# The Crofton Gazette

AND COWICHAN NEWS

**Devoted to the Mining and Agricultural Interests of Vancouver Island, Texada Island, and Coast Mainland Districts.**

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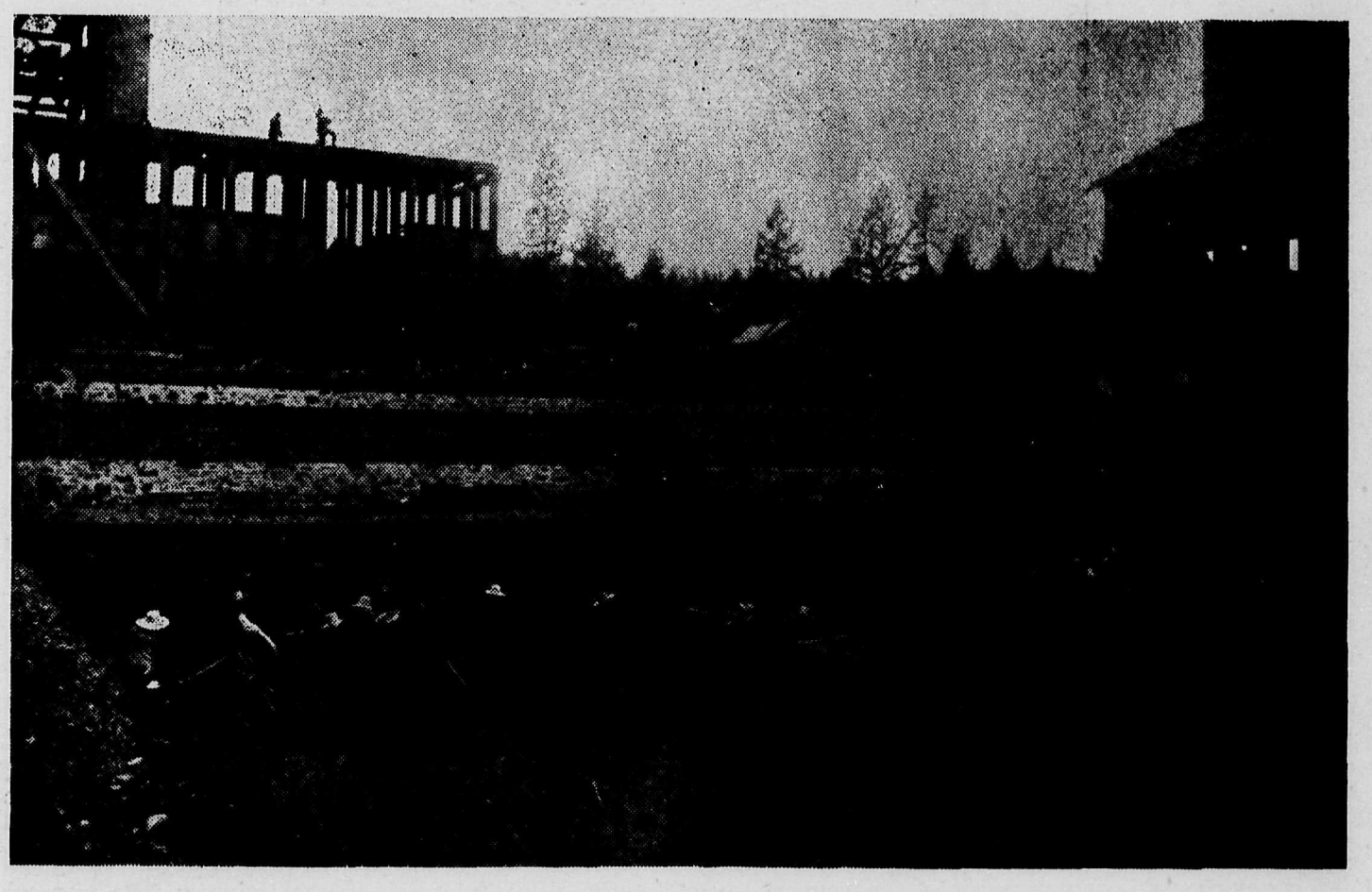
## THE SMELTER CONSTRUCTION.

OUR illustration below, kindly lent to us by the "Colonist," to the courtesy of which paper we have already been indebted for many cuts, shows the big excavation for the building for the furnaces and converters for the smelter. The photo. was taken when the work was just nearing its completion, but a full idea may be gathered from it of the size and appearance of the excavation as it is now finally completed, with the buildings already going up upon it. The extent of this excavation is 150x120 feet, and its depth at the upper end is over 20 feet. The long line of massive brickwork at the upper side will enclose the massive flue by which the fumes will be led from the furnaces into the big smokestack which is in course of erection just behind the building to the right of the picture. This flue is 200 feet long and 12 feet wide. It communicates with a large expansion chamber, where the dust settles, and from this the gases will enter the big smokestack. The furnaces themselves will be placed on an elevation, the line of which may be noticed just above the heads of the men seen working in the foreground. The height of this platform is eight feet. On the level below this again the converters will be placed, and from these the blister copper will be discharged ready for shipment, whilst the slag will be run off on trolley lines and dumped into the bay.

The building partly seen to the right is the engine house. This is a large lofty erection, with towers through which power will be distributed by means of rope pulleys. It will contain a 500 horse-power Corliss engine, as well as the Connesville blowers and the electric plant. The building itself is completed and the foundations laid for the engines. Behind this again, but not observable in the photograph, are the boiler-house, in which three 200 horse-power boilers are already placed, and near the back of this the big smokestack, to be 125 feet high, is rapidly rising. The assay office, already erected, is out of sight to the right of the picture, but the smelter offices may be seen in the background.

To the left in the illustration the prominent feature is a small portion of the ore bins and the sampling house. Since the photograph was taken, the building of these has been completed, but the unfinished picture showing the framework of these erections conveys a very good idea of the massiveness of the lumber employed in their construction. In these buildings alone somewhere about three-quarters of a million feet of lumber have been used. The sampling house is a lofty building towering over the whole works, and will contain an elevator to bring the ores crushed in the rock-crusher below to the various sampling floors above. A trestle railway has been constructed whereby the ore trains may be run over the top of the bins, and the 1,600 tons of ore which is the capacity of these latter may be thus conveniently unloaded into them. From the bins the ore will go to the rock-crusher, thence up to the sampling rooms, where they will be mechanically sorted in successive processes and the requisite sized samples selected. To the furnaces the crushed ores will be taken on hand-cars, and the four or five hundred tons which will be the initial capacity of the smelter will there and in the converters undergo the final processes which will result in blister copper being collected and the slag thrown away into the sea.

The buildings for the furnace and converter houses are already framed, and will be run up probably within a week's time, and then the completion of the smelter construction will



THE LAST DAY'S WORK ON THE EXCAVATION.

only await the arrival of the engines and machinery of various kinds, and the completion of the big stack. The one thing which has so far delayed the arrival of the machinery was a scarcity of rails to lay on to the wharf. This, however, has now been overcome, and the trainloads of machinery consigned to the Northwestern Smelting & Refining Co., which have been waiting at Liverpool, can at once be run across by the ferry. The first scow-load of cars of machinery has already arrived, and more are following. Work will now go ahead rapidly. Fires and strikes at Chicago and at the Allis-Chalmers machine works alone may delay the "blowing-in" for a short time, but it cannot be for many weeks.

## PROMISING MINES AT SOOKE.

THE recent mining development at Sooke, to which the "Crofton Gazette" drew attention in its issue of May 22nd, promises to add no little importance to the mining industry of the Island. The "Colonist" thus describes a visit paid by prominent men interested in this property to Sooke on Friday, May 23:

On Friday, May 23, Hon. James Dunsmuir invited a party to join him in a trip on his tug Lorne to have a look at the new copper discoveries round Sooke harbor.

The party consisted of Hon. James Dunsmuir; Mr. Hayward, M. P. P. for Esquimalt; Mr. A. Lindsay; Messrs. Gardiner, Livingston and Dickie, M. P. P., all of whom are heavily interested in Mount Sicker mining ventures; and Messrs. H. B. Thomson, R. F. Tolmie and P. Criddle, members of the syndicate owning the Sooke copper properties.

A most enjoyable day was spent, as the weather was perfect, and every member of the party thoroughly appreciated the arrangements made by the host for their entertainment.

Great astonishment was expressed by those who had not seen the properties before, at the wonderful showing to be seen, coupled with the fact that so little has so far been said about it; but apparently the people working the properties have adopted the plan of "saying nothing and sawing wood," which latter they have done to some purpose.

Work on the properties has now been going on for two months or more, and a fine body of copper ore has been exposed. During the development work at least 400 tons of high-grade ore has been mined. One shaft was started, but when down 15 feet it had to be abandoned for the present, owing to the inflow of water. The bottom of the shaft showed six feet wide of solid copper ore, of which an average assay of 16 per cent. in copper, apart from gold and silver values.

Several open cuts have been made to prove the continuity of the ore body, and this has been done for 1,000 feet or more, and there is not much doubt that after further development work has been done, another large and valuable deposit of copper ore will be added to the already proved riches of Vancouver Island.

Mr. A. D. Donaldson, a well-known old-timer, and a man who has done more prospecting on the Pacific Coast than anyone else, was one of the original locators, and is now in charge of the work at Sooke.

Mr. Donaldson is most enthusiastic over the outlook of the property, as well indeed he might be, as present developments have far surpassed anyone else's anticipation, and the prediction of men who have experience in this class of ore bodies, and who have examined the property, are enough to make the most pessimistic man warm up to the possibilities of a big mining and smelting centre within thirty miles of Victoria, and that in the near future.

AT THE SOOKE COPPER MINE.
(Cut kindly lent by the COLONIST).

## MINERAL CLAIMS ON SALT SPRING ISLAND.

For some months past Mr. H. Neaves has been testing copper prospects on this island. In the syndicate with which he is associated are believed to be Messrs. Saunders, D. H. Bogle, A. W. More and others. The properties which are being developed are situated on the mountain about two miles south of Vesuvius Bay, and the ledge upon which work is being done has its outcrop near the ridge, and runs, roughly, north and south. The outcrop formation is a vitreous looking white quartz in schist, and with the quartz are associated stringers and massive bunches of copper pyrites. This, however, is only descriptive of the surface conditions. Gray copper has already been encountered at a little depth, and the chances of the continuity of the ledge and its values are distinctly good. The assay value of ore taken at a depth of about 15 feet from the surface has run to $56.50 in copper and gold, with a little silver. Should this mine prove as well as it is promising, its value as a mineral property will be very largely added to by its advantageous position almost on salt water. The steamer that daily runs up from Sidney to Crofton, a couple of miles or so after passing Burgoyne Bay, on Salt Spring Island, sails close beneath the long and steep-sided ridge up which the mine is located. About half way down the mountain may be seen through the trees the white tents where are camped the three or four men who are at present engaged by Mr. Neaves on development work. From the mouth of a tunnel anywhere here the ore extracted could almost be thrown into ships lying at a wharf below. And not only has the property this advantage of site, but it has also the smelter now nearing completion at Crofton situated just across the water, less than four miles away.

Messrs. W. E. Blythe, H. Keast and others of Duncans have also some mineral claims on Salt Spring Island, in the same vicinity. Their ore at the outcrop has also much the same surface characteristics.

## SALE OF IRON PROPERTIES ON THE WEST COAST.

Messrs. J. F. Bledsoe, W. D. Verschoyle and others have just disposed of eleven iron properties, all lying within a few miles of each other on Barclay Sound. Some of these are situated directly on salt water, and none more than 1½ miles away. The Tacoma Steel Company is the purchaser, and the price paid is believed to be $20,000 in cash and $40,000 in shares. This same company recently secured the iron properties at Texada Island. The Vancouver "World" considers that "the deal means much, even if the company is

operated from Tacoma. It will be practically the beginning of the iron industry in British Columbia, and in this province there promises extensive developments along this line, for large deposits of iron ore exist. There is considerable inquiry among the owners of iron properties, and it is stated that the rumour that the Canada Foundry Co., recently organized, was about to establish a branch here, will soon be a reality. The ore bodies on Vancouver Island Mr. Verschoyle declares, from knowledge of personal investigation of some of the new properties, are of vast extent, immense outcrops of high-grade ore showing in many places, sometimes for 150 feet in extent. The ore, he states, is a magnetite, running from 64 per cent. to 70 per cent. metallic iron, contains but very little phosphorus, and containing in part as high as 7 per cent., adding to its value as a flux."

## MOUNT SICKER NOTES.

The new double-drum hoist at the Tyee mine was last week successfully installed by Mr. J. Robertson, from Hendy's machine works, San Francisco. He was assisted in the work by Mr. W. Dwyer. The right-of-way for the aerial tramway to a point on the E. & N. Railway near Somenos is now cleared, and Mr. R. N. Riblet's foreman, Mr. Maclean, has started on the construction. Mr. Keast, of Duncans, is hauling the lumber.

Mr. William Vanstone has had the Bessie mineral claim surveyed. On Thursday last the whistle of the Key City was heard for the first time at Mount Sicker. Capt. Wasson, of Sacramento, Cal., setting to work with characteristic energy, has already got his new machinery installed, and is engaged in sinking a 200-foot shaft.

Mr. O. E. Andrews, of Port Townsend, who owns a half-share in the Star claim, is busy running a crosscut tunnel on the ledge, surface samples of which assayed $64. Work is already in 30 feet, and it is estimated that the ore body will be tapped at another hundred feet.

The Copper Canyon mine is continuing to open up very satisfactorily, and several new leads have recently been discovered.

Mr. J. Johnson, who is part owner with Mr. Creedon of a very promising mineral claim on Mount Brenton, is leaving the Mount Sicker Hotel, much to the regret of his friends.

The new five-drill Holman compressor plant has been installed at the Lenora mine and is hard at work.

## WEST COAST NOTES.

Mining is going on quietly but satisfactorily in this district. Some thirty men are employed at the Golden Eagle, and as soon as certain surveys have been completed this number will be largely exceeded.

There is something like a boom in the timber industry looming ahead in and around the district of San Juan. Timber cruisers representing American as well as English capital are scattered about the country, and far-seeing men are quietly investing in timber limits. Mr. F. V. Hobbs, of Port Renfrew, has lately secured some thousands of acres of timber lands, covered with splendid spruce and cedar. He mentions places in the district where as much as six or seven thousand acres of valuable timber lands may be secured in one block.

The Alberni Shingle Company is hard at work, and Mr. C. L. Selz, the secretary, expects to be shipping in about a week. The capacity of the mill is 50,000 a day.

The "Queen City" on her last trip brought a consignment of canned crabs from Leason's cannery at Quatsino Sound. They are being shipped to New York. There is every reason to hope that this industry will attain much greater proportions.

## THE STEAMER SERVICE.

The Sidney & Nanaimo Transportation Company was recently incorporated to maintain a steamship service between Sidney and Nanaimo in connection with the Victoria & Sidney railway and Victoria Terminal system. The steamers Iroquois and Strathcona, lately acquired from the Hudson's Bay Company, will be taken over by the new company. The Strathcona, which will be replaced on the Skeena by the new stern-wheeler now being completed at the Victoria Machinery Depot, will be towed down by the tug Albion, which leaves for Port Simpson on Monday. The Strathcona will give a daily service between Sidney and Nanaimo, calling at Chemainus and Crofton, and connecting with the Victoria Terminal train. Steamer Unican, of the United Canneries, will make the run until the steamer Strathcona arrives. The tug Mystery is to tow the ferry barges. General Manager Anderson has been advised by wire from Ottawa that the act to incorporate the Victoria Terminal Railway Company will not be disallowed, which will dispose of the apprehension caused by the Attorney-General's communication to the Victoria City Council.

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## THE PEACE.

NOT alone in the large cities of the British Empire, but to every colonial town and village, to every camp and farm the tidings of the peace in South Africa has brought its message of pride and joy and congratulation. Whence this widespread sympathy and interest in a war waged at a far distant portion of the earth? The exact reason is hard to tell. It is not that South Africa before the war was becoming a wide and promising field for trade and enterprise. It is not here in Canada, for instance, that our merchants and financiers and our working men were turning their thoughts to that vast extent of country in South Africa which has yielded so many rapid fortunes to miners and others. Our sympathy proceeds from more than this. It is the same feeling that brings a lump in our throats when we think of the brave men who have ventured all, and the noble lives that have cheerfully sacrificed themselves at the thrill of patriotism that swept through the British Empire as from every corner of the earth, Britain's sons came to wage a fight which they knew to be just, and which was a threat to the freedom of the Motherland and the Empire. Probably the verdict of history will be that the South African war was the birth of Imperialism and the welding of the Empire. But it is the immediate effects of the peace that most concerns us to-day. The Boers have obtained generous terms of peace and an assured freedom that would have been theirs in any case. In the impulse of magnanimity and generosity that we are apt to feel towards vanquished rivals, we open our hearts and hands towards them, and forget the men who have borne the burden of the struggle in our behalf. In South Africa for years before the war there had existed an undercurrent of disappointment and hard feeling against the Imperial authorities. In every little war that took place, the defeated Kaffirs, or the neighbouring Boers, or whoever they were, had invariably received more considerate treatment than the rank and file of the British fighting ranks. The practical favours of peace have hitherto been invariably granted to deal exclusively with the enemy, and have not applied equally to loyal Britons who have perhaps lost their all equally in the struggle. In the Great Peace now concluded it is for the Imperial authorities and those who support them to see that such neglect is impossible in the future. Here, too, in British Columbia we also have our duties in connection with this peace. It is for our mayors and citizens who are in authority to see that no man who went out to the war from British Columbia has been forgotten in the promised reward of suitable work on his return. And yet we can meet here in our midst to-day, and in our capital city, not a few who have endured the dangers and hardships of the fighting, but have not yet reaped, nor at present seem likely to reap, the promised blessings of peace.

## THE CORONATION CELEBRATION

The movement which was so successfully started at the Reeve's meeting last week to organize a programme to celebrate Coronation Day seems to be making very gratifying progress, and Duncans is promised a good old English merry-making. Subscriptions, we hear, from the finance committee are coming in very satisfactorily, but the more dollars the greater scope for the celebration. Let Duncans show what she can do—and do well.

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The "Times'" announcement that the fishery authorities intend to make a minimum limit of eight inches in the size of trout that may be legally taken, is excellent reading. We wish it were nine inches instead. The same authority also states that the weir question is to be shelved for the present, and left to be fully threshed out later on by the Dominion Fishery Inspector, the Victoria Indian Agent, and Senator Templeman in conclave.

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It is to be hoped that the Alderlea Fire Company will reap a rich harvest from the dramatic entertainment that is being given by the Cowichan Dramatice Society at Duncans to-night. No object is better worthy of support than the desiréd purchase of a fire engine as an aid to the work of this invaluable body.

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The Agricultural Hall at Duncans has been painted, for the first time in its existence. It looks very well, but would look better if the roof also were treated to a coat of paint. We understand, however, that the paint must wait for a new roof.

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A report of the Farmers' Institute meeting addressed by Mr. G. C. Creelman at the Agricultural Hall, Duncans, on the 29th May, is unavoidably held over this week.

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Crofton has now got sidewalks laid up each side of her main streets, and the most fastidiously booted city man or woman need not fear to come and have a look at the new town and the smelter. They will be rewarded.


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## Crofton Up to Date.

### RAILS LAID ON THE WHARF.

A broad-gauge line of rails has been laid along the wharf, and cars can now be ferried over from the other side. At present the inner line of rails for the Mount Sicker narrow-gauge engines has not been laid, and until this is done, which will be in a few days, cars will be drawn up to the smelter or elsewhere by means of a wire rope and a steam winch. Heavy freight can now be landed at the wharf, and this means a very great convenience to the citizens of Crofton.

### ARRIVAL OF THE FERRY WITH MACHINERY.

A scow loaded with several cars of machinery for the smelter company has arrived at the slip at Crofton, and another is daily expected. At this rate the machinery for the smelter works will soon be installed, as most of the buildings are ready for it. The sampling machinery will probably be that first put in place, and ores can then be received.

### THE WATER SUPPLY.

Several new tanks have been placed at the junction of the flume with the end of the supply pipe at the top of Robert street. The assessment made for the water supply is very reasonable, being no more than $1.50 per month for dwelling houses and $3 for hotels. This comes into force at once.

### SIDEWALKS.

Sidewalks have now been laid along each side of Joan avenue up to Mr. Dyke's store on the one side, and the post office on the other. Only those who have lived in Crofton during the past few months can tell what a boon they are.

### BOARD OF TRADE EXCURSION.

An excursion is leaving Victoria on Saturday via the V. T. & S. Raliway, under the auspices of the Victoria, British Columbia, Board of Trade, and a large party of distinguished visitors is expected in the town.

### NEW DWELLING HOUSES.

Work on the six new dwelling houses that have been contracted for has already begun. Mr. W. F. Craig is the contractor, and Mr. Gilchrist has been superintending the work locally.

### CHURCH SERVICES.

Divine service is now held by the Rev. W. N. Carr every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock in the upper store of the Croft Block.

### LOCAL NOTES.

Dr. and Mrs. Foote, of Crofton, are paying a visit to Victoria.

On Sunday last Mr. James Anderson, general manager of the V. T. & S. Railway, and Mrs. Anderson made the round trip to Crofton.

The five new stores erected by Messrs. Moore & Whittington on contract are now ready for occupation.

Captain McIntosh, late townsite agent at Crofton, went down to Victoria on Tuesday, en route to Winnipeg for a short visit to his old haunts.

We hope that Crofton baseballers will rise to the occasion and take over a good team to play Duncans on Coronation Day, the 26th instant. They will probably have a good time.

Mrs. Voss, Mrs. F. Sherbourne and son, and Messrs. Gilchrist and W. F. Craig have been visitors at the Osborne Hotel.

Lively times are approaching with the arrival of the smelter machinery.

The Copper Queen is now lying snugly at her moorings near the wharf.


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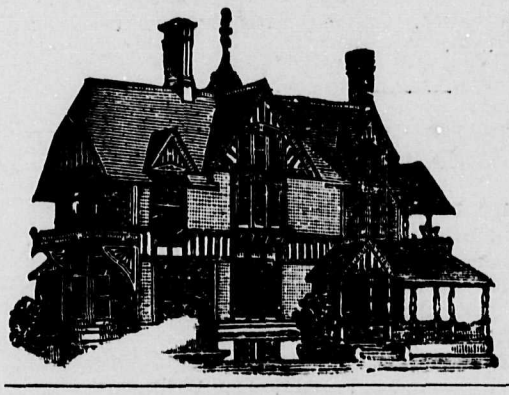

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### TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION.

The meeting called for the above purpose by the Reeve was duly held at Duncans. Mr. J. Norcross was elected secretary. The Rev. J. A. Leakey stated that the Archbishop of Canterbury had issued a special coronation service to be used in all churches on the 26th June, and he and his church wardens would invite the Reeve and Council, the various friendly societies and the public generally to attend at St. Peter's church, Quamichan. The service would probably commence at a quarter to 11, and would last about an hour. He would then suggest roast beef and plum pudding in the Agricultural Hall. After discussion as to the feasibility of this project, it was finally decided, on the suggestion of Mr. R. H. Whidden, to make the feast instead a basket picnic on the Recreation Grounds, to be followed by sports. A subscription list was opened and a satisfactory sum collected then and there. The meeting then proceeded to appoint the following committees: Sports, Messrs. J. Norcross, H. D. Holmes and A. J. Bell; finance, the Reeve (Mr. J. N. Evans and Messrs. H. Smith, F. Price and A. Peterson (treasurer); reception, Rev. J. A. Leakey and Messrs. J. Maitland-Dougall and R. H. Whidden. The finance committee was empowered to expend $25 on a bonfire upon the heights of Mount Prevost. Various suggestions were made for fireworks, etc., but final arrangements were not completed. The work of organization has, however, been taken in hand with much enthusiasm, and Mr. A. Peterson has already challenged a Crofton baseball team to contend with Duncans' representatives on the eventful day. Every prospect makes for a most successful celebration.

### AMATEUR DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT IN AID OF THE ALDERLEA FIRE CO.

The Cowichan Amateur Dramatic Society are giving a performance this evening at the Agricultural Hall, Duncans, in aid of the funds of the Alderlea Fire Company. Harry Nicholls' popular farce in three acts, entitled "Jane," will be acted by the following cast—and the dramatic talent that it represents is very great:

Charley Shackleton.....Mr. L. A. Knox
Mr. Kershaw.....Mr. H. Williams
William Tipson.....Mr. G. O. Pooley
Mr. Pixton.....Mr. F. Lomas
Claude.....Mr. F. Parker
Jane.....Mrs. H. de M. Mellin
Mrs. Chadwick.....Mrs. Maitland-Dougall
Lucy Norton.....Miss Maud Lomas
Mrs. Pixton.....Mrs. Henderson

The play will be commenced at 8:30, and will be followed by dancing. Admission, 50 cents. The large audience which is expected to attend will not only be assured of a clever entertainment and a pleasant evening, but they will also by their presence be helping the worthy object of the Alderlea Fire Company in raising funds to purchase a much-needed engine for the fire protection of the town of Duncans.

### NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

The following notice is posted to taxpayers: "I shall be in attendance at the Council Chamber, Duncans, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first three Fridays in June, viz., the 6th, 13th and 20th instants, for the purpose of receiving municipal taxes, licenses and scavenging rate.

"(Signed) J. NORCROSS, Collector."

### THE NEW QUAMICHAN HOTEL.

This fine wide verandahed building is now almost ready for the reception of visitors. There are 21 rooms upstairs, besides bathrooms with hot and cold water, and four splendid public rooms downstairs, as also a sample room for commercial travellers. It is the first hotel in Duncans to have a hot air heating apparatus, and the furnace for this was lighted up for trial on Saturday last. Mr. and Mrs. F. Nelson brought up a carload of furniture on their return from Victoria last week. The furnishing of the house is divided between Messrs. Weiler Bros. and Spencer, of Victoria, and Mr. Stevenson, of Nanaimo. The formal opening will take place some time about Coronation Day.

### LOCAL NOTES.

A big potlatch will be held in Cowichan this week.

Mr. J. Edgson saw a large panther last week, with a mane which was almost black.

We wonder is it a fact that a prominent angler was ordered off the Indian reservation last week.

The E. & N. Railway bridge gang, directed by Mr. McGillivray, are making their headquarters at Duncans.

Messrs. H. Smith and Paget went up to Cowichan Lake on Friday morning to inspect their mineral properties.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Mortimer Lamb and family have returned to Victoria after their month's stay at Duncans.

Mrs. Milton Edgson and Miss C. Edgson, accompanied by Miss Bertha Morley, returned from a visit to Victoria on Saturday last.

Dr. F. L. Dickson has gone to Victoria to meet Mrs. Dickson, who is coming from Santa Cruz to spend the summer at Duncans.

Sir R. Musgrave and Admiral Rose, after spending some time up at Cowichan Lake, came down the river in a canoe. They had good fishing.

Mr. W. F. Burton had great sport in the river on Sunday. They were all big steelheads, and some of them walked away with the line, but his catch was grand.

Mr. W. Dwyer came down from the Tyee mine last week, and is spending some time in the vicinity of Duncans, in the neighbourhood of which he owns two ranches.

Fishing was so good in the Cowichan River on Saturday last that we heard of Victoria Day excursionists wiring down that they would not be home until Sunday night.

An auction sale of horses and cattle was held in the yard of the Alderlea Hotel last week; but, being badly attended, Mr. P. G. Clarke, the auctioneer, announced another sale for Monday, the 9th instant.

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Mr. Galbraith, fishery inspector, has been registered at the Alderlea Hotel, as also Mr. Dan Savoy, who steered Sir R. Musgrave and Admiral Rose down the Cowichan River in a canoe the other day.

Mr. James Rogers, the popular proprietor of the Alderlea Hotel, has been very busy this past week re-papering and decorating his premises. The bar room is now newly papered and painted and looks very clean and smart indeed, and is more comfortable than ever. The liquor sold, of course, remains the same, but that was always the best.

A wedding is announced for Saturday next, when at St. Peter's Church, Quamichan, by the Rev. J. A. Leakey, Mr. P. C. Calvert, a brother of Mrs. C. H. Dickie, will be united in matrimony to Miss Edna Prevost; and the good wishes and congratulations of a host of friends will go with the young couple, who we believe have known each other since their school days together.

Mr. J. Maitland-Dougall and Mr. W. H. Elkington have been over at Vancouver to meet Miss Maitland-Dougall and Mrs. Elkington. These ladies, coming from England, found on arrival at Quebec that their steamer was to be put into quarantine for 18 days, on account of a smallpox scare; but the authorities relenting, did not put them to the inconvenience of this delay.

At the Tzouhalem Hotel have been registered during the week, amongst others, Sir R. Musgrave and Admiral Rose; Major and Mrs. A. W. Jones, of Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. A. Howe, of Chemainus; Mr. and Mrs. W. Brodrick, of Victoria; Miss Jameson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burton, who had great luck fishing; and Messrs. R. Canchon, of the C. P. R. Co. at Montreal; E. B. McKay, of the Lands and Works Department; W. R. Angus, Toronto; E. M. Molander, Port Townsend; W. Peters, Victoria; J. B. H. Rickaby, George H. Ramsay, F. J. Arthur, L. Hafer and O. G. Harbell.

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At the Strathcona Hotel, Shawnigan Lake, during this week have been registered Mr., Mrs. and Miss J. H. B. Rickaby; Messrs. T. Conway and P. Pearson, of Chemainus; E. C. Smith, assistant city treasurer, and Mr., Mrs. and Miss Thornton Fell, of Victoria.

It is announced that Mr. Richard Nemo, of Ladysmith, is the lucky man to be married next month to Miss L. McKenzie, eldest daughter of Mr. L. McKenzie, of Saanichton.

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