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THE LILLOOET-LYTTON ROAD.

Tenders were called for the completion of the unfinished portion of the Lillooet-Lytton wagon road by the commissioner of lands and works a couple weeks ago. The tenders were to be in by May 10th, and about half a dozen were put in. One tender from Lillooet was acknowledged and contained the information that it was too high. So for far the successful tender has not been made public and many are wondering what will be the outcome whether a contract will be let or the work completed by the government.

The work should be started at once and pushed to completion as soon as possible. Probably todays mail more definite information may be received about the road. If something is not done pretty soon the people directly interested should register a forcible kick.

The Full Court.

Before the full Court at Vancouver the case of Clarke vs. Foster was disposed of. This was an appeal from a judgment of His Honor Judge Cornwall, in the County Court of Cariboo, Ashcroft, which arose out of a debt owed by Clarke to the respondent. In 1897 Clarke was indebted to Foster to the amount of $700. He offered in payment an order on one J. Smith for $250 and a note for $400 at nine months drawn on another party, and which Foster accepted. The original action was brought owing to this note not having been met. Clarke's counsel, however, contended the note had also assumed all responsibility. Appeal dismissied.

The Pacific Cable.

The best advertisement ever given this Province, thinks the Nelson "Tribune" is contained in the offer made by the Provincial Government of one-ninth of the cost of the Pacific cable, which project seemed in danger of collapsing because of the Imperial Government's withdrawal, at the last moment, from the understanding that it would contribute a five-eighteenths share toward the cost of construction. "Nowhere in Canada," says the "Tribune," "can a better estimate be found of the importance of the demand of the Pacific cable than in British Columbia, and this prompt action by the Provincial Government will no doubt impress the Government at Ottawa.'

Queen Birthday Picnic.

The picnic up Seaton lake on the Queens birthday was a very pleasant affair and the weather was just right. The steamer Minnehaha left the foot of Seaton Lake shortly after 10 o'clock arriving at The Portage in two hours. Abundance of lunch was on hand and everyone seemed to have their share. During the afternoon fishing, games, etc. were indulged in and after a second lunch the party left for home, arriving at the foot of the lake where rigs were waiting to bring them to town. About twenty-five people attended and all had a pleasant time.

The proceeds of the excursion were devoted towards the parsonage fund and thanks are due Captain Appleyard for his kindness in furnishing the transportation at such a reasonable rate.

W. H. Miller is fixing the outside of his cottage in the east end of town.

Local News.

Clarke & Co., chemists and druggists Ashcroft. Send us a trial order. *

A. McDonald, road superintendent is up the Cariboo road on official business.

The water in Bridge River is raising very fast and the ferries will have to be used from now on.

The arrastra at the Lorne group was started last week and so far has been running very well.

The Fraser river is steadily coming up and the warm days from now on will make it raise considerable faster

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Arthur Martley who was hurt several weeks ago near the Fountain is much improved and will probably visit Lillooet next week.

Perrier, murderer of Jennie Anderson, at New Westminster has been reprieved for one month pending an investigation into his sanity.

The chances are that considerable work will be done in this section shortly on various properties now idle. Cayoosh creek will most likely come up again.

Mr. Hughes will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday evening. Special songs and solos. Mr. Hughes has been appointed by the conference to James Bay church, Victoria, and will leave next week to take charge.

A residence for the lieutenant-governor of the province will have to be built shortly. It would be a good scheme if the executive council would choose Deadman's island for the site and settle the difficulty with the Vancouver people.

The steamer Minnehaha is making regular trips up the lake and people going in and out to the mines find it a great convenience. The boat leaves the wharf every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning returning same afternoon.

FROM THE SOUTH FORK.

Mr. D. Hamilton who has been placer mining on the South Fork of Bridge river for some time arrived in town Tuesday afternoon. He had not been in Lillooet for over a year and notices the improvements made in the town. Mr. Hamilton is an experienced miner and on the South Fork during the winter has done very well and exhibited about a dozen nuggets averaging about $8 a piece. He is very well satisfied with the results of his labor and will return shortly to Bridge River and when the season permits will work the South Fork again. Besides placer mining Mr. Hamilton owns some good quartz claims which he intends to develop this summer. He is a firm believer in the future of this country and will stay with it.

Fred Richardson returned from the South Fork Tuesday afternoon where he went a couple weeks ago with supplies for the men working on the placer ground owned by himself and Chas. M. Glenn. Three shafts have been sunk and in the first two water was encountered, but the last one was quite dry and 20 feet down cement was struck which they are nearly through. Bedrock will be struck very soon and good pay will be found. Several hundred feet below where the men are working, out of a few pans of dirt he obtained about $6 in very coarse gold. This piece of ground is without doubt very rich and if worked properly with good success will produce lots of gold.

The Pemberton Country.

A. Milton from Cloverdale, near New Westminster, arrived in town on Wednesday evening having come in by way of Harrison lake through Pemberton district. Two families also came in with him and have settled near Pemberton portage, taking up land. they are John Bond and John Barton. Two single men C. Marrayat and J. Mason have also taken up land having recently arrived from the same section as the other party. The party which Mr. Milton came in with left Cloverdale on May 2nd taking 14 days to reach their destination, having experienced considerable trouble portaging and packing their supplies. Mr. Milton came through to Lillooet across Anderson and Seaton lakes and will remain in town a few days sizing things in general up, and may probably return and settle in the district.

Pemberton is a good section having acres of fine farming land, but owing to the distance from a market and the transportation facilities, in the past, few have been able to make a success of their venture. With the advancement of the district in general it will only be a short time when the Pemberton section will be populated. With the opening up of the copper propositions in the Blackwater, the repairing of roads, trails and bridges the district will forge ahead.

The settlers in the Pemberton have recently petitioned the government, asking to have a few bridges and the wagon road put in repair. It is hoped that the government will do something in this matter and assist in every possible way the settlers in this district.

Amendment to the Criminal Code.

The following is the text of an amendment to the Criminal Code proposed by W. W. B. McInnes, M.P. for Nanaimo: 1. Section 525 of The Criminal Code, 1892, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sub-sections: "(e.) being an employer of, or in a position of authority over, labour during a period of one month before and three months after any municipal, provincial or federal election, whether a general or by-election, dismisses, or gives notice of dismissal to, any person employed by him or under his orders, and the court is satisfied that any action taken, or the fear of any action being taken, by such person in relation to any such election, contributed in any degree to the dismissal or giving notice of dismissal; or "(f.) being a minister of any religious denomination, of whatever rank, title or designation, and have been in professional relations with any such denomination within three months next preceeding any municipal, provincial or federal election, whether a general or by-election, influences or takes any action, publicly or privately, designed or reasonably calculated to influence voters to any such election."

Anti-Japanese Legislation.

An Ottawa despatch says: The Department of Justice have written to the Colonial office regarding the anti-Japanese legislation passed in British Columbia, and if they do not receive an answer soon will take some action without the advice asked.

The north riding of East Kootenay election petition will be proceeded with, an order being made fixing May 31st as the trial date. The protest is based on the allegation that Returning Officer Griffith improperly refused to receive the nomination papers of Thomas Forrest, though presented on time and with the necessary deposit.

The Deadman's Island trouble at Vancouver is still unsettled. Attorney-General Martin has secured an injunction restraining Mr. Ludgate from doing any further work on the island, pending a decision regarding the ownership of the property. Apparently the Island is claimed by the Imperial, Dominion and Provincial governments so that it may be a long time before Vancouver gets the new sawmill.

W. Duguid is putting J. S. Bell residence in first class shape.

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LILLOOET, B. C. FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1899

Nelson Tribune: It seems that "Joe" Martin, after all, is not like the members of the Turner government. They took retainers from private clients and fought in the courts against the province. "Joe" Martin drops private clients when their interests conflict with the interests of the province, and fights in and out of the courts for the province.

The report of the Committee of Fifty for the investigation of the liquor problem, in the United States, is discussed in an article by Mr. H. W. Farnham, in the May "Atlantic." Out of 7,000 employers of labor, employing nearly 2,000,000 persons, 5,364 reported that measures were taken by them to ascertain the habits of the men in their employ, and 1,794 stated that they prohibited the use of intoxicating drinks by their employees. Usually, the motive was to prevent accident, or secure better work, or closer economy, or stricter accountability in positions of high trust. Mr. Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, says that the trades union are also doing an immense amount of temperance work.

The Pacific cable has become a subject of more Provincial interest than ever, on account of the offer of the Government of the province to take an interest in the scheme. The summary of the report of an Imperial committee on the question, in 1897, that committee took an eminently conservative and cautious view of the question, and their estimates, as to the earnings, etc., were, evidently, on the safe side. In characterizing the cable, as to its probable business, as a competitive one, the committee, in their desire to be cautious, would seem scarcely to have done the enterprise justice; for, while it would be competitive, as to a part of its route, with the Eastern Extension monopoly, it would, as the first and only Pacific cable, cover a great deal of new ground, and open up a new field, in which the present roundabout means of communication with the Orient and with the Antipodes, could hardly be considered as a competitor.

According to the latest telegraphic forecast of the Dominion Redistricution Bill. the measure will not make any changes in the existing representation of British Columbia in the Federal Parliament, but will leave the present undeniably glaring inequalities to be dealt with in the general decennial redistribution, after the census. This is unfortunate, as it means that another general elction will be held under the present state of things, with the greater part of the Interior practically disfranchised, with but one member for the whole vast district embracing Yale, Lillooet, the Kootenays, Cariboo, and Cassiar, while Victoria is as signally over-represented, with two members all to itself. The uncompromising determination of Victoria's representatives to hold on to these two members, till after the census, at least, has, doubtless, embarrassed the Government, and tied its hands, so to speak, in the meantime. It is decidedly unfortunately, though, for the practically disfranchised rapidly developing mining regions of the province.

The "Colonist," publishes some musty correspondence, which seems to make clear that the celebrated Deadmans Island belongs to the Province, and not to either the Dominion or Imperial Government. We had an idea that it would turn out that way, as Mr. Cotton was not the man to commit himself to an assertion which he could not support. We think that this little incident will be acknowledged, when people come to understand it, as a proof the advantage to the Province of having men like Mr. Cotton who believe in getting to the bottom of things, in responsible positions. In the past, it seems to have been too much trouble for our cabinet ministers to face the work of searching records, and finding out just what was what.
These letters on their face establish provincial ownership, showing that the Dominion government specifically renouced all lands west of Port Moody when that point was made the statutory terminus of the Canadian Pacific, and also that the admiralty recognized the provincial ownership by correspondence on the subject of the return to the imperial authorities of any portion which might at any time be required for naval or military purposes.

Not the Only Pebble.

The wealth of British Columbia is not seemingly all represented by the precious metals; coal, too, has a claim on consideration. Speaking of a recent occurrence in Nanaimo the Free Press says the mines and dacks of the New Vancouver Coal Co. presented an animated appearance last week. From Tuesday morning to Saturday night, five days, 19,150 tons of the superior coal of the Nanaimo collieries was shipped over their docks for domestic and foreign trade. This indicates. practically, shipments of 4000 tons a day, and estimated at $4 per ton this means $16,000 a day for five days, or $80,000. This extended would give an annual approximate out put of $5,840,000 or, applying this basis to the actual output, of 19,150 tons in five days it gives for the year $4,598,100.

Nine Years Residence Required.

Pretoria, May, 22.—President Kruger's reform proposals have been presented to the Rand. They suggest that the franchise be conferred on aliens five years after their eligibility to the second rand. instead of ten years after after such elegibility, as now is the case, thus making a nine year residence in the Transvaal necessary to qualify for the full franchise.

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Assayers Exams.

The first examination of candidates to act as assayers, as provided for under the act to amend the Bureau of Mines act, passed at the last session of the legislature, commenced at the Bureau of Mines and, will continue all week. There are a number of candidates, one writing the complete course, and the others partial courses, the latter already having certificates from other portions of the Empire. The examiners are: Mr. Robinson, provincial mineralogist, chairman; Mr. Carmichael, provincial assayer, secretary-treasurer, and Mr. W. Pellew-Harvey. The examination covers the following subjects:

(a). Sampling—

Sampling of ores or furnace products and the reduction and preparation of sample for assay, including also the melting of gold dust and sampling of gold dust and sampling of bar for assay.

(b). Qualitative Determination—

In ores or furnace products of the following: Coppor, iron, nickel, antimony, arsenic and sulphur.

(c). Quantitative Determination—Assaying

Bullion—Gold bullion, for gold and silver;

Copper bullion, for copper, gold and silver;

Lead-copper bullion, for lead, copper gold and silver.

Coal—

Determination of moisture, volatile combustrible matter, fixed carbon, ash and sulphur.

Ores and Furnace Products.—

Fire assays—Gold, silver and lead, by crucible method;

Gold and silver, by scorification method.

Wet assays—Copper, by electrolitic, gravimetric, colormetic and volumetric (cyanide or other improved) methods.

Nickel, by electrolitic method.

Lead, lime, zine, sulphur and silica, by any approved methods.

Under the act, persons satisfying the examiners that they have passed a course in practical, analytical or assay work in any school of mines in Canada, Great Britain or Ireland, equivalent to the examination required here, will be exempt from the examination, but must pay a fee which the government has placed at $15 for a certificate. Other candidates are required to pay a fee of $10 when entering their names for examination, and $15 upon the issuance of the certificate.

After March 1. 1901 only those holding certificates will be allowed to practice as assayers in the province.

A late Ottawa despatch states that the Federal Government has refused to hand over to manitoba the public school lands of that province.

An Order-in-Council has been passed providing that the declaration prescribed to be made under the provisions of the Custom Act by the foreign owner or exporter of any goods shipped to Canada on consignment may be made and declared before a notary public resident in the country from whence the said goods are exported to Canada.

Mr. McKenna, of the Indian department, who, with Messrs. Laird and Ross, has been appointed a Commission to arrange a treaty with 3,000 nontreaty Indians of the Peace river district district, has left for Edmonton, whence the journey to Dunvegan will have to be performed by trail and steamer.

"And by the way, brother," asked the minister who had been called in to smooth the pathway of the expiring pioneer. "Were all those bear stories the truth?"

The old man opened his eyes.

"Parson," said he, "that's a mighty mean advantage to take of a dyin' man."

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As Others see Us.

Mr. R. E. Gosnell writing to the World says: Kamloops is, of all places in the Interior, the best expression of old-time influences, if we except, perhaps Ashcroft, and points on the Cariboo stage line. What I mean by that is that there is an atmosphere of the past, a great many of the old hands being in evidence. It is difficult to explain quite clearly my meaning, but those who travel about the country will understand. Kamloops and vicinity has not yet been made amenable to the influences which control the newer towns. Among the old-timers there is a bond of fellowship, a sort of masonry, and that spirit of abandon and indifference to conventionalities that mark them out distinctively.

There is the peculiarity about them that they have apparently as much contempt for each other as possible. I never yet spoke to an early British Columbian about some other well-known pioneer but I was informed that "he is the biggest liar in British Columbia," and yet they all have a common contempt for the new-comer, or "chechaco," and express a certain amount of cordiality with each other when they meet, proving the truth of Bobbie Burns' statement that "A man's a man for a' that and a' that" With the old-timer, enthusiasm has oozed out and gone years ago. His early experience has knocked all sentiment out of him, and he takes things in a matter-of-fact, go-as-you-please way. They enjoy a game of "seven up" or "crib," and their daily tripple as a matter of habit, and as for the rest. it is a case of "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." No one ever saw one of them excited. Well, Kamloops is a sort of centre of that influence, and I cannot define the effect on the town in any better way.

I have the gratest respect and admiration for the old-timer, and hope, therefore, that no remarks in the foregoing may be construed as uncomplimentary. He is a type of man settled down to plain, practical living, after years of contact with the hard side of life, and who is totally devoid of cant or affection, and I have been trying in the foregoing, without prejudice, to paint him as he appears to me practically to be.

The most polite man in four counties, says an exchange has been discovered. When you call on him he takes you down the cellar and seats you in a chair in front of a barrel of cider. Then he starts a siphon-like arrangement, the cider flowing in an amber stream through a small hose. He then places the business end of the hose in your mouth—and goes away.

Just like Kids again.

A Chicago despatch says: "A discovery which, it is claimed, solves the problem of circumventing old age, has just been made public by Professors Joseph R. Hawley and Alexander C. Wiener, of the Chicago clinical school. The return to youth, it is asserted, is produced by hypodermic injections of lymphatic fluid of animals, practically young goats. The discovery was made a year ago and subsequent secret demonstration of its efficiency are asserted.

At one of his experiments at the school Dr. Hawley administered hypodermic injections of fluid from the lymphatic glands of a goat to a dog known to be 14 years old. The dog was watched carefully for two months, and at the end of that time the animal was as lively as a puppy.

A number of human beings it is said have been experimented on in Chicago in the same way with the same results.

This Hit the Point.

"Every line in a newspaper," says an exchange, "cost something. If it is for the benefit of an individual it should be paid for. If the grocer were asked to contribute groceries to one who were absolutely unable to pay for them, he would refuse. The proprietor of a newspaper must pay for all the free advertising if the beneficiary does not, and yet it is not of the hardest things to be learned by many that a newspaper has space in its columns to rent and must rent to live. To give away or rent at anything less than living rates would be as certainly fatal as for a landlord to furnish rent free."

Will Give Millions Away.

In line with current remarks regarding disposal of millionaires fortunes comes the following news from New York.

The London correspondent of a morning paper quotes Mr. Andrew Carnegie in an interview as saying, in answer to a question regarding the disposition of his fortune of $200,000,000: "I intend to distribute my wealth, reserving only a provision against any anxiety for the future of my daughter. She will not be a great heiress. My time will be spent in searching out good objects, both in America and Great Britain, and in writing."

A West Virginia mail carrier contractor in the early days was frequently reported to the department at Washington for delays in getting the mail over Cheat Mountain one winter. The department threatened to rescind the contract, and here is the letter it received:

Sir—If the gable end of hell should be blown out out and rain fire, smoke and melted lava for forty days and nights it would not melt the snow on Cheat mountain so as to get your d—n old mail out on time. Yours truly,

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That settled it. The department had nothing more to say. In the postmaster general's office the letter was framed, hung up, and presented as a relic of terse and vigorous official correspondence.

Dear Aunt Sallie: What is a sure cure for freckles? MARY.

Ans.—Remove the freckles carefully with a putty knife, soak them in salt water over night, then hang them up in the smoke house, in a good strong smoke made of sawdust and slippery elm bark, for about a week. Freckles thus treated never fail to be thoroughly cured.

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Crow's Nest Enquiry.

An Ottawa despatch says the report of Mr. R. O. Clute, commissioner appointed to enquire into the Crow's Nest Pass railway trouble, in connection with the death of Charles R. McDonald and E. Fraser of New Glasgow, N. S., was presented to parliament.

Both men worked for Messrs. Mann & Kennedy, at Mann's camp, about 80 miles west of the Seventh Siding, which was, at that time, the end of the track. The men only worked about a fortnight. They got $1.75 per day. Fraser had $6.-35 coming to him, and McDonald $5.35, the remainder being eaten up with board and other expenses. Both were taken ill with diphtheria. Although a doctor could have been brought without much trouble, and the men isolated and cared for on the spot, this was not done, but they were removed, with the thermometer 13 degrees below zero, on an open sleigh, to the Seventn Siding, and put in a box car. McDonald died between 10 and 11 at night, and Fraser between 1 and 2 in the morning.

Commissioner Clute says that, while medical attendance could have been got in the first instance, at Manns camp, and again at Bullhead during that terrible journey, and in the deplorable condition of Fraser and McDonald, yet no attempt was made to secure it, and from the very first, he adds, the men got no chance for their lives. Mr. Clute says that they should not have been sent forward, but, if they were, they should have been properly cared for. This duty devoted upon the company and its officers. There was lack of temporary hospitals.

Carey Castle Burned.

Victoria, May 18.—The fire which completely destroyed Carey Castle, the official residence of the lieutenant-governor, this morning, was the fourth that has occured during Mr. McInnes' occupency, all from the same cause—a defective flue. Attempts to remedy the defect have been made, but without success, the age of the chimneys no doubt causing many weak spots. The fire was discovered by the private secretary, who heard the cracking of flames in the attic and telephoned for the brigade, but the old house burned like tinder and the firemen could do little. Lieutenant-governor McInnes had time only to get out with the clothes he had on.

The amount of insurance carried on the property was $12,000 of which $40,000 was on the furniture. The value of the building and contents is placed roughly at $25,000. The building destroyed was built in 1859 by G. H. Carey, for the crown colony of British Columbia at the cost of $36,000. It was first occupied at the government house by lieutenant-governor Kennedy who succeeded governor Douglas. The castle was designed and built by Fred Walter Green. The ball room, the only saved portion of the building was added to the main building by governor Seymour in the early sixties.

The provincial executive met this afternoon to consider the question of providing a residence for the governor, but no decision has yet been arrfved at.

A later despatch says that the occupants were all up when the alarm was given, but governor McInnes had not finished dressing and made his way from his sleeping apartment through a shower of sparks. It was soon impossible to move through the dense smoke filling the upper flat, and therefore the personal belongings of the family, mostly contained there, were an almost total loss. Mrs. McInnes lost valuable jewelry and governor McInnes all his private papers.

McInnes places the figure at $3,000 and he has no insurance. Down stairs the conditions were much better and for nearly an hour the work of the removal of furnishings proceeded. The massive piano was saved and even the telephone was taken out without domage.

A clever mot of Lord Rosebery's is being repeated. At a dinner, not long ago, some one asked the ex-Prime Minister what memory was. "Memory," replied Lord Rosebery, "is the feeling that steals over us when we listen to our friends' original stories."

"In announcing the collection," remarked the pastor, "I shall repeat that he who giveth unto the poor lendeth unto the Lord, only adding that the Lord has no use for brass buttons, except as mementos of the donors."

"That boy of mine," said the angry father is just a natural born fool." "Of course," retorted the neighbor, and there was that in his tone that made the father want to climb the fence and go after him.

NOTICE.

The board of License Commissioners will sit at the Court House, Lillooet, B. C., on the 15th day of June, 1899, to consider the following applications:

W. F. Allen applies for a renewal of his hotel license for the premises known as the Pioneer Hotel in the town of Lillooet.

Duncan Fraser for hotel license, for the premises known as the Excelsior Hotel in the town of Lillooet.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

The Bridge river mail will leave on Tuesday, June 6th.

Dr. Sanson will be in town next week on his regular visit.

Major Burnet has been ill for the past week not being able to leave the house.

H. Taylor and D. McLeod left town Wednesday morning going to Lytton.

The 24th was celebrated in town by several horse and foot races by a number of enthusiastic sports

Miss Delina Letalien will leave for Kamloops on Saturday where she will remain for some time.

A couple more ore cars were brought in this week and will be shipped up to the Bend'Or mine the first of the week.

W. J. Abrecrombie intends making a trip to Bridge River and may leave tomorrow. He is interested in several very good properties on Cadwallader.

Ward Bros. who have been whipsawing lumber at the Bend'Or camp all winter came down Thursday evening having finished their contract. They will leave for New Westminster in a few days.

A horse race took place yesterday afternoon between D. Hurley's horse "Bulger" and a horse owned by Felix Marshall. The former won with ease. Several dollars changed hands, the Indians backing Marshall's horse.

The fine weather has about set in and from now on warm days will be had. Although the days are warm in Lillooet we can always depend on the evenings being cool. As a health resort Lillooet can come up to any town in the interior.

Alderman R. B. Skinner of Vancouver arrived in town last evening coming by way of Lytton and well remain in this vicinity for a few days. Mr. Skinner is interested in several good properties and has shown his confidence in the district by expending his money and opening up properties.

Several days ago four men went into the Chinese restaurant and had an oyster supper and gave the chinaman an order for the sum of $1 on our worthy M. P. P., who accepted and paid the order. The whole affair was done as a joke and the man who paid the order does not think so, and has posted notices giving them to a certain time to dig up. The results will be known later.

Arthur Noel and Chas. Diamond returned last Saturday afternoon from Bridge river, having got all the machinery to Sucker creek and well on the way to the Bend'Or mine, and at the present time the last load will have gone forward from Sucker creek. The Indians who were employed on the boats all came to town this week and were paid off. Messrs. Noel and Diamond will leave again tomorrow for the mine where they will be for some time.

J. B. Cherry, barrister, returned from the coast last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. J. McKivor has been ill for the past week but is now somewhat better.

P. C. McKenzie arrived from Montreal last Monday evening and is now connected with the dredge at Horse Beef Bar.

Mr. D. Fraser of the Excelsior House, has changed his bar to the back part of the house and makes a sitting room out of the front.

Rev. J. E. Gardiner, B. A., will take up his residence in Lillooet next week and will officiate in the Methodist church on Sunday, June 4th.

Last week an inmate of the "skookum house" spent a few days cleaning up the streets of the town, improving their appearance considerably.

Constable L. G. Burns left last Saturday for Kamloops with a chinaman who goes to serve a three months sentence for supplying whisky to Indians.

Alex Minty the B. X. stage driver is on his regular run again between Ashcroft and Lillooet, after a trip up the Cariboo road with a special.

J. J. Hill arrived in town late Thursday evening from Cadwallader creek where he had been for the past few weeks looking over some of his claims.

Mrs. J. Preston Forde arrived in town last week and is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Burnet. Mrs. Forde will remain for some time here, Mr. Forde being at present in the Kootenay.

Reports from Jack's landing says that W. Ferguson who left town several days ago, lost his watchmakers kit while fording the river at Mowson's and narrowly escaped drowning himself.

Last Saturday the Sunday school children had afternoon tea on the bench behind the town. Several ladies were present and very skillfully manipulated the football. Games of various kinds were indulged in.

H. E. H. Maunsell and W. Tarbutt who spent several weeks up the North Fork of Bridge river on a hunting trip returned last Saturday having had considerable sport. They left for Kootenay via Lytton Sunday morning.

J. H. Purdy and J. M. Stewart of Vancouver came in on last Fridays stage, leaving the next morning for McGillivray creek. Mr. Purdy owns some property adjoining the Brett group which he is now doing assessment work on.

Smith & Bryson, general blacksmiths, Ashcroft have just received a carload of Giant Chatham wagons, consisting of light, medium and heavy. Every wagon warranted. People throughout this section requiring wagons would do well to communicate with Smith & Bryson and they will receive good satisfaction.

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