was intended for him. He was a stranger in the town and chanced to bear the same name as the old man whom I had sent on a wild goose chase across the continent. Fortunately for me I was transferred to another town before the old man got back. That is all there is to the story except that it is true."

Sixteenth Century Apples.

Apples be so divers of form and substance that it were infinite to describe them all. Some consist more of aire then water, as sour puffs called Mala pulmonea; others more of water then wind, as sour Castaras and Pome waters. To be short, all apples may be sorted into three kinds, sweet, soure and unsavory. Sweet apples ease the cough, quench thirst, cure melancholly, comfort the heart and head, *especially* if they be fragrant and odoriferous, and also give a laudable nourishment. Soure apples binder spitting, straiten the brest, gripe and hurt the stomach, encrease phlegm and weaken memory.

Sweet apples are to be eaten at the beginning of meat, but sweet and tart apples at the latter end. All apples are worst raw, and best baked or preserved.

Philip of Macedonia and Alexander, his son, from whome perhaps a curious *and skilful herald may derive our* Lancashire men, were called Philomeli apple lovers because they were never without apples in their pockets. Yea, all Macedonians, his countrymen, did so love them that having neer Babylon surprised a fruiterer's boy they strived for it that many were drowned.—Dr. Thomas Moffett in 1575.

Plants That Intoxicate.

Bumblebees, butterflies and beetles are habitual drunkards. In some of the southern states insects alight on certain plants, drink heartily from the blossoms and fall to the ground stupefied. After awhile they rise and fly around, just as drunken men would do if they had the power of flying. Their antics are especially amusing unless one does not know what is the trouble. In this case the suspicion that the insect world has gone crazy is uppermost.

A scientist who had observed the drinking and its results collected a teaspoonful of the pollen to see if it would affect a man the same way. He swallowed it and in a few minutes found his pulse beating faster and a rise of temperature. Then he distilled some of the blossoms and gave himself *a hypodermic injection in the arm.* He became decidedly dizzy as a result. By further experiments he found an oil derived from these plants which affects human beings and animals alike.—New York Telegram.

The Rogue Saved the Judge.

A judge of the English high court was once arrested on suspicion of having burglarious designs on the house of a friend in Mayfair. The police officer charged him in the police station with loitering with felonious intent, and the prisoner's description of himself as one of her majesty's judges was received with a grin of sarcastic derision.

At that moment an old offender was brought in who happened to catch sight of his lordship's face, which he had good reason to remember.

"You here, my lord!" he exclaimed, with unfeigned astonishment. "Well, this beats cockfighting."

The rogue's unsolicited corroboration of the judge's declaration saved the situation, and his lordship was allowed to depart in peace.

Mike All Over.

Mr. Duffy—Mrs. Kelly, it pains me t' infurm yez thot *yure hoosband has jist* bin blowed oop boi a dynamoite cartridge. We found his head in wan lot, an his body in another lot, an his ligs in another lot, an his arms an fate in another lot.

Mrs. Kelly (proudly) — Begorrah, thot's Moike all over!—Harper's Weekly.

Exasperating.

"Gee whizz, how my wife does aggravate me!"

"You surprise me. Surely she doesn't *henpeck you?*"

"No. It's her awful meekness. Whenever we have an argument and I'm in the right, she always sighs and says, 'Oh, very well, dear, have it your own way!'"—Philadelphia Press.

Inconsistent.

"You keep me waiting so long!" complained the customer.

"Madam," said the worried grocer, who was economizing in his business by employing only one clerk, "ain't you the woman that was in here yesterday kicking about short weights?"—Chicago Tribune.

Jigger—You remember Tompkins? Yes? I saw him down at Philadelphia the other day. I was in the car, he on the depot platform. I stuck my arm out of the window to shake hands with him, and do you know before I could get hold of his hand—

Jigger—The train started, eh?

"No, my arm went to sleep!"—Types.

In the northwest provinces of India goats frequently eat without any ill effect the leaves and green stems of the akaua or madar, the milky juice of which is an acrid poison for human beings and is frequently used as such in infanticide cases.

Cowboy Blacksmithing.

"Up at my camp near the Four Peaks," told Jim Bark, the well known cattleman, "the boys are all handy with a rifle. We've a lot of guns up there. Most of the new guns were bought during the Spanish war, when *we would experiment all day with tree* trunks and rough trenches, learning the art of war at home. We found that a bullet from one of the new Winchesters, driven by smokeless powder, was good for four feet and more of pine timber and for more than an inch of iron.

"I thought the boys had done about *everything in the shooting* line that could be done long ago, but I was mistaken. I sent them up a wagon. In hauling down some firewood they broke the bolsters all to flinders. The bolsters hold up the wagon bed, you know. Well, the boys figured out all right the rebuilding of the wood parts, but came near being stumped on the *iron fixings. They got some old iron* wagon tires and cut them in proper lengths, but hadn't a way that they could see to punch the necessary bolt holes. Finally the question was solved. One of the boys carefully marked the places for the bolts, stood the piece of tire against a tree and put a bullet, 30 caliber, through the tire at each place marked. It was a novel sort of blacksmithing, but it worked."—Arizona Grapevine.

Garland and the Virginian.

Cleveland's first attorney general, Garland—a specimen of what Lincoln called the plain people—was born in Arkansas and "raised" in blue jeans. One day, at the department of justice, he received a visit from a Virginia gentleman of aristocratic manner, who bored him horribly with talk about "first families."

"*It seems to me, suh,*" said the visitor at last, "that there are Gyarlands in No'th Ca'lina. I once met a gentleman named Henry Gyarland, from that state. May I ask, suh, if he was a relative of yours?"

"First cousin," replied Mr. Garland shortly. "He was hanged for horse stealing."

*A look of ill conceived horror and dis*gust came over the visitor's countenance. Then, drawing on his gloves, he rose to his feet, took up his hat, and, waving a hand toward the walls of the room, said: "A fine collection of portraits you have here, Mr. Gyarland. Your predecessors in office, I presume?"

"*Yes,*" *growled Mr. Garland.* The Virginian stalked out, evidently glad to make his escape, and the attorney general, turning to his chief clerk, grinned and remarked:

"He'll never bother me any more."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Stole Watch to Get Square.

"*Great Scott, but that's a fine watch!*" came from the chorus. "Where'd you ever get it?" "Stole it," answered its possessor calmly. "You don't believe me, do you?" he went on. "Well, I'll tell you how it happened. I was on a western district which enjoyed the reputation of being the toughest one covered by the house. I had some time to kill *and so went into one of the gam*bling joints. It isn't necessary to go into details as to what happened. As luck would have it, there were a half dozen others in the place besides myself who might be considered as possible victims.

"When the time came, the lights were put out suddenly, and then we had 'rough house' for about ten minutes. In the middle of it I felt somebody grab my watch and reached after him. I caught some one and felt that he was just putting a watch in his trousers pocket. I gave his wrist a hard wrench and got the timepiece. Then I broke away. When I got to the light, I found the watch was this one. And as I never heard from the owner I have kept it to compensate for the loss of mine."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Cure For Pneumonia.

Take six to ten onions, according to size, and chop fine; put in a large spider over a hot fire, then add about the same quantity of rye meal and vinegar enough to make it a thick paste. In the meanwhile stir it thoroughly, letting it simmer five or ten minutes. Then put in a cotton bag large enough to cover the lungs and apply it to the chest as hot as the patient can bear. When it gets cool, apply another and thus continue by reheating the poultices. In a few hours the patient will be out of danger.

This simple remedy has never failed in this too often fatal malady.

Usually three or four applications will be sufficient, but continue always until perspiration starts freely from the chest.

This simple remedy was formulated many years ago by one of the best physicians New England has ever known, who never lost a patient by this disease and won his renown by saving persons by simple remedies after the best medical talent had pronounced their cases hopeless. Personally we know of three persons who were saved by the remedy last winter in Boston after their physicians had given them up to die, and if a record was made of all similar cases during the last six years it would fill a good sized volume.—"The World's Progress."

An American Reporter.

They have a reporter on one of the Williamsburg papers who may not be much on style, but for placid, nervy "get there" he is a jewel. A little *while ago he was assigned to a politi*cal meeting and asked to give a good report of it. Now, it happened that the festivities were conducted entirely in Polish, a language of which the young man knows nothing. This fact, however, did not fenze him a bit. He made his way through the hall, pushed up to the platform and sat down with *the secretary.* For several minutes he industriously took notes and finally the secretary, turning to him, pumped out a volley of Polish.

"I am not in it, dear boy," retorted the young man as he turned again to listen to the speaker.

The secretary looked surprised. Finally he went out and brought in a man who asked in English:

"Are you a Polish reporter?"

"Nope," was the reply. "I am an American one."

"Do you understand our language?"

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MALCOM C. ROSS.
CHILCOTIN, B. C., May 20, 1900.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I the undersigned, in thirty days from date, intend applying to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to lease three hundred and twenty 320 acres 3½ miles above Cottonwood House. More particularly described as follows: Starting at a point about two hundred 200 yards north of the bridge on Wagon Road; on the east side of the Creek, *thence west half a mile; thence south one mile* or to Lightning Creek; thence east a half mile or along Lightning Creek; thence north to starting post. JOHN BOYD.
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NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that Mr. H. L. Roberts, book-keeper of Ashcroft has been duly appointed *Election Agent for Mr.* Denis Murphy as mentioned in Section 180 of the "Provincial Elections Act."

HARRY FOOKS,
Returning Officer.
ASHCROFT, B. C., May 26, 1900.

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THE ASHCROFT JOURNAL.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1900.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

Government Agent Burr was at Spences Bridge Tuesday.

H. Doxat of Clinton, visited his brother C. R. Doxat here this week.

Contractor Higginbottom is engaged in some building operations at Savonas.

Mrs. H. L. Roberts left on Wednesday to visit her mother, Mrs. Crook, at Victoria.

Miss Walker, Bonaparte; and Miss Campbell, Cache Creek; were in town Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McGillivray, of Cach Creek, spent a few hours in Ashcroft Tuesday.

Mrs. McMillan who lately removed from Ashcroft was a visitor the fore part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Deans drove to Hat Creek last Sunday and spent the day at Mr. G. I. Blair's

James Haddock left on Monday for a purchasing trip of hides and furs to Princeton and way towns.

J. B. Leighton, Superintendent of the B. C. Express Company visited his home near Savonas this week.

If you are a director of the Agricultural Association be sure to attend the directors' meeting here on July 11.

Last month was the second largest in receipts, in the history of the Dominion Express Co.'s business here.

J. C. Barnes who grows some of the best timothy hay in this section is delivering daily to his town customers.

Manager Shields says his baseball team is in good shape and that they play much better ball than last year's team.

Mrs. H. E. Leslie is visiting for a few days at North Bend en route to Vancouver where she will spend the summer.

Mr. John Murphy, of the 111-Mile House, is now in Cornwall, Ontario. He is expected soon to return with Mrs. Murphy.

Joseph Hunter, M. P. P. for Cariboo, and his son came down from Quesnel Forks on Tuesday and left the following day for Victoria.

To the great credit of the Ashcroft people it can be said that the coast dry goods and clothing peddlers that visit here do not make many sales.

The sixteen chicken man must throw up the sponge, thirteen chickens from twelve (12) eggs is now reported which of course settles the 16 to 1 record.

Isidore and Edward Gaspard have returned from the coast where they have been attending school, to spend the holidays at their home at Dog Creek.

Provincial Secretary Prentice has given notice that the Legislature will meet on the 19th of July, two weeks later than the date set by the Martin government.

M. Sullivan of the 51-Mile House was here the first of the week and took back with him a load of supplies for his blacksmith shop.

Today is the last day for paying taxes under the "lower rate." Gov't. Agent Burr has been kept very busy lately receiving taxes.

A number of our local expert fishermen are having very good catches. Three pound trout is about the average although smaller ones are occasionally accepted.

Messrs. Anderson and Peck, former employes at F. W. Foster's Clinton store came in last Saturday. Mr. Anderson has gone to the coast for a holiday.

William Walker, president of the Inland Agricultural Association came in Tuesday to attend a meeting of the association and remained until Wednesday.

Station Agent Leslie spent a couple of days at Spences Bridge last week assisting the agent there. Owing to increased business in Princeton, Spences Bridge station is becoming an important point.

Sergeant Atkins, of the Provincial Police, Victoria, at one time a resident of Ashcroft, has departed to Uncle Sam's territory taking with him some $1,200 belonging to the Provincial government. Ashcroft citizens to whom he owed money may now bid farewell to any prospect of getting it.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of J. A. Fraser of Quesnel, who is reported as suffering with apendicitus and is reported to undergo a severe operation. Mr. Fraser's many friends will anxiously await further news, trusting that his condition may not be as serious as is at present reported here.

Fred Rose, jr., of Horsefly, registered at the Ashcroft hotel this week.

The Thompson river is now higher than it has been any year since 1894.

Canada has been awarded first prize for the display of timber at the Paris exposition.

The Prospector says Dr. Clarke, who is selling out his drug business here, will locate in Lillooet.

Mrs. G. E. Johnson left Tuesday night for Blaine, having received word that her mother is very ill.

A quantity of hydraulic pipe for a Lytton property is awaiting clearance at the Customs House here.

The attention of hydraulic plant purchasers is drawn to Messrs. Armstrong & Morrison's advertisement.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore, of Alkali Lake, were in Ashcroft this week. Mr. Moore is one of the most intelligent and prosperous ranchers in Cariboo district.

Editor Fraser intends shortly to enlarge the Prospector. Activity in mining matters and the general prosperity of the Lillooet district necessitates a larger sheet.

Arrangements are being made to send the New Westminister Lacrosse team to eastern Canada to try conclusions with some of the crack lacrosse teams there.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE INLAND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION: A meeting will be held in the Court house on Wednesday, July 11th for the purpose of arranging matters for the fall fair.

A Chinese teamster who left Ashcroft sometime ago with a load of freight is said to be industriously searching for his horses which strayed, or were driven off by some one near Clinton.

Citizens generally turn out in force to meet the "Imperial Limited" eastbound. The small boys need to be a little better looked after, however or there is liable to be a serious accident

W. C. Morgan has for the past few days been carrying around a black eye. "Billy" claims that it was the result of missing a fly ball while practicing the the other night but there are some who have their doubts.

Mr. and Mrs. James Walker came down from Clinton last Saturday. Mr. Walker has been suffering quite severely from rheumatism but is now improving slowly and able to walk about.

The Rev. Mr. Bloomberger who preached in Rev. R. Boyle's place here two weeks ago is stationed at North Bend. Mr. Bloomberger is a German and could not speak a word of English when he came to this country six years ago.

The C.P.R. are equipping their trains with electric light. Monday night's Imperial Limited engine was lighted with electricity, the headlight being the the most powerful ever seen on an engine here. Small lights are conveniently arranged about the engine.

Harvey, Bailey & Co.'s brick store is nearing completion. Painter Morgan has given the inside its first coat of paint. When finished this building with its plate glass front and spacious cellars will be thoroughly up-to-date. The principal trimmings, counters, etc., will be made at the coast.

The building committee appointed by congregation of the Presbyterian church have awarded the contract for the erection of a manse to D. Johnson. The price is understood to be about $900, not including the painting. It will be a six roomed cottage and will be built on Bancroft street beside the church.

The Cariboo Hydraulic mines at Quesnel Forks has, it is reported, completed its wash-up and that the results are such as to entirely satisfy the stock holders. It is expected that this season will show the true value of this great mine. Work will be continued in full force for the entire season with an abundance of water. We hope before going to press that the amount of the wash-up will be made public.

There are many very nice lawns and gardens in Ashcroft just now. Of the former S. T. Creelman has probably the best of this season's seeding, wich L. McKay a close second. J. B. Bryson's calculations have slightly miscarried, he claims to have sown lawn grass but the crop is chiefly weeds. For the best all-round flower and vegetable garden the palm will undoubtedly have to be given to Dr. Williams.

The Board of Directors of the Inland Agricultural Association met on Wednesday morning in the Court house. Those present were, President Walker and directors Bailey, Bose, Crozier, Knight and Secretary Barr. Owing to the fact that no notice had been given of this meeting it was decided that another meeting of the directors be held on July 11th at four o'clock in the afternoon. Messrs. Crozier and Bose were appointed a committee to canvas the town to find out how much could be collected towards the expenses of holding a fair this fall. The general opinion was that the prize list must be revised and a committee will be appointed at the next director's meeting to revise it.

Haying has commenced and but for the rains last week would be well advanced.

Mr. and Mrs. McGregor and son, late of Quesnel Forks, have left for their old home in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McDonald, of Upper Hat Creek who have been in town a day or two, left for home yesterday.

J. C. Barnes has been elected a director of the Inland Agricultural Association in place of the late Charles Pennie.

The statement in The Prospector of last week that Indian Scotty had killed his klooch is incorrect. There was some whiskey and fighting but nothing very serious.

The very heavy rain of Thursday will greatly help growing crops but is a hindrance to the hay making now being generally engaged in by ranchers in this vicinity.

As many as possible should go to Kamloops with the baseball team on Monday. The boys have been regular in practice and will do their best to win from the Kamloops team.

Mr. S. A. Rogers says that when he left Quesnel there was some improvement in Mr. Fraser's condition and that the doctors had concluded his case was not as serious as at first thought.

The writ has been issued for the by-election in East Lillooet to F. Soues returning officer; nomination will take place on July 5th and polling on July 12th. Hon. J. D. Prentice will likely be returned without a contest.

Marcus Bailey and others interested are forming a gun club. This should be a popular sport in Ashcroft and if the promoters can exercise patience enough some of the non-shooters might be persuaded to join.

Gold dust to the value of $500 was stolen from the C.P.R. station at Spences Bridge last Thursday. It had been left in charge of the Dominion Express Co.'s agent for shipment west but had not been put in the safe. Mr. Kirby, Dominion Express route agent was in Ashcroft early Friday morning consulting with Gov't. Agent Burr.

The ferry at Spences Bridge is disabled owing to the breakage of the cable and communication with the northern shore can only be made by row boats. The cable broke on the north shore causing the scow to swing in near the bank at Spences Bridge. There is a possibility of loosing the scow. It has been asserted by those in a position to know, that the government would save money by erecting another bridge there, the yearly outlay for services and renewal of scows costing more than would pay the interest and sinking fund on the cost of a bridge.

On Saturday last at midday an unusual sight was witnessed on the river. The North Thompson appeared to be a mass of logs. The reason was not far to seek. Mr. Shields' boom near Armours had evidently given way, hence the trouble. Prompt action on the part of the mill company prevented the logs from being lost. They were skillfully guided into the bay below Tranquille Creek, where they are all safe. Of course it will cost about $1 more a thousand feet to bring them up the river again, but fortunately only a comparatively small portion of the total logs got out this year, broke loose, the major part are either safely boomed on have not yet been driven into the water.—Standard.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

E. G. Prior & Co., of Kamloops, have just received a carload of Massy Harris Brantford mowers and Tiger & Sharp's rakes, also a full line of extras for all machines handled.

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

June 21	Ah Foo, p t,	Quesnel F.	3,000
" 23	Low Own, p t	" "	11,300
" 26	W Sullivan,	51-Mile House	1,200
" 26	P Garrigan,	Pavilion	1,100
" 27	A Meiss,	Horsefly	4,000
" 27	C Isnardy,	Soda Creek	11,000
" 28	A R Bain,	Soda Creek	9,000

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ARRIVALS.

Miss Harding, 150-Mile House; H. B. Thomson, 150-Mile House.

DEPARTURES.

F.S. Reynolds, O. Harvey, C.R. Doxat, Dr. S. Clarke and M. McNicoll, Lillooet; Mrs. Martley, the Grange.

PARKER'S STAGE LINE.

ARRIVALS.

Miss Marston, Mr. and Mrs. J Walker and Mr. Peck, Clinton: Mr. McArthur, Barkerville: Ah Sing, Ah Fung, Quesnel Forks; Mr. Patterson, Horsefly; J. McTavish, Hat Creek.

DEPARTURES.

Mrs. J. Walker, J. R. Feber, Clinton; M.A. Brooks, five Chinamen to Quesnel Forks; Miss. L. May, 134-Mile House: Miss Mason, 132-Mile House.

NOTICE.
The following are the rates at which freight will be hauled from Ashcroft:
Barkerville, 6 cents per pound.
Stanley, 5½.
Beaver Pass 5¼.
Wing Dam, 5.
Cottonwood, 4¾
Quesnelle, 4.
Quesnelle Forks, 4.
Beaver Lake, 3½.
Alexandra, 3½.
Horsefly, 3½.
Soda Creek, 3.
158-Mile House, 2½.
115-Mile House and 150-Mile House, 2½
Above the 100, 2¼
100-Mile House, 2.
83 and 87-Mile Houses, 1¾.
59-74-Mile Houses, 1½.
Clinton, 1½.
Half cent extra rate for furniture, ½ cent for any lot of freight under 500 pounds, ½ cent for machinery in single pieces exceeding 6,000 pounds.
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