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YALE.

About 11:30 on Tuesday the town was startled by the cry of fire. It was soon discovered that the residence of of Mr. William Teague, J. P., was in flames. Nearly all the citizens, including Mr. Teague were at the court house, but court was soon adjourned and the crowd hastened to the scene of the fire. By this time it had gained two much headway and water was scarce. Seeing it was impossible to save the building, all hands set to work removing the furniture etc. The contents of three rooms was saved but the dining room, where most of Mr. Teague's private papers and mining utensels were, could not be reached on account of the flames. Fifty five minuets after the fire was dicovered what was once the nicest house in town, was nothing but a pile of ashes.

Mr Teague's loss amounts to about $4,000; no insurance. Mr. Teague's orchard was also badly damaged, 18 of his best trees being ruined by the heat.

The story is told that one of our citizens in his eagerness to assist at the fire, rushed into the burning building, took off his coat and hung it up in the hall, which was then a mass of flames. Needless to say he returned home shy his coat.

We understand that there has been some deals made on Siwash creek properties, but have been unable to ascertain definately.

Nation River.

Major H. W. Moore, manager of the British-American Gold Mining Co., has just returned from Quesnelle where his party of sixteen for Nation river to work the six Robertson creek claims, have got under way in advance of others. Robertson Creek is a small branch of the Nation river and is very promising. While the major was at Quesnelle two men came in from the creek with over $400 worth of nuggets that they claimed they had taken out in two days. They secured supplies and immediately returned. Nation river promises a big boom and plenty of output during the season.

The 43rd Company.

Colonel Joshua Wright and son H. Wright, arrived from Ottawa Thursday and are making preparations for the season's work on the 43rd Mining and Milling Company's property on Manson and Slate creeks. The colonel will leave in a few days with a party of men and will hire a number on the grounds. A. F. Cotton, M.E., and several men went in several weeks ago by Hazleton and will have things in pretty good shape when the colonel and his party arrive. Actual mining will take place this year and the party will probably have a clean up during the summer. For the last few years very few men were in the Omenica and communication with the outside world was seldom. But this year with the large numbers traveling it will be easier to get news into and from the district.

Cariboo-Omenica Company.

The bill brought down by message to confirm the agreement between the government and the Cariboo-Omenica Chartered Company received its first reading last Friday in the legislature. The members of the chartered company are: Frank Owen, W. J. Stokes, Robert G. Newman, Lord Henry Fitzgerald, R. Percy Sellon, Clement V. Paull, Hugh Walters and George Whitehead, all of London.

The company contracts to execute works of improvement necessary to render navigation possible, and when navigation is so rendered possible to to establish and maintain during the years of 1898, 1899 and 1900, regular steamboat communication between Quesnellemouth, Cariboo district, British Columbia, and North Tacla lake, Omenica district, via the Fraser river the Lower Nechaco river, the Stuart river, the Tatcher river and lake, and the Middle river; the means of communication employed to be fit and proper for the safe navigation of the waters to be traversed and to provide suitable accommodation for the carriage of freight and passengers: and the contractors further contract, promise and agree during the said seasons to undertake, as common carriers, the carriage of passengers and freight between the said points.

The contractors also agree to engage, equip, transport and maintain during the working portions of the years 1898, 1900, corresponding as nearly as may be with the season of navigation, an exploring party for the exploration of the Omenica, Cassiar and Cariboo districts of British Columbia, the said party to continuously and efficiently explore in one or all of the said districts during the whole of each of the said seasons, and to keep proper and complete record of all explorations and the results thereof, and to furnish copies of such record to the government at the end of each such season.

The contractors also contract, promise and agree to examine and explore the north fork of the Fraser river, lying between Fort George and the Giscomb portage, and ascertain to the extent to which such portion of the river is navigable, so soon as may be after such fact shall be ascertained; to establish steamboat communication between the said points of a class and character fit for the navigation of the waters to be traversed and providing suitable accommodation for the carriage of freight and passengers; to maintain such communication regularly during the said seasons of 1898, 1899 and 1900, which shall not have elapsed at the time such fitness for navigation as aforesaid shall have been ascertained.

In return for these privileges the government agrees to allow the company to purchase six tracts of land in the districts named, each tract to consist of not more than 640 acres, and the right of passage along waterways and highways traversed by the company.

Northport in Ruins.

Northport, May 2.—Northport is in ruins. Of the entire business district nothing but ashes remains. More than forty buildings went up in smoke this morning. Dozens of people are homeless today, and scores are penniless. Of all the buildings on the flat but two are left standing—the Spokane & Northern depot and Kendrick's store.

Late last night some careless smoker threw the stub of a lighted cigarette on the carpet in the little tailor shop behind Madden & Riley's saloon on 4th avenue. There it smouldered. At 4 o'clock this morning flames shot up through the roof of the building. Ten minutes later a little crowd of excited men were struggling desperately to check a roaring fire that licked up the dry buildings as if they were tinder boxes. For three hours the fight with the flames went on. The wind, which was scarcely breathing when the first blaze was seen, came rushing faster and faster, sweeping the flames first one way, then another, through the heart of the town.

QUESNELLE.

The prospectors on the way to the north have been very busy and a few parties have already started up the river. The boats were heavily loaded having a year or two years' provisions. Captain Wilson's party are encamped beyond the Cottonwood canyon, having made the portage. Dr. Caruthers and Mr. Meikle came down Wednesday to Quesnelle. The journey thus far was made without any difficulty. Today three scows, each capable of carrying over two tons, were launched and they purpose leaving Tuesday. These are made up of North Carolina and California parties.

Major Moore arrived by boat last evening and his party will be ready in a few days.

Some of the parties have supplies to last two years, and expect to make a thorough exploration of the Peace and Findlay rivers.

Mr. Camsell, of the H.B. post at Stuart's lake, came down Sunday, and Mr. Moodie, inspector of mounted police, came also down from Stuart's lake. Mr. Moodie started out last September to find a pass from Edmonton to the Klondike. He succeeded in finding one north of the Peace river. He reached Graham's and will return to pursue further explorations. Mr. Moodie had on more than one occasion been misled by inaccurate maps. He is a man of great energy and determination and is a worthy representative of the famous Canadian mounted police. Mr. Camsell and Mr. Moodie returned this morning by canoe to Stuart's lake and will be absent for some time in the Northwest. A feasible route thus far is established. If he succeeds as well from Fort Graham the overland route to the Yukon via Ashcroft will be an established fact, and will be the all-Canadian route instead of the route by the Stickine.

The work of building the new dredges for the Quesnelle has been commenced. The material will be hauled up to the position of the new trail being made and work will be energetically pushed forward by Mr. Braun, who has just returned from a visit to the Forks.

The rivers are rising and falling as the nights are warm or cold. The opening of the dam has not made any appreciable difference in the Quesnelle.

Another road party starts out to work Tuesday on this end of the Klondike trail. Mr. Beach will be in charge of the party.

The steamer Charlotte made her first trip this week to Soda Creek. She returned yesterday evening with freight. Senator Reid and Major Moore were passengers. For the summer the mails will arrive by the Charlotte twice a week.

Mr. Owen has today taken his coach down and will be on the route from Soda Creek to the 83 for the summer. The roads between this place and Barkerville are as yet almost impassable. Mr. Locke will take his team as far as possible and then take the letter mail on his back to Barkerville. We hear a great deal about Nansen and Andre, but they would not be able to carry one end of a mail sack with Sandy Locke.

Mr. Ewen and bride arrived last week. They received the congratulations of their many friends. Their new home is near Quesnelle.

E. Hutcherson, of Ladners, was in town Thursday.

PORT SIMPSON.

The C. P. N, Co.'s steamer Islander called in here Saturday evening on her way north with quite a number of Klondike bound passengers. At 9 p.m. a concert was given aboard through the courtesy of Captain J. Irving, to which a cordial invitation was extended to the residents here. The program consisted chiefly of duets on the banjo guitar and banjo, and mandolin, with some vocol selections and step dancing interspersed. The finale on the program was Auld Lang Syne which was a failure as no one knew even the first verse. The next was God save the Queen, which was quite a success. Then followed Hail Columbia.

A number of miners with a small pack train are encamped here awaiting the opening of the Skeena river, whence they will seek their fortunes in the Omenica country.

Miss E. Laurence, a nurse of the Port Simspon hospital, intends to leave for Port Essington by the first steamer, where she will open up the summer hospital.

Early this morning the steamer Quadra passed outside the harbor and proceeded in the direction of Nasse river.

At nine o'clock this morning the stern-wheeler Courser, after a journey of thirteen days from Victoria, entered here and after taking on a good supply of wood and water, cleared for Fort Wrangle.

The Tsimpseans are "delate sick tum-tum" this year owing to the poor run of Oolanchans, or small fish on the Nasse river.

The Hudson Bay Co.'s river boats are due from New Westminster on the 1st of May.

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H. B. Pack Train.

Issac Ogden will leave the first of the week for his ranch at Lac La Hache Mr. Ogden has spent the last couple of months getting pack horses and mules for the Hudson's Bay company. Sixty-six horses were sent to the coast last week in charge of J. Mullen. These horses will pack from Glenora to Teslin Lake. About 75 mules will go overland from Ashcroft to pack from Hazelton to Babine. Hobson's pack train and about 40 head of mules brought in from Oregon comprise the the pack train that will start over the trail. Mr. Ogden has got together a fine lot of animals for the company and they will make up a first class pack train.

Mackenzie Entertainment.

A very nice entertainment, considering matters, was given in the town hall Last Thursday evening. The entertainment consisted of Scotch songs and humor by William Mackenzie, the Australian vocolist and Miss Jessie Glover. The programe was well rendered and both parties showed that they were professionals. The great draw back to the enterinment was the absence of a pianist. William Mackenzie ank Miss Glover play at Kamloops this week under the auspices of the Calidonian society. On leaving Vancouver they were presented with an address by the St. Andrew's and Calidonian society to bear testimony to the excellence of the entertainments which they gave in that city. They are good entertainers and will draw a good house where ever they go.

Stables Burned at the 134.

Tuesday afternoon the fine large stables belonging to S. Tingley at the 134-Mile House were burned to the ground. John Sheridan, the stableman, was in the field at the time of the fire, and the first intimation he had of it was smoke issuing from the old stables. The fire had gained such headway that nothing could be done when he arrived on the scene.

Every house was burned to the ground except the dwelling house and small blacksmith shop which was but recently built. Four stage horses and about $1,000 worth of grain, belonging to the B.C. Express Company, were lost. The express company had the stables leased from Mr. Tingley.

The stables at the 134 were about the finest on the Cariboo road, and Mr. Tingley had just about completed the new ones. There was no insurance on any of the property. The loss to Mr. Tingley is estimated at about $5,000 and the express company loses $1,500. The stables will be rebuilt immediately.

An Important Appeal Case.

In the county court at Yale on Tuesday, May 3rd, Judge Bole had before him nine appeals from the conviction of Indian Agent Irwin, of Nicola. The facts are as follows: The appelants (Chinamen) obtained, some months ago, from Gold Commissioner Tunstall a mining lease of certain placer ground on the Fraser river in front of the Spuzzum Indian reserve. On the 16th day of March last Indian Agent Irwin, who contended that the ground included in the lease belonged to the Indian reserve, gave instructions that the Chinamen should be removed. The constable who saw the Chinamen with reference to carry out the Indian agent's instructions, was informed by them that as they had a mining lease of the ground they refused to go. The Chinamen at the same time produced the lease. The constable thereupon informed the Indian agent of the circumstances, but the latter insisted that whether they had a lease or not they had no right to be there, and upon their refusing to leave he issued warrants for their arrest. They were brought before Indian Agent Irwin, on March 17th, and each Chinaman was fined $5 or 20 days in jail. The Chinamen instructed A. Henderson, of New Westminster, to appeal from the convictions, and the appeals came up for hearing on May 3rd. After the evidence was put in Mr. Henderson argued that the Chinamen, having a lease of the ground in question, were not trespassers, but were mining in good faith, and had an honest claim of right, and that there was an entire absence of any criminal intention; besides, when property or title is in question the jurisdiction of the justice to determine in a summary manner is ousted. The learned judge, in delivering judgment, said that the only question that he had to determine was whether or not there was a bona fide claim of right. He had nothing to do at present with any contention between the Indian agent and the gold commissioner as to the property in question, but he had simply to decide from the facts whether the magistrate had jurisdiction, and he must decide the question in the negative. He thereupon alllowed the appeals and quashed the convictions, but without costs.

Reported Naval Battle.

Advices from Manila to Madrid say that the American squadron under Commodore Dewey, appeared off the bay of Manila at 5 o'clock last Sunday morning, and opened a strong cannonade against the Spanish squadron and forts protecting the harbor. The Spanish second class cruiser Don Juan de Austria was severely damaged and her commander was killed. Another Spanish vessel was burned. The American squadron retired, having also sustained severe damages. A second naval engagement followed in which the American again suffered considerable loss and the Spanish warships Mindano and Ulloa were slightly damaged. During this engagement the Cavite forts maintained a steadier and stronger fire upon the American squadron than in the first engagement.

Admiral Barmero, the minister of marine, has expressed himself as highly pleased with the heroism of the Spanish marines, and has telegraphed congratulations to Admiral Montejo and the valorous crews of the Spanish squadron under fire of superior warships.

The report of the battle published by the newspapers has not yet been confirmed, and it will probably be several days before any reliable news is received.

The bombardment of Mautanaz never took place and the reports sent out was a faked yarn.

New York, May 6th—A special from London says Commodore Dewey has followed his first victory with a second. The Americans are in control of the Philippines. Manilla has been captured by the American fleet. This news reached London by private dispatches from Hong Kong. The news came over in a swift merchantman which was lying in the harbor during the engagement and which set sail before Dewey started his dispatch boat The telegram confirms the news of the destruction of Spain's fleet.

The Northern Districts.

Parties still continue to arrive in Ashcroft bound for the northern gold fields. As fast as one party goes out another comes in. Omenica, Peace and Findley rivers are getting their share of the prospectors and quite a number are going through to Teslin lake. The government has appointed a gold commissioner for the Omenica district which will be a great convenience. Fred W. Valleau is the gold commissioner and is well fitted for the office being a man of experience. Two recorders will be appointed in different parts of the Omenica district, thereby saving both time and money to the miners.

The postal authorities should see about having a mail service into the northern districts as the business from that section will necessitate having a mail service. The residents in all the districts north are not provided for at all and only get mail matter occasionally when someone is going into the district light. A few trips each season could be easily arranged and parties receiving mail would no doubt donate liberally towards its support,

A. Gunter, formerly section foreman on the C. P. R. at Ashcroft, returned Monday from the coast. He will stay in Ashcroft for some time.

A railway accident occurred on Sunday afternoon about six miles west of Spuzzum. A special freight, bound west, was standing on the line, while the engine had gone on some distance for water. The flagman failed to notify another freight which was approaching with the result that it ran into the rear of the stationary train. Several cars were damaged and the line blocked for about thirteen hours.

LOCAL NEWS.

Miss M. Hughes, after a weeks visit from Kamloops, returned last Tuesday evening.

P. C. Dunlevy and son came up from the coast last Saturday evening and left Monday for Soda Creek.

A meeting of the school board takes place today. The principal business to be transacted is the election of another trustee.

W. B. Mackinnon and A. W. Robertson, of Vancouver, left for Lillooet by special rig from Trim & Haddock's stable on Tuesday.

J. H. Richdale, traveler for the Hudson's Bay Company at Victoria, was in town the first of the week, and has gone through the Cariboo country.

W. W. B. McInnes, M.P. for Nanaimo, will resign his seat in the Dominion house and enter provincial politics as a supporter of the Turner government.

William Lyne will shortly make considerable improvement in the Ashcroft hotel. The bar room will be partitioned and the bar will be in one end and the front part will be converted into an office and sitting room.

The Harry Lindley Company will give a three nights entertainment in the town hall, commencing May 16th. Further notice will be given later. The Harry Lindley Company is well known in Ashcroft, having played four nights here last fall to crowded houses.

J. R. Mitchell, superintendent of the B. C. Development company, was in Ashcroft this week and visited the Rivers mines, on the Bonaparte, owned by the Company. He left for the coast Wednesday. Work on this property will commence in the course of a few weeks.

Hamlin Garland and Burton Babcock left town last Monday morning on their trip to Dawson by the telegraph trail. They procured good horses and are well equipped for their journey. Mr. Garland will send interesting articles relating to this country to McClure's Magazine, of New York, and later on will write a book on his trip.

G. W. Cole, W. Nicholl and another prospector arrived in town four days ago from Pendleton, Oregon, with 23 head of horses. They will leave in a few days to go over the telegraph trail, Teslin lake being their destination. Mr. Cole made a trip into the Cariboo country in the early days with a band of cattle. All of the men are able men and are used to this kind of life.

Eva Evans, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Evans, was taken to Kamloops last Tuesday evening to undergo an operation for apendicitus. She was suffering untold agony and very little hope was given for her recovery. Her father and Dr. Williams accompanied her to the hospital. The many friends and acquaintances of the young girl and the family sincerely sympathise with them in their trouble. The latest news does not give much hope for her recovery.

After a week's trail at Seattle, Charles Phillips the half breed Indian, has been found guilty of manslaughter, and was sentenced to twelve years imprisonment and fined $1,000. Phillips, it will be rembered, was on trial for shooting policeman Wells at Seattle, last November, a few days after being released from the B. C. Penitentiary at Westminster, where he served seven years for horse stealing. The maxium penalty for Washington is 20 years' imprisonment and $5,000 fine.

A small cleanup was made at the Keefers mine, owned by the Ashcroft Gold Mining company, last week which was very satisfactory. The cleanup was only made for a test and $150 was cleaned up in a 48 hours run with a small head of water. A day and night shift are now on and work will be continued. The water at present is first rate and a good run is expected. With the construction of a new ditch from an adjoining stream, a sufficient head of water will be had on the ground to do good and satisfactory work. All interested are well pleased with the showing. There is lots of gold in the banks and with work continued as it has been, satisfactory results will be obtained.

Routes to Yukon.

Ottawa, May 5.—Engineer Jennings gave evidence before the senate Yukon committee tonight. He said he thought a good line could be secured either up the Skeena or Naas valleys, then following the telegraph trail. So far as he could learn no reliable data existed regarding the Alice Arm or Observatory Inlet routes. Speaking generally a railway could be carried almost anywhere in British Columbia after an altitude of 3,500 feet is reached. Good lines could be procured either up the Fraser valley or from Ashcroft north. A railway from Edmonton to Selkirk would cost $30,000,000.

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SEE HOW THE BABY GROWS.

With this issue of the MINING JOURNAL it starts on the fourth year of its publication. The JOURNAL has received good patronage, and has tried to give, and thinks it has given, entire satisfaction to its patrons and readers during the past three years. The JOURNAL will continue to run under its old policy, and will, as far as possible, give the latest and most reliable news of the district and country. Before another year goes by in all probability the JOURNAL will be enlarged to twice its present size. The town of Ashcroft has progressed wonderfully during the past few years, and the likelihood is that it will double in population shortly and the JOURNAL will be to the fore on all occasions.

As Others See Us.

The Ashcroft paper is still booming the overland route to the Klondike and seems to be meeting with pretty fair success. That enterprising little British Columbia town is reported to be filled with intending gold seekers, and as a consequence Ashcroft is beginning to put on the airs of a city. There is no doubt that if the Klondike becomes the great mining country that is predicted it will be a natural method of transporting freight, passengers and supplies over that route, in which case Ashcroft is bound to become an important commercial center and supply point.—Spokane Chronicle.

The Prohibition Bill.

The following is the gist of the prohibition bill now before the Dominion parliament and which will shortly be submitted to the people of the Dominion of Canada for them to give their opinions on. The bill was introduced by the Hon. Sidney Fisher who is an ardent prohibition supporter. Mr. Fisher, following the usual practice in introducing a public measure, simply made a statement of its provisions, leaving whatever arguments may be necessary to be adduced in its justification to the time for the second reading. The bill reads thus:

There shall be submitted to the vote of the electors hereinafter entitled to vote thereon the following question: Are you in favor of the passing of an act prohibiting the importation, manufacture or sale of spirits, wine, ale, beer, cider and all other alcoholic liquors for use as beverages?

Mr. Fisher said he thought this was as simple a question as could be framed to ask the opinion of the people upon. It is largely framed upon the lines of the prohibition resolutions which have been upon various occasions submitted to the house of commons, and it is, he believes, a thoroughly satisfactory form of question on which to ask the vote of the people of Canada. The fourth clause provides that the governor in council shall by proclamation name a day on which the vote shall take place in the country. "The proclamation shall be published in at least three successive issues of the Canada Gazette and of the Official Gazette of each province." This follows practically the lines of proclamation for a general election, and he says that the whole tenor of this bill is to adapt to the purpose for which the bill is introduced the election of the Dominion of Canada. The provision as to who may vote provides that everybody who is entitled to vote for the election of a member of the house of commons under the Franchise Act, as now before the house of commons, shall be entitled to vote in the plebiscite.

Clause six provides for the application of the election and the franchise acts to the vote to be taken under this act. This takes in every provision of those acts, providing thereby not only for the franchise—that is to say those who are entitled to vote—not only for the manner in which the vote shall be taken, but also providing for the machinery and providing the necessary provisions to enforce law and order, and such penalties as may be incurred by contravention of the Franchise Act or the Election Act. Mr. Fisher thinks the clause is complete in this respect and provides in the simplest and plainest form for everything that is necessary. Clause 7 provides for regulations: That the governor in council may from time to time for the purposes of this act make and give all such regulations, orders and instructions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, as are in his judgment necessary or expedient for the effectual carrying out of such purposes and to the adapting of such purposes of the Dominion Elections Act and the Northwest Territories Representation Act and their amendments, and the Franchise Act of 1898.

Clause 8 provides for the ballot paper, and the ballot paper as proposed contains simply the question above, and beyond, to the right of the question, are two columns one under the word "yes" and one under the work "no." These columns contain the space in which the cross shall be made. Those who wish to vote "yea" affirmative on the question of prohibition will place their cross under the word "yes," those who wish to vote "no" or negative on the question of prohibition will place their cross under the word "no." The form of ballot is as simple as it could be and is only changed from the ordinary election ballot as is necessary in consequence of the substitution of a question of this kind instead of the names of candidates for whom the votes shall be cast. The bill says that the ballot paper shall be prepared at Ottawa by the Queen's printer and forwarded to the different returning officers.

Clause 9 provides for the appointment of representatives at the polls of the two sides of this question in very much the same way as in the Election Act provides for the representatives of the candidates at the poll. Clause 10 provides for the oath being administered to the voters in the same way as in the Election Act. Clause 11 provides for these representatives showing and producing a written authority from any authorized or known body of electors who may wish to be represented at the poll; for instance, the Domininion Alliance of the Good Templars, or other temperance organizations on the one hand, and the Licensed Victualers or any other liquor organizations on the other hand, can give an authorization to one chosen by themselves to represent their side in this contest, the interests of which they wish to see safeguarded in the election. Clause 12 provides that in case no such person with any authority comes to represent one side or the other, the returning officer may call upon any elector present to come and act in reference to the counting up of the ballots for the conduct of the election. Clause 13 provides what shall be done in the presence of those representatives who are rightly and properly appointed by any particular organization. Clause 14 describes the way in which the ballot paper shall be marked, and just in the way already described. Clause 15 provides that after summing up the votes as provided in the Dominion Elections Act, the returning officer shall declare the total number of votes given for the affirmative and the negative in respect to the question asked, and clause 16 provides for the returns to be made in practically the same way as returns are made by the deputy returning officers and returning officer of each electoral division under the Dominion Elections Act, they being transmitted by post and duly registered to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery. Two copies of the return in each polling division must be delivered to the representatives of the two sides of the question, just in the same way as under the Dominion Elections Act, a copy of the returns is delivered to the agents representing the various candidates. The forms of the returns and of the summing up and closing of the polls, and all that routine work, are to be exactly the same as they are in the case of Dominion elections.

Section 17 provides that the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery shall declare in the Canada Gazette, the result of the voting in each electoral division as the returns come in. Section 18 provides that after all the returns of the different electoral divisions shall have come in, a summary of all the returns by electoral divisions, by provinces, and for the whole Dominion, shall be made up and published in the Canada Gazette. This is the whole of the Act, showing that it is perfectly simple, that it provides only and solely for the submission of the question which is put before the people of Canada, by means of the machinery which would be employed were a Dominion election to be held.

Make no Mistake.

Frank Clement, the Oregon man who was shot at Sheep Camp by his partner, Gottlieb Schneider, died the following day from the effects of his wound. A letter found in the dead man's pocket shows that he started for Alaska from Hillsboro. He was of German birth and went to Alaska on the George W. Elder about a month ago. Schneider still claims that the shooting was accidental, but confesses that it occured during a violent quarrel between himself and Clement over a division of the outfits which they had made common property when they joined their fortunes for better or for worse.

The tragic ending of their partnership conveys a warning which should not be lost upon intending voyagers to this land of hard work and hardships. While no one should venture to set out for the Yukon without a partner, great care should be taken in the selection of one. It is really a much more serious matter than choosing a woman to wife. Congeniality and implisit confidence are indispensable to smooth sailing when the real work of entering the wilderness begins. Far from families and friends, the men who have decided to stand or fall together in this country find that their power of forbearance is often severely taxed. They may have been close friends in easy times, but it is not until they face the toil and privations, the dangers and vicissitudes of the trip from the sea to the summit that thay realize what friendship really means. They must be one in thought and action, ready to divide each other's sorrows and failures and divide each other's joys and successes.

Partnerships of that kind cannot be formed by men who have known each other only a week or a month. They must be forged under such a test as steel is forged. Schneider and Clement met for the first time aboard the steamboat which brought them to Dyea. They doubtless regarded each other as good fellows until the toil of hauling their outfits up the rough and steep trail wearied their bodies and harrowed their nerves, and made them cross and irritable. Their friendship gradually turned to hatred. The rest has been told.

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FORT STEELE DISTRICT.

Three shifts are at work on the Estella mine on Tracy creek. The tunnel is now in over 370 feet, and the owners confidently expect the ledge within 30 or 40 feet The completion of this crosscut tunnel will give them a depth of 250 feet.

On Monday a large force of men was placed at work on the property of the Moyie Placer Mining Company.

In the second tunnel on the Payroll, on Nigger creek, the vein has been cut, showing a thickness of three and a half feet of solid galena.

Active work has now been resumed on the Anaconda, a free-milling gold property located on Nigger creek, about ten miles from the line of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. There is a lead of about four feet, which has been traced 700 feet, lying between walls of diorite and porphyry. Assays from the croppings showed $6.06 in free gold.—The Prospector.

TRAIL CREEK DISTRICT.

The Deer Park has eight feet of solid shipping ore which will average $30 to the ton. This is outside of a small streak that goes a great deal higher. Several flattering offers have been made for the property, but the owners decline to negotiate.

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Work on the Big Four group on Deer Park mountain is being carried on with good results. The shaft is down 35 feet, and a tunnel, now in over 30 feet, is being driven to reach the rich ore body going down in the shaft. Considerable surface work is being done. The property is considered a valuable one.

NELSON DISTRICT.

The owners of the Last Chance on Toad Mountain have started work on their claim.

The tunnel on the Delight group is now in over 200 feet, with a drift on the ledge of 35 feet. Fully three-quarters of the face of the tunnel is in well mineralized ore, averaging $54 in value.

It is understood that a deal is being consummated for the sale of the property to an English syndicate, which has recently been inspecting it.

Work on the concentrator of the Dundee mine near Ymir has commenced, the machinery now being on the way. Mr. J. Finley in speaking of the work on the property said: "The ore body on the hanging wall is all shipping and varies from three to four feet in width. Between this and the foot wall, a distance of 21 feet, the ore is concentrating."

With the Diplomats.

There was an historic scene in the White House a few weeks ago that was overlooked in the excitement of a probable war, and the diplomatic fencing necessary thereto. It will be remembered that because of the natural impatience of youth, the Chase artschool of New York sent a telegram to the President reading thus:

"To h—l with diplomacy."

Private Secretary Porter, with some misgivings, presented the dispatch to the chief executive who read it but made no comment. Porter then sat down to indite a reply. He was going into the situation at length, when Senator Foraker strolled in and asked what was up. Porter showed him the dispatch and his reply.

"Oh, that will never do," replied the Ohioan. "You want to be as epigrammatic as the art school was. Let me take the pencil."

Foraker considered for a moment, nibbling the end of the pencil. Finally he seized a telegraph blank and wrote:

"White House, March 25.—Chase Art School be damned.—McKinley."

Porter was delighted with this, but when he attemped to get McKinley's O. K. the scheme fell through.

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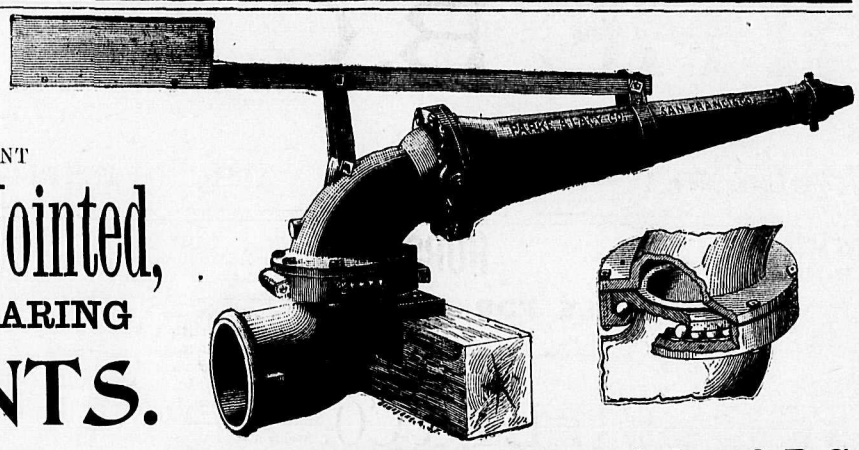

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END OF A STORY.

Dorothy Bacton rose from her writing table and walked to the window. The gloom of the November day had begun early. In the square bare trees were dimly discernible through a yellow mist, and from the houses around lamps and gaslights shone murkily.

An hour ago she had taken up her pen to write the most difficult chapter of her story. An hour ago she had an idea for the chapter's development; its initial sentence sounded in her ears; splendid solid paragraphs shaped themselves to the number of words necessary for its completion. That was before the Friday organ unwound itself on her side of the square, before operas, balls and after dinner drawing rooms floated before her through the mist in remorseless succession. The blank chapter lay in numbered pages upon her table. Its heading had been treated decoratively, "Chapter XXIX" stood out boldly in original and picturesque lettering. But this simple device for stimulating the fancy had failed as completely as had the story teller's journeys up and down the tall house and her prolonged observations of the fog from its different windows.

She had no ideas for this last chapter but one. The preceding chapters she bore vividly in mind. She could have repeated many of them word by word, so carefully had she worked at their making, but her brain refused now to travel along the same lines. The whole point of the story eluded her. To what climax had these completed 28 chapters been leading? She could not clearly remember, and the little she could recall seemed lamentably weak and unsatisfactory.

The fog was thickening, the lights round the square were growing redder and smaller and those blank, prenumbered pages lay dismally upon the table. She stirred the fire vigorously and stared at the liberated flames as they danced joyfully in the grate.

Dorothy Bacton had been married six years. Why she married Hugh Bacton no one knew. He wasn't clever, he wasn't beautiful, he wasn't good, he wasn't even rich; while she herself had generously supplied all these requisites for a happy home. And, excepting a slight falling off perhaps in the matter of goodness, she had for six years faithfully maintained her contribution to the union. Hugh was something in the city. Of the precise nature of his professional duties in that mysterious place she was unaware. The only fact which was kept clearly before her was that her husband was a very important person, and was urgently engaged every evening of the week upon extraordinary business committees.

She had married Hugh because she had loved him; it was a simple explanation, so simple that it took but a few minutes of retrospection to recall it. She had loved him with all her heart, and now she did not love him any more. This second fact was as clear to her as the first, and the memories which occupied her were those which covered the months between the two epochs. She had gone through them again from the beginning; through the first few weeks of radiant happiness, when she had walked about the world with a halo round her head; through the terrible months of undefined doubt and misery; through the acute realization that it had all been a mistake, that Hugh had never loved her, even in the beginning. And, after this survey of the past, she made a resolve for the future. Personal joys and sorrows should, for her, be at an end. She had a pretty pen; that should save her; with it she would keep her hold on life. But a pretty pen is not of great avail in a case like Dorothy's; perhaps a great one hardly suffices to cure a ruined life. However that may be, Dorothy Bacton, in spite of a strenuous effort to the contrary, pined for affection and sympathy.

Her loneliness was beginning to wear her out, to paralyze her brain, enervate her will. She had not many friends; unhappiness is not attractive, on the whole, and she realized early in her struggle to be good and patient that the world prefers to make its observation of domestic infelicity at a distance. So long as her husband did not beat her, or turn her out of doors, or leave her, it would sit outside in the outer ring and watch the performance politely to the end. Perhaps she was embittered unreasonably, perhaps she did not remember the sacrificial aspect of the married state. Be this as it may, the fact remains that on this dreary November afternoon she sat in her lonely room and said there was no one for whom she could send, no one in all the world who would come to her unquestionably and understand the desolation she could not express. "No one—no one in all the world," she said, and then she poked her fire once more and looked out at the thickening fog, for, deep down in her heart, she knew there was one who would come if she sent him but the faintest whisper of appeal. She looked far away through the fog—far away to a sunny land, to roses and blue seas, to vague, unspeakable happiness and out in the square the organ still reeled off its endless supply of opera.

Down stairs on the house door the knocker sounded vigorously.

"He wants money, no wonder!"

She took out her purse to find a coin adequate to the interruption the musician had occasioned.

"I think he should be killed," she said as her door opened.

"Indeed! Who is it? Tell me, and I'll do it at once."

Dorothy turned quickly and laughed, while a tall figure groped its way through a sea of furniture to her side.

"I thought you were the organ man, and I was telling the maid to have him killed. He has played all the afternoon and ruined my story."

"I've come for the story."

"It isn't finished."

"How much have you done?"

"I've come to the last chapter but one."

"The most difficult?"

"Yes, the most difficult of all. There it is on the table."

She pointed to the unwritten chapter. Lawrence Harvey was editor of The New Magazine. He believed in Dorothy Bacton's pen. He looked disappointed as he saw the blank pages. Then he smiled as he sat down beside her.

"I wanted it today, but you can finish it by the end of the week?"

She shook her head.

"I don't know how to finish it."

He turned to her in surprise.

"But—but—oh, this is the fog! You will go on easily again when the air clears. I must have the last chapters, you know, in this number."

"But I'm afraid you can't."

The editor of The New Magazine looked uneasy.

"What is the difficulty?"

"I don't in the least know what my heroine is going to do."

"Didn't you think the story out as a whole?"

"Yes, but she won't do the things I planned she should do. She has suddenly developed into a new creature, over whom I have no control."

"What has happened to make her so unmanageable?"

"She has realized that—that"—

Dorothy did not finish her sentence.

"What has she realized?"

The editor leaned forward and looked earnestly at his contributor, but she did not answer his question.

"What has she realized?" he asked again.

"We are old friends."

Dorothy picked up a bundle of neatly typed manuscript which lay on the table beside the rebellious chapter.

"Through all these pages," she said slowly, as she ran her fingers across the edges of the paper, "my heroine has suffered patiently, but she has decided now that she will suffer no more, and, if she does not suffer, she will have to act—as I did not wish her to act—in my original plan."

"Well?"

"I do not know what form to let her rebellion take. There are, of course, several sorts of tragedy open to her. She might easily die—oh, very, very easily—that would be a nice, safe ending for her." Dorothy smiled softly as she spoke. "But, somehow," she added quickly, "I can't help wanting to make her happy."

"Of course you can't."

Lawrence Harvey leaned back in his chair. "It will be a better story if you make her happy," he said quietly.

Dorothy put the manuscript upon the table again. "Yes, yes, but it is too difficult, too hard a thing to do.'

"Would it be very hard? Can you think of no happy ending? Let it have a happy ending," he pleaded.

"How can happiness follow on such chapters as these?"

She folded her hands miserably.

"There might be a friend," he began, "a man"—

But she interrupted him—"No, no; there is no friend"—

Lawrence Harvey stood in front of her.

"No friend, at least, who can come into the story now."

"Why?"

"Why—why," she said passionately, "because he would have to be so wise and so strong! He would have to know everything without being told; her loneliness and her longing, her weakness and her strength, her failures and her strivings—he would have to realize them all. And he would have to be so tender and so patient, to find and care for her very self in the gloom her unhappiness has cast upon her. And he would have to give so much, oh, so much, so generously, so extravagantly, so recklessly, to make up for the starved time before, and—and"—

"And!"

"I cannot bring such a friend into the end of my story. He should have a triumphant one of his own—happy from the beginning."

He dropped on his knees beside her. "Dorothy, Dorothy, I am not as good as that fellow, but you know how I love you. Let me try to make you happy."

She bent down and lightly kissed his hair. He looked up at her touch. His face was eager and young and strong—a face to be trusted forever and ever.

He held both her hands.

"You are tired—so tired! Rest in my arms. Let me take care of you. Let me be happy too."

She rose quickly. He was so faithful, this friend who must not come into her story, and she longed so greatly for the love and rest he held out to her. For many minutes she did not speak; then she turned to him gently and said:

"It would not be fair. I care so much for—that friend—I dare not. I could not make a happy ending for him with so much misery behind. He might some time regret—regret." She broke off with a ghostly little laugh. "Besides," she went on with trembling lips, "your readers must be considered. I am sure they would not approve."

The editor of The New Magazine had forgotten his readers.

"I shall wait," he said simply, "until you believe that you only can bring me happiness, that you only make the world for me, that nothing else matters. So near or so far, as you wish, I will stay, but I shall be ready and waiting always. Dorothy, some day you will have enough faith in me?"

"Please go now," was all she said, and he kissed her hand and left her.

Outside the organ still ground out its ceaseless round. The fog thickened and deepened, and on the blank pages of the manuscript Dorothy Bacton laid her head hopelessly.

"What shall I do? What shall I do?" she sobbed.

It was not a helpful plan; it gave her no ideas. For that last chapter but one she had nothing but tears.

But that kind of chapter is common to so many stories.—Sketch.

At the Altar In Chicago.

"Theophilus," said the officiating clergyman, "do you take this woman"—

"Lady," corrected the bride, formerly of the ribbon department at Spotcash & Co.'s dry goods emporium.—Chicago Tribune.

An Artist's Efforts.

"How long was your friend, the artist, working on that canvas?"

"Eight years—six months to paint it and seven years and a half trying to sell it."—Yonkers Statesman.

Murdering Queen's English.

Over in Jeffersonville is a quaint old character, Captain Bill Taylor, who is noted for his many peculiar sayings and his frequent assaults and battery on the Queen's English, says the Louisville Post. Captain Taylor has a collection of big words and he just drops them into his conversation here and there without regard for their fitness or correctness. Some years ago, it is said, he gave it out among his friends that he was going to give a dance at his house and he wanted everybody to attend. But it rained on that night and there were very few present. But Bill was equal to the emergency and, mounting the kitchen table, he said in a loud hoarse voice:

"Friends, we will have to correspond this dance until some more superstitious occasion, when the inclemency of the weather will not be so severe and the music will be more deranged. By that time I will build a new condition to my house and everything will be more imitistical."

Taylor is the man who killed bad John Tucker the Point evangelist and ex-convict. Only a few months ago he was acquitted of the charge of murder in the Jeffersonville circuit court. He claimed the ghost of Tucker haunted him until he hunted up a medium and apologized to the spirit of the dead man. Since then he had had rest from the persecutions of the ghost.

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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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Soda Creek, Friday, 17th June, 1898.
Quesnelle, Monday, 20th June, 1898.
Richfield, Thursday, 23rd June, 1898.

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March 4th, 1898. 45

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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 16th 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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W. H. PEGRAM, Manager

Kamloops, B.C., April 1st, 1898.

LOCAL NEWS.

The customs receipts at Ashcroft for the month ending April 30th were $2,396.

Premier Turner will contest the Chilliwack riding at the provincial elections.

Forty-one Yukon miners' licenses have been sold by the customs officer at Ashcroft to date.

The Ottawa hydraulic mine opposite North Bend, with a fourteen days' run, last week cleaned up $1,100.

A tailor shop will be opened up in Hawthorn's building in a few days. A good stock of clothing will be kept on hand.

In another column will be found a notice of the retiring of H. J. Fink from the firm of J. Webb & Co., North Bend.

W. A. Fraser, missionary, went up on the stage Friday morning to the 150, where he will probably make his headquarters.

Miss Wilkinson, of Chilliwack, who has been visting at Ashcroft for several weeks, went up to Kamloops Tuesday to visit relatives.

The births, marriages and deaths registered during April in the Yale-Lillooet district were as follows: Births, 14; marriages, 3; deaths, 8.

L. G. Henderson, of the Henderson Publishing Company Winnipeg, was in Ashcroft this week collecting names of residents for a new directory.

Stages will in future leave Ashcroft for Quesnelle every Monday and Friday morning, connecting with the steamer Charlotte at Soda Creek.

The steamer Charlotte made her first trip this year between Soda Creek and Quesnelle last week with success. Captain James Robinson is in command this year.

D. Wilson, of Davenport, who purchased considerable property in Ashcroft several months ago, spent a day in town this week looking at the progress of the town.

George Rowed, who has been working at Keefers on the Ashcroft Gold Mining Company's property, came up Thursday night and went up to Quesnelle where he will work on the Cottonwood mine.

G. L. Betts, engineer in charge of the Cottenwood Alluvial Mining Co. twenty miles from Quesnelle, spent a few days in town this week on his way up the road. Work will be started on the claim shortly.

Ike Lee arrived this week with another band of horses for Klondike and local trade. Ike always brings first class horses and makes a trip each season. He will move his family to Ashcroft shortly and make this his home.

Thomas Roadley, a well known mining man of the Kootenay, passed through town Tuesday evening on his way to Cassair, where he goes to represent an eastern company who will operate in that section. He went to Vancouver and as soon as arrangements can be made will go up north by steamer.

About 50 head of burros from Colorado arrived in town last Sunday to be used for packing over the telegraph trail. They are in good condition. The owners are camped out and will start shortly for the north, having purchased their outfits in Ashcroft. The burros are kept in Andy Walters' yard.

The third payment on the Pothook-Bonanza claims at Kamloops came due last week and was promptly paid. The amount was $1,000, thus making some $7,000 paid on these claims. The sinking of the 150-foot level is being rapidly pushed. Rich ore is being struck all through the shaft. This claim is very promising.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has issued a circular to merchants, storekeepers and dealers along its lines of railway announcing a list of banks which have arranged to cash without any charge, paymasters' wages, cheques of the company within the several divisions of the railway in which the cheques are issued.

In this issue of the JOURNAL will be found the ad. of D. C. McLaren, harness and saddlery, of Kamloops. Mr. McLaren carries the largest stock of harness, etc., in the interior of British Columbia, and by doing first class work and attending to the wants of his customers he has worked up a good business. He also keeps a good stock of pack saddles on hand.

The party of mounted police who left Edmonton several months ago to go to the Klondike, and who were supposed to have been lost, have arrived at Fort Graham, in the Peace river district, 800 miles from Edmonton and 300 miles from Quesnelle. The party sent a man to Quesnelle from Fort Graham a couple of weeks ago to let them know at headquarters that they were all right. The party will leave the fort and start over the Ashcroft route to the Yukon. The men had a pretty hard trip from Edmonton but are still able to continue their journey, which can now be done with ease.

The C. P. R. station at Sicamous was destroyed by fire Wednesday night.

Miss Griffith of Vancouver, arrived in town Thursday evening and is visiting Mrs. P. G. Cambell.

Allison Woods, proprietor of the Welcome restaurant, has enlarged his premises for the summer trade.

Several loads of large hydraulic pipe was shipped to the Cariboo mine the first of the week by W. B. Bailey & Co.

Cataline left town Friday afternoon with his pack train bound for the Quesnelle. This is his first trip this season.

E. Pollexfen, well known in the Cariboo, is back to Vancouver from San Francisco and will leave shortly for Liverpool.

C. H. Olsen, of Tacoma, Wash., was in town a few days this week on his way to Quesnelle where he is building two dredges for the Fraser river.

All the horses recently brought in for sale are good horses and in first class condition and the owners should have very little trouble making sales.

Any person expecting a letter from Lincoln, Nebraska, can have same by communicating with the postmaster at Ashcroft. The letter has no address.

J. M. Mckinnon, R. Hamilton, Duncan Scott and W. F. Gibson came up from Vancouver Thursday and went over to Lillooet Friday morning.

Captain C. N. Black went up on the stage Monday morning to Quesnelle and from there will proceed to the Omineca country, where he will work some new properties.

Rev. Father Marchal, O. M. I., arrived in town Monday from Stuarts lake, where he has charge of that mission. He left for the coast where he will make a short visit.

Captain Clarke of Westminster, formerly engineer on the government steamer Samson, on the Fraser river will shortly take charge of a steamer on the upper Fraser.

The annual examination of candidates for certificate for qualification to teach in the public schools of the province will be held, commencing Monday, July 4th, at Victoria Vancouver and Kamloops.

LOST—Between Ashcroft and Cache Creek, a pocketbook containing six miners' licenses, one receipt, one note and one receipt of the I.O.F. The finder will please leave same with the Cargile House and receive $10 reward. 48x

"Cowboy" Fox, of San Luis Obispo, who has been tending bar at the Cargile House for some weeks past, will start in a few days for Quesnelle, where he will meet the rest of his party who went up a few weeks ago. The party is well prepared for their trip.

Miss E. Roberts, sister of H. L. Roberts, arrived from Victoria Tuesday evening and has taken the position of assistant to Mr. R. G. Gordon, school teacher at Ashcroft. Miss Roberts has a good certificate and will be able to do good work with the younger children.

W. Rose, of the Northwest Magazine St. Paul, was in Ashcroft Monday, seeking information for his Magazine of the overland route to Klondike from Ashcroft. All information possible was given him and the next issue of the Northwest will contain a discriptive article of this route.

Messrs. Dale & Banfield have started to take freight across Giscomb portage on the upper Fraser. This will be a great convenience to the large numbers of men who will go into the northern country up the Fraser river. Years ago some parties had a freight wagon on this portage to transport the freight.

J. Knox, at one time a wealthy Irish landowner, and for some time a resident of Victoria, was found dead in a field on the outskirts of the city Thursday morning. It is plainly a case of suicide. A pistol was clutched in his hand and a bullet wound was in his head. Deceased had been drinking heavily lately. He claimed he had been ruined by the operation of Balfour's Irish Land Act. He leaves a wife and seven children, sons.

The most important feature of Wednesday's session of the legislature was the introduction of the government's Yukon railway scheme. It came in the shape of an amendment to the Loan bill of this session, asking to borrow $2,500,000, thus increasing the total amount required to $5,000,000, the additional $2,500,000 now asked for being required to aid various railway projects, the chief and most important of which is the all-Canadian route to the Yukon.

K. B. McLennan, Angus McRae and John West arrived in town Thursday evening from Oregon with their band of horses and mules. The band consists of 100 mules and 160 horses, all first class animals, and are in good condition notwithstanding their long journey and will find a ready sale. Thirty-seven of the mules were for the Hudson's Bay Company and will be used for packing at Hazleton. The band is at present in the C.P.R. corrals and are being sold at reasonable prices. Several horses was sold before they had them in the corral.

The Cariboo-Omenica company's bill passed its second reading in the provincial legislature.

J. C. Crome representative of the Toronto Type Foundry at Vancouver was in town last Monday.

The Fraser river is rising very fast. The Thompson is coming up gradually. Indications are that there will be pretty high water this year.

In the provincial house Thursday Premier Turner stated that he hoped to have the lieutenant-governor close the legislature on Thursday, May 12th.

Hon. Robert Beaven's residence at Victoria with its contents, including a valuable library was totally destroyed by fire Thursday morning. The premises were fully insured.

The executive committee of the Ashcroft Amateur Athletic Association will it is expected meet on Monday and decide whether arrangements can be made with Kamloops for a game of lacrosse, or Clinton for a game of football, to be played at Ashcroft on the Queen's Birthday, or at Savonas.

Died From His Wounds.

Patterson, the man who was shot by John Atkinson, hotel-keeper at Blaine, on March 5th last died at Fairhaven Tuesday. The wound was of such a nature that it was feared he would not survive many days, but, in spite of his advanced age, considerably over sixty years, and the severity of the wounds, he held on tenaciously to life.

About a week ago, it was decided to amputate the leg at the hip, and for this purpose, he was removed to the hospital at Fairhaven, Wash. The shock of the operation, however, was more than he stand, and, shortly after 10 o'clock on Tuesday night he passed away.

For Teslin Lake.

Robert Shaw and P. G. Grant arrived in town last Saturday from Vancouver, but are Montreal men. The rest of the party are expected along daily, having left Spokane with their horses a couple weeks ago. The party with the pack train are C. S. Hubbell, Spokane; A. L. Bindley, A. Monk and J. Mills, Montreal, and the whole party represent the Bindley-Mills Syndicate of Montreal. They have about fifty horses and are bound for Teslin lake with the intention of prospecting the country in that vicinity. They will take their horses through light having shipped about two tons of freight to Glenora from Vancouver. The syndicate has good backing and any properties that they may secure the capital is ready to take them up and work them thoroughly. They will leave some time this coming week.

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 condidate, 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. 114

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. 20,705A, 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.

And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this fifth day of May, 1898.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I have this day retired from the firm of J. Webb & Co., carrying on business as General Merchants and Hotel Keepers at North Bend, in the District of Yale.

All debts owing to the said firm are to be paid to Mr. John Webb, who continues the business at the old premises and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to him.

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

WITNESS: STUART HENDERSON. H. J. FINK. 113

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