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LOCAL NEWS.

A party of seven men arrived in town yesterday, bound for the Bend'Or mine,

Salmon in large numbers are running in Cayoosh and Lake creeks.

Mrs. D. Hurley, in company with Mrs. Keithley, are on a visit to Ashcroft.

The weather continues simply perfect, with warm, bright days and pleasantly cool nights.

A Siwash paid the penalty for over-indulgence in firewater the beginning of the week.

Rev. J. E. Gardner will preach at Mr. Jansen's house on Cayoosh creek next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Recent arrivals from the Omineca country report the hydraulic mines in that section being a success.

"The horn of the hunter is heard o'er the hill." Maybe! But most people believe it's to be found in his inside coat pocket.

The Lytton stage arrived Wednesday afternoon. Driver Hurley thinks he will be able to make the return trip without transfering.

On the morning of the 26th inst. there arrived at the home of Mr. A. McDonald a bouncing baby boy to take part in the great future of Lillooet.

Reduced rates to the Westminster Exhibition will be enforced on the 1st Oct., and tickets will hold good until the 8th. Round trip from Ashcroft, $8.30; Lytton, $6.90.

Quite a severe storm was experienced on Seaton lake, Tuesday. The fast and commodious steamship Minnehaha got a chance to display herself, but smaller vessels had to skip.

More bullion came down the Bridge river trail, Tuesday last. It was a small chunk from the Lorne mine, about $700 That is about the weekly salary this now famous mine yields its owners.

On his recent hunting trip W. G. Manson had the misfortune to lose "Cariboo," one of his fine collies. The dog was chasing a goat, when the latter drove its horns into the poor brute, with instantly fatal results.

C. M. Glenn favored Lillooet with his presence Monday. He reports everything of a promising nature for the mines of Bridge river, A little prompt work on the trails is about the only "kick" the boys have to register.

At 5 o'clock last evening, when the news came in that Lillooet had won the base-ball game, things were lively for a while. An ear-splitting "ha-ha" over at the Excelsior started an echo over at the Victoria, but when the Pioneer heavyweights joined in the chorus it aroused the attention of the chief of police, who, rather than cause further disturbance, had to sanction a general liquidation all round.

A gang of men started out early this week to put the road in shape between here and the big slide. At that point the work is almost completed, so that we may hope to see through stages from Lytton in a very short time.

There was a gale of wind Tuesday afternoon which played havoc with some of the telegraph poles between town and the bridge. For a time it was feared that a party known to be on Seaton lake in a canoe, had been swamped, but later word was received of their safety.

Our baseball team got a general mowing down by the Lillooet barber (butcher rather) on the eve of their departure for Ashcroft. Sideboard, goatee, moustache, and some things we fail to find a suitable name for, all fell in one common heap. The famous Apache never looked more desperate than did these ball-twirlers on the morning of Sept. 26th.

E. O. Delong anticipates a trip to his new postoffice at Sucker creek, next week. Whilst there he will doubtless assist "Jack" in a complete renovation of the famous Sucker Creek Hotel. All the modern conveniences for a resort adequate to the dignity of the Sucker creek gents will no doubt adorn this famous hostlery.

Billy Young, a prospective millionaire of the Sucker creek region, made a call on our humble sanctum yesterday. We knew Billy when he was but a poor pilgrim like ourselves, but his present rosy-hued prospects do not seem to have materially enlarged his cranium. He is just the same old rooster we knew in years gone by when times were hard and the glad hand of friendship at a premium Good luck, Billy, is our earnest wish for your future.

J. E Peppin and his brother, grizzled old miners, typical specimens of the hardy old bucks who camped on this townsite in the early 60's, arrived in the city last Saturday. For the past four months they have been prospecting on Alexander creek. Sunday morning they left for their homes in Santa Clara county, California, and with them went quite a sum in placer gold. The old lads seem well satisfied with this district, and will visit us again next summer.

Ric. A. Fraser, editor, proprietor, and general factotum of this newspaper outfit, is on a mysterious visit to the coast. We have heard that he is after material to enlarge the Prospector, and we hope such is the case; but we have also heard that he is likely to become involved in matrimonial affairs before his return. Be careful, old man. Times have been hard in Lillooet, and it was anything but the best of grazing for the Prospector for many moons. Now that the dawn of prosperity is beginning to illumine our 10x12 shop, and the tinkle of the wary shekel is just becoming a familiar sound to both of us, don't—don't give up your liberty and wealth at the same time. A man able to raise such a luxuriant growth of brindle-colored bristles as you have done, on such hard fodder as the Prospector has chewed on during the last six months, and still keep fat, should be blessed with brains enough to at least keep out of the clutches of matrimony.

LILLOOET MINES.

Some Very Plain Facts Concerning the Mineral Claims of this Much Abused District.

Mr. R. T. Ward, of the Horsefly Hydraulic Co., who arrived here last week, proceeded to the Brett group of claims, on McGillivray creek, in company with the owners, After a careful inspection of the property he pronounced it a first-class proposition for a stamp mill, and will probably take a substantial interest in its future operation. Here is a property that should have been operating a mill long ago, and why it has not been done is only gross neglect on the part of the owners. A free-milling ledge, 12 feet wide, assaying anywhere from $5 up into the thousands, per ton, as this property has done, does not need to be called a paying proposition. There is rock on this group of claims whereby a man can make wages with the aid of an ordinary hammer, and some of the finest samples we have seen in this rich district of Lillooet, have been taken from the Brett group. Already there is tunnel work done to the extent of 300 feet, and all in free-milling quartz. Thousands of tons of rich rock are on the dump, sufficient to feed a 10-stamp mill for a long time; and the mine being easy to work, with splendid water power for the mill, this property could be put on an immediate paying basis at a small comparative expense. There are some good properties being developed and already made pay along the banks of the Bridge river, that were, until a very short time ago, neglected, and, by some people, spurned as worthless. There is quite a change in the state of affairs today, and the change has been accomplished through the perseverance of a few men—a very few men, indeed—to work their claims. Dividends are now being made out of mines that were, only a short time ago, only a source of expense to the owners. The arrastra and mill have wrought this change in our mining affairs, and demonstrated the feasibility of cheaply and profitably working the various properties on Bridge river. In the case of the Brett group, it is simply a repetition of other good mines in this district—idle because there is no means of crushing the ore. To sink a big hole on a claim and "go broke" during the operation, has been the experience of many good men. It is too often the fate of the poor prospector, and some of them unfortunately, make matters much worse by sitting on their dump heaps and whistling a mournful cadence for the whangdoodle's edification. There is no occasion for any lament, even if you have a financial shortage; a free-milling ledge of such gold-rock as many Lillooet men possess is second only to a good placer mine. Were the ores of Bridge river of such a nature that the aid of smelters and roasters had to be called on, there might be some excuse for the present idleness of some of these rich properties. But such is not the case. There is not in the whole province today, propositions of such magnitude as are the free-milling mines of Bridge river and its tributaries, and we make this assertion without fear of contradiction. Unfortunately, the failure of the Golden Cache mine to realize an immediate profit for its shareholders has served to dampen the ardor of investors in this district, but Lillooet is now able to earn her own reputation as a bullion producer, in a primitive manner, but nevertheless, a profitable one. Capital will only be too anxious to find its way to these parts before long. In the meantime we are working out own future in a legitimate way, an honest one, without any ambition towards creating a boom. The slipshod, lethargic manner in which mining has hitherto been followed in this district has done as much as anything else to keep Lillooet so long in the rear of mining progress. Now that the practical operation of a few of our mines has so plainly demonstrated that there are immense profits to be derived on our free-milling propositions, we may confidently hope to see a better future in store for Lillooet, and the whole district in general.

Our Baseball Representatives.

At the hour of 4 a. m., Tuesday last, the citizens of this bustling town were rudely awakened by the enlivening war-whoop of the Lillooet base-ball team. A good crowd had assembled to see the boys off and wish them success in their tussle with the Ashcroft nine, and with a loud cheer they disappeared in the darkness at as lively a swing as the big B. X. coach could carry them. The lads in whom we hope to retrieve lost laurels, and in whom the fair sex of Lillooet has placed most implicit faith, to say nothing of $1.50 which the Prospector has rashly bet on the result, are

LILLOOET TEAM.

C. DIAMOND (Captain)	Pitcher
P. SHERWOOD	Catcher
T. SANSON	First Base
ROD. ATKINS	Second Base
C. NOEL	Third Base
WM. BRETT	Right Field
T. WALTERS	Left Field
T. SPELLMAN	Centre Field
JOE RUSSELL	Short-stop

A. PHAIR.....Spare man.
TOM BRETT....Umpire.

Accompanying the boys were the following gents, who will no doubt act as bankers for the team should such an office become necessary: Geo. Bell, A.W. Phair, Wm. Downs, Paul Santini, James Rowbottom, W. Riley, and W. McIvor. In A. W. Phair we have every confidence that Lillooet will be heard of in the athletic field. In Ashcroft the boys will meet men as square as themselves, and hospitality second to none.

LILLOOET WINS!

[Special to the Prospector].

ASHCROFT, B. C., Sept. 27.—In the quarter-mile foot-race, today, A. W. A. Phair won. In the hop-step-and-jump, Phair won against a good field.

ASHCROFT, B.C., Sept. 28—The baseball game was won by Lillooet. Score, 19 to 11.

Daniel Hurley arrived from the Lorne mine, Tuesday, with a most satisfactory account of the latest cleanup. The wonderful showing of this property will work a lasting good to the Lillooet district. From uncertainty we are now facing the most pleasing facts as regards gold mining in the Bridge river section.

The happiest man in Lillooet, Wednesday last, was Mr. J. S. Bell when he heard that his athletic pupil had won both the quarter-mile race and the hop-step-and-jump. If there had been a pole-vaulting match then Phair could have shown himself at his best trick.

Some Bridge River Mines.

We are able to report very gratifying news of Cadwallader creek camp, as on all the claims on which development work is being done, rich ledges have been found. On the Alhambra claim, owned by Messrs. Glenn and Richardson, a continuation of the Lorne ledge has been discovered, the rock being very rich with visible gold. This property is now under option to Mr. J. M. Mackinnon for the sum of $20,000. Besides this property the Mabel fraction, next to the Bend'Or, and owned by the same gentlemen, is under bond to J. M. McKinnon for the sum of $3,500.

Mr. Harthorne is running a ditch down to his property, preparing to sluice his claim. He is confident he has some of the best properties on the creek. E. J. Taylor is at work on the Woodchuck, and is fortunate in having struck a very rich ledge of free-milling gold quartz. Mr. Tom Reed and S. Gibbs are working on the Maud S. fraction; a strong ledge of gold-bearing quartz has been uncovered on this claim, and the owners are hard at work tracing the ledge by making open cuts on the side hill. The ledge is already traceable some hundreds of feet, and will undoubtedly prove to be a valuable property, the quartz being of the same nature as that of the Lorne group. Mr. Jim Brett is working on the Gold Farm group of claims, with good results.

The continual sound of blasting, the busy hum of men working around the arrastra, and the roar of the Bend'Or stamp mill in the distance are some signs, we think, that the future of this mining camp is assured; and it only remains now for the government to expend a little money on the improvement of trails to make Bridge river mining camp one of the most prosperous sections in British Columbia.

The clean-up at the Bend'Or Mines last week amounted to $14,000, and the clean-up of the Lorne arrastra still continues to average $100 per day.

The miserable wet weather that has prevailed all along this section, has given place to beautiful hot weather, amply repaying one for the cold and wet endured the previous month, and enabling Mr. John McCollum, the jovial proprietor of the Sucker Creek Hotel, to fill his barn with well-cured swamp hay, besides rising a good-sized hay stack as well.

We hear that it is the intention of Mr. McCollum to convert his property into a townsite, and to have the place surveyed and the lots put on the market at once. There is no place so suitable for a townsite, being within two miles of the Forty Thieves group and five miles of the Lorne group, and for scenery it cannot be surpassed.

Meandering on the outskirts of the town last Friday, we espied a cavalcade of horse, headed by a couple of gentlemen attired in buckskin fringes, and heeled with all the accoutrements of war. As they were heading for this metropolis we joined in the procession, and were informed that it was the nucleus of a great hunting expedition just returning from the North Fork of Bridge river, under the guidance of W. G. Campbell Manson and his able assistant, James H. S. Rowbottom. They were accompanied by the progenitor and financier of the outfit, Mr. A. Minis, who seems to be thoroughly enjoying himself.

The Pemberton mail started out last Tuesday.

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The removal of a few obstructions in the channel between Seaton and Anderson lakes would greatly aid navigation in that vicinity. At present a long portage has to be made. By the expenditure of a small sum on the part of the Dominion Government this barrier could be easily removed, and thus open up a navigable stretch of water almost 40 miles in length. This would greatly facilitate mining affairs in the vicinity of the lakes. It would enable the miner to land his supplies at a cost of less than one-half it does today, besides putting this town in comparative easy reach of a splendid agricultural and grazing district. There should be little difficulty in securing a small appropriation for a work of this nature. Enormous sums of money are yearly spent in other parts of the province, in aid of water highways. Why not donate a little towards making Anderson and Seaton lakes a highway that would open up a vast stretch of country, and aid the struggling settler in his present difficulties. Here is a steamboat highway that would work incalculable benefit to the whole district, the removal of its obstructions costing but a trifle.

A few hundred dollars spent on the Bridge river trail at the present time, would put it in passably good condition and greatly facilitate travel this fall and winter. The balance of the appropriation for this district should be at once expended for this purpose, and any amount necessary for work in the spring can be obtained by a supplementary vote. The trail needs repair very badly at the present moment, and the government should order the work done at once. We have heard that a small amount of money is soon to be expended on this so-called trail, but why not do so at once when the weather is good and men have a chance to put it in good condition? The sum of $1000 could be used up very nicely this fall, and great benefits derived by the people of this district. The mines of Bridge river are now turning out bullion, and surely some consideration should be made. The government receives a nice revenue from this section, and the putting of the trail in shape is as little as they can do. The mines pay a royalty on their output, and there is no reason why the government should not put out a little for a necessary work like this.

Next Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, the first race in the great international sailing contest between the American cup defender Columbia, and the British challenger Shamrock, will take place. The first race will be 15 miles to windward or leeward and return—30 miles in all; the second race, on Thursday, will be the same distance, but on a triangle; the third race, which will occur on Saturday, will be over a course similar to the first. The start each day will be punctually at 11 o'clock. After the signal has been given to start, the yachts have to abide by any accident; but should anything serious occur, it will be perfectly legitimate for the owner to claim a second start.

Lillooet district is going to have an exhibit at the Paris Exhibition, and it now rests with our miners to make a display adequate to the mineral wealth of this section. There is rock in Lillooet that will astonish some people.

Something appears to be out of gear with the terrestrial foundation of Alaska Most terrible earthquakes have been jostling up the country and terrorizing the inhabitants, from Yakutat clear up into the Cook Inlet district. Mountains slid down into the sea, causing immense tidal waves. The shocks occurred every day for a week, from Sept. 3rd to 10th, some of them being of two minutes duration. At Skagway a severe shock was felt on the 16th, which damaged docks in that vicinity. The most severe shocks, however, were felt at Yakutat. At this point is an island named Kanak, which sank 40 feet into the sea. At high tide only the tops of trees are visible. The collapse of this island caused an immense tidal wave which destroyed all the Indian flotilla in that vicinity. While the islands and portions of the mainland have settled from 20 to 40 feet, the sea bed appears to have been forced up to a corresponding height, rendering portions of the waters between Yakutat and Juneau no longer navigable for deep draught vessels, and in some places the upheaval of the sea appears to have been much greater than the depression of the mainland.

After convicting Dreyfus on evidence that would not be tolerated in any other country but France, and giving him a sentence of ten years, the farce has been concluded by the granting of a pardon. The chorus of indignant protest throughout Britain and the United States lifted the unjust condemnation of Dreyfus into a grievance of civilization itself. It was a blur on the escutcheon of the French republic, a blur that will darken the name of France for years to come. It was not alone a dastardly blow against the Jew; it was a blow against civilized humanity, the full force of which will be felt by France alone.

At the forthcoming Exhibition, to be held at New Westminster on Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6, there will be played the greatest game of lacrosse ever seen in the west. The Westminster lads, after easily defeating all other teams in this province for the championship, promptly challenged the Shamrocks, the great Toronto champions, and meeting with a prompt acceptance, a great game is assured for next week. The contest will be on Tuesday and Thursday. This is the first time an eastern team has visited B. C., and transportation being exceedingly low, it will be sure to draw an immense crowd.

The horrors of the Edmonton trail to the Yukon have been retold only too often by the victims who have survived that terrible trip, but the saddest of all has just been told by a few men just arrived at Vancouver. Hunger, frost and scurvy have been the means of strewing the so-called Edmonton route with human bones. To reach the Klondike via Edmonton is hardly possible without the assistance of guides, and even then the journey sometimes takes twelve months.

The recent fiery speech of W. W. B. McInnes, on the Chinese question, delivered at Nanaimo on Labor Day, has caused the eastern press to say some very unpleasant things concerning him. Give the lad a chance. He is "aginst" the Chinee—the workingman's common enemy.

The next mining stampede will not be at Cape Nome, neither will it occur on the frozen banks of the Yukon, but along the auriferous banks of Bridge river and its tributaries the practical miner will hustle himself ere summer comes again.

The Lorne mine doubled its output of bullion last week. There is something worth laboring for in the Bridge river section.

War in the Transvaal seems now to be only a matter of a few days. The British have almost gone too far to recede now, and as the Afrikander is still as defiant as ever, war seems to be inevitable. The Boer preparations are as complete as the government can hope to make them. The exodus from Johannesburg has already begun. The Orange Free State evidently intends to take chances with the Afrikander.

According to the recent utterances of Sir Charles Tupper, we shall have a general Dominion election before another session of Parliament. There are some things Tupper does not know.

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A Great Copper Mine.

The Rio Tinto mine, of which Mr. W. A. Carlyle has been appointed manager, is situated in the province of Auelva, in the south of Spain. At present it employs 14,000 men, from which it will be seen that it is operated on a very extensive scale; yet, though it has been worked from time immemorial, and is the oldest mine now yielding ore, it bids fair to remain one of the greatest copper-producing mines for centuries to come. Over 2,000 years ago, long before those cunning miners, the Phoenicians, secured the mine, it was made to yield copper for the artificers of those days. These ancient miners left 180 miles of underground workings as evidence of their industry, or the industry of their slaves. The ore body of the Rio Tinto is undoubtedly the most wonderful in all the history of mining, in which history the mine has from the beginning played a leading part. Practically the only known limit to the ledge is its width, which is 1,000 feet. The ore is solid pyrites, carrying 2.8 per cent. copper. Last year the mine produced 1,500,000 tons of ore. Of this amount 800,000 were shipped and sold, the remainder being treated on the ground in the manner originated by some of the early workers. The ore is placed on large roast heaps where, after being roasted, it is allowed to leach, the copper running out in the form of copper sulphate, to be precipitated as metallic copper in large trenches filled with scrap iron. This system of treatment has been followed from time immemorial. Last year the mine produced nearly 75,000,000 pounds of copper, and paid $4,500,0 0 in dividends. The estimated value of the mine at the present day may be told from the price of the stock, £5 shares being quoted on the market at over £40, which would make the market value of the property $90,000,000 The stock is held principally in England, Scotland and France, the Rothschilds and their associates holding the control. Mr. Carlyle expects to assume his new position on January 1, but will not take charge of the Rio Tinto until April 1, as it will take him fully three months to familiarize himself with the property.

Transvaal's Strength.

Statistics regarding the population and military strength of the Transvaal are of interest at this present juncture, but reliable figures are not easy to obtain. The population is estimated to be 870,000 or about 7.15 to the square mile, and of this number only about 225,000 are whites. The proportion is about 66 males to 52 females, the males numbering about 125,000. In the estimates that have been made of the fighting strength of the Boers there has been a wide difference of opinion, but from the figures quoted, which should be fairly accurate, there should be quite 50,000 men capable of bearing arms. The permanent force of the republic before the Jameson raid was composed of 22 officers, 79 non-commissioned officers, and 289 men, and there were two foot and two mounted volunteer corps numbering 1,170 men; but since the raid this force is known to have been considerably increased. But even with a far superior force, Britain would have no easy task. Aside from their proved fitness as fighters—fighters, moreover, who are thoroughly convinced of the justice of their cause—they possess in the character of their country an advantage of which they will know how to avail themselves. The invading army would have a distant base, and questions of transport supply and strategy of the most difficult kind would arise. But the war would end in the transformation of the republic into a British colony.

Fatality at Nicola.

News of a terrible fatality reached town this morning. Dick O R urke, one of the best known settlers in Nicola valley, was thrown from his wagon, yesday afternoon, and sustained injuries which resulted in practically instantaneous death. It appears that yesterday morning Mr. O'Rourke left his ranch, a mile or so this side of Quilchena, for the purpose of fetching back some hogs from Wm. Pooley's ranch at the foot of Nicola lake. He was driving a young and only partially broken team. He secured his load, and was returning home when the fatal accident occurred. He got as far as Robt. Smith's place, on the lake road, by about 4 o'clock all right, but between that point and the foot of the hill his team must have taken fright at something and bolted. No one saw the accident, so that it is impossible to say just what happened. His body, however, was found on the road, beside a big rock, with the skull smashed in. Life was then extinct. The deceased was an old resident in Nicola, where for a long time he carried on business as a blacksmith. He was away in Victoria for a time practising his trade, but returned about two years ago, and has since managed the Mickle ranch. Dick O'Rourke was well liked throughout the valley, and his untimely death will be sincerely regretted by all.—Ashcroft Journal.

Increase of Population.

Some interesting statistics have recently come to light in regard to increase of population. The extent of territory owned by England amounts to 13,000,000 square miles, and on this immense tract is a population of 420,000,000. During the last twenty-seven years the English realm has increased by 2 854,000 square miles, and within the same period 125,000,000 have been added to the population. Since 1871 the population of the United Kingdom — England, Scotland and Ireland, has increased from 32,000,000 to 40,000,000. At the beginning of this century England, Scotland and Ireland had a population of 11.000,000, and France of 26,000,000, and yet today the proportion of population in both countries is almost alike. Russia has increased her population by 60,000,000 since 1870, the result being that she has now a total population of 130 000.000. Germany had a population of 20,000,000 at the beginning of this century; now she has between 50,000,000 and 60,000,000, of whom almost a quarter is the result of increase of births over deaths. Germany, too, is making vast strides as a colonial power, and her population in these distant possessions already amounts to a considerable number.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. A. Minis and party left for Cayoosl creek on Sunday last.

Supt. McDonald left for Clinton last Sunday on official business.

W. McDonald and J.J. Patterson came in from North Fork on Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Tinkham left for Clinton, last Monday, on a short visit.

Dan Hamilton left on Tuesday last for Cadwallader Creek.

Miis Burnett is expected home from Vancouver shortly.

Mr. D. Hurley arrived home, Tuesday, from the Lorne mine.

Mrs. A. T. Riley arrived home from Kamloops on Friday.

Major P. Burnett arrived Monday from Barkerville, where he has been engaged in survey work.

Mr. J. P. Forde, assistant manager of the Golden Cache Consolidated Co., arrived Tuesday.

Mr. E. Delong, our village blacksmith, has been appointed postmaster for the precinct of Sucker Creek.

Mr. John Dunlop returned from the coast last Friday, where he had been on a prolonged business trip.

Chas. Bowden came in last Saturday from the Kootenay country. He left again on Monday last for Sucker creek.

W. Brett, P. McLaughlin, and T. Whitmore, who left this city, for Atlin, a few months ago, are now in Vancouver.

Mr. J. F. Gibson arrived in town last Saturday, in company with Dan Hamilton. They have been on a prospecting trip up the North Fork.

Death of an Ancaster Pioneer.

Death came suddenly and in most unexpected guise to James Gibson, sr., of Ancaster township, Friday morning.

Mr. Gibson had been for years one of the best known and most generally respected men in the county of Wentworth and the news of his sudden taking off will be a sad surprise to his many friends in all parts of the country. Yesterday morning he left the home of his stepson, on the mountain back of the city, to drive to Carluke. It was his intention to attend the funeral there of an old friend—Robert Stewart—in the afternoon. Reaching the farm of John Butter—another old friend—about noon, he stopped for dinner and put his horse in the barn. While walking up the barn steps he must have slipped and fell to the basement. Being missed a short time after, he was found lying in the basement with his head terribly bruised and unconscious. He was taken to the house and medical aid quickly summoned, but it was of no use. He lingered in an unconscious condition all night and passed away at an early hour this morning. Concussion of the brain was the direct cause of death.

Mr. Gibson was in his 81st year, and a Scotchman, having been born in Lanarkshire, coming to Canada when quite a young man. He leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter. James jr. resides on the homestead in Carluke, William F. is located in Atlin, B. C., and the daughter is Mrs. David Butter, of Carluke.—Hamilton Spectator, Sept. 16.

The deceased gentleman was the father W. F. Gibson, so well and favorably known in Lillooet, and a relative of J. F. Gibson, of this city.

The Clinton Races.

At a meeting of the general committee held on Monday evening, Sept. 18th, it was decided to guarantee the following amounts as purses, although it is confidently expected they will be in a position to considerably augment the same, as liberal subscriptions are coming in, but it is impossible to arrive at a definite conclusion until a later date. But, as there is no intention to reserve any money, all funds collected from the various sources, such as entrance money, gate receipts, booth privileges, etc., will all be divided among the different events.

FIRST DAY.

Hurdle Race	1st, $40 00.	2nd, $10 00
Clinton Derby	1st, 75 00.	2nd, 25 00
Trot or Pace, free for all	1st, 75 00.	2nd, 25 00
Cowboy Race	1st, 40 00.	2nd, 10 00
Provincial Stakes	1st, 50 00.	2nd, 15 00

SECOND DAY.

Clinton Stakes	1st, $50 00.	2nd, $15 00
Cut-off Stakes	1st, 50 00.	2nd, 15 00
Queen's Plate	1st. 50 00.	2nd, 15 00
Gentlem's Driv'g Race	1st, 40 00.	2nd, 10 00
Polo Race		25 00
Consolation Race		25 00

Our Mineral Exhibit.

The following letter will set at rest any doubt about our having an exhibit at the Paris Exhibition:—

DEPARTMENT OF MINES,
VICTORIA, Sept. 20, 1899

Sir:—In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., I beg to inform you that I have already taken steps to provide for a collection of ore from the Lillooet district being sent to the Paris Exhibition.

Mr. Robertson, the Provincial Mineralogist, has this matter in hand, but unfortunately, owing to a domestic bereavement, he has been temporarily called away.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
J. FRED. HUME,
Minister of Mines.

R. A. FRASER,
Lillooet, B. C.

Goldwin Smith, writing in a local paper, says: "Nothing could show the extent to which the head of Columbia had been turned by the war more than her adoration of the hero, Dewey. What did the hero Dewey and his comrades do? They sat in almost perfect security and destroyed at long range a line of helpless tubs, with some hundreds of the poor Spaniards who manned them and who had no proper opportunity of showing heroism on the occasion. So perfectly secure did the Americans feel that they adjourned to breakfast in the middle of their sport. There was among them a single casualty, and had they all gone tiger-hunting one casualty at least, would have occurred. For this, however, Dewey is declared to be the equal of the great seamen who conquered in the terrible days of Aboukir, Copenhagen, Trafalgar. If he were so inclined he might probably be elected President of the United States. Canada cannot possibly take part in the celebration of Dewey's triumph without an evidence of discourtesy towards Spain, a friendly nation, which has done her no wrong. Spain, let it be remembered, though deprived of her possessions in this hemisphere, is still a Mediterranean power, decayed at present, but capable of restoration. The British Government will hardly thank the Canadian Government for making her an implacable enemy."

W. F. Gibson, formerly of Lillooet, and ex-Mayor G. O. Brackett of Minneapolis, have come down from Atlin, reaching Vancouver by the steamer Rosalie. Their $10,000 was part of the dust from some claims owned by themselves. While jubilant over Atlin, two sources of discontent were noticed there. The Atlin Act is excessively unpopular, having scarcely an apologist in the country. Everywhere the cry is heard that it must be repealed. Better steamboat service is required between Vancouver and Skagway, to meet the greater advantages and superior comforts of the boats running to Seattle. These now carry fully nine out of ten of the returning miners, and likewise the precious dust the bring out with them—World.

Kid McCoy, in his recent match with Steve O'Donnell, at the Broadway Athletic Club, New York, had very little difficulty in putting out his man. The betting was 3 to 1 from the start, but after the first round had been fought the odds were 10 to 1 on the "Kid," with few takers. The fight lasted but six rounds, when poor Steve was counted out.

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