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FREIGHTS ON MINING MACHINERY.

In view of the approaching mining season the business men of Atlin have drawn up a representation, numerously signed, to E. C. Hawkins, General Manager of the White Pass and Yukon Railway calling his attention to the growing development of this section and asking for discriminating rates of freight, more especially on quartz and hydraulic mining machinery, pointing out that liberal rates on such would conduce very much to the welfare of the district, and would well repay the company by the future volume of business it would assure to them. A suggestion of a rate of 2 1-4 cents per pound from Skagway to Atlin is made and it is also mooted that the Railway Company should control the steamers on Bennett and Atlin Lakes as well as the transport across Taku Portage in order to avoid a repetition of the unsatisfactory freight service of last year.

Copies of this communication have also been sent to the Boards of Trade of Victoria and Vancouver asking their support and assistance in the matter.

We trust the directors of the White Pass Railway will see their way towards meeting this request of the merchants of Atlin. As a matter of business it will be well for them to do so, even if they bring in mining freight at cost for a while, until the stability of the district is thoroughly assured. It will ultimately mean a large business for them on profitable conditions, whereas a cheese paring policy would strangle the camp in its infancy. We have every confidence that the Railway Company will have tact enough to see that the concessions asked from them, if granted, will ultimately inure to their own benefit, and whilst perhaps they may draw the line at the Atlin merchants fix the rates for them, they will make every reasonable concession and grant all the assistance they can towards the nurturing and developing of this district.

ROUGH WEATHER.

London, Feb. 14.—The effects of a blizzard, which started to-day, was felt throughout Great Britain. Trains are snowed up in all directions, street car lines are blocked and telegraph and telephone wires are down.

CHECKED BY FLOODS.

London, Wednesday, Feb. 14.—Advices from Gaberonnes, dated February 4, says: "An artillery duel between Col. Plummer's force and 500 Boers continued until to-day, when the British dropped two shells into the Boer fort. The Boer forts have since been silent. Plummer's advance has been checked by floods."

PERSONALS.

A. R. Macdonald, who has passed the winter at Bennett, White Horse and Skagway, has left for a business visit to Victoria and Vancouver. He will return in about a month with a large stock and open up the Irving Hotel, Pine City. Mr. Macdonald has undiminished faith in Atlin's future and proposes to stick by it.

The ever popular Chas. Bently Jones is expected in at any time, his partner, Norman Hunt, having gone out with a team to meet him. Everybody will be glad to see Charlie back again, as he is the biggest rustler who ever struck camp.

Our obliging mail clerk, Mr. J. Williams, leaves next week for Skagway to meet his wife who is en route from England. She will be a most desirable acquisition to Atlin society and will be warmly welcomed by her husband's many friends.

Richard Jones, of the far-famed Jones' restaurant, leaves in a couple of days for Vancouver. Business trip. Col. Broder will keep the caravanserai up to the mark during Mr. Jones' absence.

Horace Leech arrived in on Friday of last week and assumed the management of the Russell Hotel. Fred. Sweetmeier, late manager, left this week for Seattle, en route to Cape Nome.

Mr. Sabin, of the Miners' Exchange, Pine City, was in town Thursday and in the evening was a guest of the Atlin whist club.

Gold Commissioner Graham is expected in any day.

Judge Woods is expected back from Bennett next week.

S. H. Plumbe, better known as the hero of Atlin's osculatory circle, left on Tuesday last for Seattle. "We shall not be long now," for Mr. Plumbe will be back in three weeks.

Robert Muir, with the Parsons Produce Co., returned to Atlin yesterday after an absence of several months on the coast.

KRONJE OUTFLANKED

Gen. Roberts in the Orange Free State at the Head of a Large Army.

Boer Line of Communication Cut Off From Their Base of Supplies.

Success Made Possible by Lord Kitchener's Superb Mobilization Service.

Skagway, Feb. 23.—General Roberts has outflanked Gen. Kronje and entered the Free State with a large army.

The Boer line of communication is cut off from their base of supplies. Roberts only met with slight resistance. The enemy was completely surprised by the movement, which was made possible by the splendid ability of Kitchener in mobilizing transport service.

War critics say he beats any circus manager in arranging transport service.

Only a small body of troops faced the Boers while body of troops turned their flank. The movement was executed under oppressive heat and a severe sand storm.

Gen. French now occupies the east bank of Reit river and holds a strong position with 30,000 men, completely cutting off the enemy's retreat to Bloemfontein. French only captured his position after severe fighting. The Boers attempted to turn French's movement, but the latter accepted battle. When the enemy thought they had the right of the British position turned they attempted to carry it by assault, but they struck French's centre instead. French reserved fire until the enemy was at close range, when, after one volley, his troops charged with cold steel and everything before them went down. The enemy hastily evacuated position with very heavy loss.

The Free Staters are greatly dejected over the defeat of General Kronje.

A critical and heavy engagement is now imminent.

Buller has had several sharp skirmishes on Tugela river.

The Boers are showing great anxiety over British advance into the Free State.

An artempt was made to carry Mafeking by assualt, but the Boers were repulsed with heavy loss. The heroic courage of the defenders alone saved the town against overwhelming odds.

Kimberley will be relieved at an early date. French is said to be within striking distance. Same report says Cecil Rhodes has been captured and will be held for ten million dollars ransom over the Jameson raid.

The total Boer reserves have been called out. The total strength of the army now numbers 120,000 men. All cannon used in defence of Pretoria have been taken to the front.

Kruger is reported to have asked the European powers to intervene.

The Canadian Government has offered England her entire available force, which is 36,000 men, for the Transvaal.

There is great enthusiam at Ottawa and throughout the Dominion over this latest offer.

WANTS PEACE.

London, Feb. 9.—The Daily Chronicle publishes to-day a long disquisition upon South African affairs from S. C. Cronweight Schreiner, who advocates peace overtures by Great Britain. He says:

"I am convinced that if the two republics had a sufficient guarantee that their independence would be respected, the Transvaal would grant a five-year retrospective franchise, the burghers would retire to their own countries and the war would cease immediately."

These views, coming from a kinsman of W. P. Schreiner, the Cape Premier, will probably excite much comment. Mr. Cronweight Schreiner points out that the Dutch outnumber the English colonists and that if local self-government continues to exist it would be in control of a large and separated anti-British majority firmly imbued with the conviction that the war was forced on the Boer.

HUNTERS THREE.

Messrs Higgs, Biggs and Griggs, they would a-shooting go, and they vowed in their pride, that please the pigs, the moose they would lay low. So gallantly they hied them forth, with tents and guns and things, and felt as sure of the game in their hands as if they had held four kings. So they went away for many a day, o'er mountains and valleys and lakes, and those left behind were all of one mind, licking their chops, whilst dreaming of steaks. Two weeks they passed, and our Nimrods at last, their sorrowful steps homeward wind, for no sheep or moose, or any other excuse, in the shape of game could they find. And Higgs, Biggs and Griggs now swear by their wigs whilst scratching their chilblains so gay, that bacon and beans are within their means, and with bacon and beans they will stay.

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From a careful perusal of the latest despatches it seems evident the turn of the tide has passed in the war situation and Great Britain commences her conquering march to the Boer capital. With Generals Roberts and Kitchener in the Orange Free State at the head of a compact army, 50,000 strong, the Boers must succumb or retire. Already it is reported that Gen. Kronje, who has been investing Kimberley so closely, as well as fighting Methuen's force, has had his lines of communication cut off by a flying column under Gen. French. Kimberley is possibly relieved by this time and Kronje in full retreat, or perhaps cut off and surrounded. Meantime bulldog Buller keeps Joubert's army around Ladysmith extremely busy and they can spare no men to assist Kronje. These two armies comprise the vast bulk of the enemy's forces, and, from present appearances, have no earthly show to stem the tide of British invasion. From now on, we may, and possibly will, meet with occasional reverses, but the handwriting is plainly visible on the wall and the end of the intolerant Boer dominancy in sight.

Mr. R. D. Featherstonhaugh, in a communication to our respected contemporary, under date of Feb. 12, takes the opportunity to work off a little of the bile against THE CLAIM which has been souring on his gizzard of late. Hearing from several very reliable parties that a rich strike had been made on the "Yellow Jacket," of which Mr. F. is supposed to be the representative for outside parties, and ever alert for any news which might be of benefit to the community, a CLAIM man called on Mr. F. for confirmation of said reports, and was received in a manner which may be best described as boorish. In answer to questions put him concerning the alleged strike Mr. F. would give no information whatever. He simply didn't know. Neither affirmation nor denial could be had from him and his statement in the Globe that he told THE CLAIM "that there was not the slightest foundation for the report" is simply tommyrot. In the interview he acted precisely like a silly overgrown boy with the sulks.

The strike on the Yellow Jacket, as shown in the able editorial in the Globe of Saturday last, is a fact beyond all reasonable dispute and properly belongs to the domain of public news. No amount of trying to blink the fact from personal animosity can be of avail. The CLAIM is here to stay and work in the interests of the public and no amount of such petty actions will cause it to deviate from its course for one moment.

Count Esterhazy, "the vilest of the vile," who achieved such an unsavory reputation in connection with the Dreyfus case, is now in command of a Boer detachment near Magersfontein. If the old saying that "every bullet has its billet" is true, it is to be hoped there is at least one bullet in our army which will find lodgement in the rotten carcass of this perjured and unspeakable villain.

The curious lack of heirs among the generals concerned in the present African war is a matter worthy of note. Generals Symons and Wauchope were childless. Lord Roberts also has now no son, and General Buller, like Lord Wolseley, but one child—a daughter. Lord Kitchener is unmarried.

To many men of thoughtful and religious disposition, and especially to those who are naturally apt to trouble themselves with the misgivings of an anxious conscience, this war has been a source of peculiar perplexity. They believe that our cause is just, and they sincerely hold that they have a right to ask God's aid for our soldiers, and yet they cannot exclude the thought that the Boers are as sincere as they are in their appeals for divine help and in their belief that God will defend the right. But they argue: "How can this be? God cannot be on both sides, and God cannot be on any but the right side. Are we to think, then, that the question of right will be decided by the victory or defeat of our armies?" Surely that is impossible, for history during the whole centuries is a record of might triumphing over right.—Churchman.

NO WORK—A WARNING.

We would strongly reiterate the warning to outsiders that they cannot hope to get work in the mines of the Klondike. The supply of labor here is fully up to the demand, and over it. There is, we are told, a great crowd of men preparing to come in over the ice to Dawson with the expectation of securing enough work here to pay their way to Nome, when the navigation of the Yukon is open in the spring.

We wish to warn these people that they cannot hope to secure work here now, or even during the spring clean-up, as we are satisfied that there are enough miners in Yukon for all the work now in sight or likely to be available next spring. Last summer we spared some three or four thousand from our population, those who went down the Yukon, but we had an overplus last winter and spring of two or three thousand men, and the difference in the increase of workings on the creeks, is more than covered by the arrivals down the Yokon before and after navigation closed.

We say to all outsiders: Do not come to Dawson expecting to get work.—Yukon Sun, Jan. 9th.

THE WEALTH OF CANADA.

Last year Canada produced 17,951,421 lbs. copper, valued at $2,159,556; gold valued at $13,700,000; 58,161 tons iron ore, valued at $152,510; 31,915,319 lbs. lead, valued at $1,206,399; 5,517,690 lbs. nickel, valued at $1,820,838; 4,434,085 ozs. silver, valued at $2,583,289; the total value of the metallic minerals being $21,622,601. The non-metallic minerals were 23,785 tons asbestos, valued at $486,227; 4,172,635 tons coal, valued at $8,227,958; 72,444 tons coke, valued at $219,200; grindstones valued at $39,465; graphite valued at $11,098; 219,256 tons gypsum, valued at $230,440; 33,913 tons flux limestone, valued at $31,153; 50 tons manganese ore, valued at $1,600; mica valued at $117,598; 2,341 tons ochres, valued at $18,600; mineral water valued at $155,000; 20,572 tons moulding sand, valued at $21,038; natural gas valued at $320,000; 700,790 barrels petroleum, valued at $981,106; 733 tons phosphate, valued at $3,665; 32,218 tons pyrites, valued at $128,872; 57,142 tons salt, valued $248,639; 250,209 bbls. cement, valued at $397,580; flagstones valued at $4,250; granite valued at $73,573; sewer pipes valued at $166,421; slate valued at $40,791; miscellaneous minerals, valued at $3,960,322. The value of minerals exported was: Asbestos, $510,368; coal, $3,273,415; copper, $864,778; gold, $3,587,953; gypsum, $193,515; iron ore, $24,392; iron and steel, $606,082; lead and metal contained in ore $10,688,147; mica, $69,513; nickel, $570,531; phosphates, $1,090; silver, $3,519,786; stone and marble, $61,030; other articles, $520,347. Of these the value going to the United States was $14,087,136; to Great Britain, $5,091,298; to British possessiono, $331,630; io Germany, $61,180; to Japan, $4,723; to St Pierre, $26,556; to Mexico, $11,486; to other countries, $178,038.

E. D. MARTIN ELECTED.

Winnipeg, Jan. 25.—Mr. E. D. Martin, Independent Liberal candidate in the Dominion by-election here, was elected by 49 votes majority over Mr Puttee, the Labor candidate to-day.

The by-election was one of the most interesting fights ever held in this city. The total vote was: Martin, 2,344; Puttee, 2,295. Mr. Puttee will ask for a recount, on the grounds that a large number of of the ballots marked in his favor were rejected.

OPENING OF THE HOSPITAL.

On Tuesday evening the new Presbyterian Church hospital was filled to its capacity. Rev. John Pringle presided and delivered an interesting address, dealing with the erection of the structure and eulogizing the volunteers who by their labors contributed to the grand result obtained. Mr. Stables, the designer and builder, came in for the warmest encomiums from the reverend speaker. After the address a short concert was given by some of our best known amateurs, after which an elegant and plenteous refection was spread and done justice to. No collection was made, but the offertory box was nevertheless not neglected. The hospital was put in use for its legitimate purposes next morning and the patients, of whom there were fortunately only two, removed to their new quarters.

Thos. A. Edison is suffering from an attack of influenza.

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THE "ABSINTHE" MINDED BEGGAR.

(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling.)

When you've shouted "Mort aux traitres!" and you've sung out "Vive l'armee!"
And have got back Alsace-Lorraine—in your mind;
When you've "Conspued les Juifs?" have forgotten Boulanger,
And have washed the stain that Dreyfus left behind,
Then you absinthe-minded beggar, in your muddle-headed pate,
Turn about for something fresh to kick and hit at;
But we'll give you timely warning, which we hope won't come too late,
That the British lion's not the chap to spit at.

King's son, duke's son, son of a hundred cooks,
Hundred and fifty thousand men at Metz gave up the day;
The enemy was far smaller, yet they struck you off the books,
But did we laugh and jeer at you then? Now say, say, say?

When you lay besieged in Paris, by the foeman's iron grasp,
Starvation grim a-staring in your face,
Who was it sent you vittles, gave your hand a friendly clasp?
Why, the British, whom you're striving to disgrace;
But of course, it's all forgotten, now the danger's past and gone,
For an absinthe-minded beggar all will find you;
But if you go too far, we must put the stopper on,
And by George, we'll take the trouble to remind you.

Cook's son, duke's son, son of an aristocrat;
Son of a sea cook, son of a gun, old, or young or gay;
Each of 'em hunting about for himself, in search of a sewer rat;
Wasn't it thus, till we sent you help? Now, say, say, say?

Though we've visited your country in a friendly sort of way,
Though we've freely spent our cash in every town,
Yet now you darkly murmur, "Ev'ry dog must have his day;
Let us try and bite the lion when he's down."
You're an absinthe-minded beggar, or by now you'd realize
That the British lion's far from being flurried;
You surely will regret it, if, when Leo sleeping lies,
With impunity you think he can be worried.

Cad's voice, sneak's voice, voice of a snivelling cur,
True enough the adage runs, "Each dog must have his day;
But till yours dawns, wear asses' skins, don't covet the lion's fur,
Slink back into your kennel, quick, and stay, stay, stay!

If you're anxious to revile us, why then do so to our face;
It's a method that we very much prefer,
But for God's sake keep your insults from the head of all our race,
For we can't stand much of that applied to Her.
You're an absinthe-minded beggar, and you may forget this too,
But in case it happens again, we will remind you
That you left from Trafalgar not to mention Waterloo,
In a hurry, with the Britishers behind you.

Cook's son, duke's son, son of a cuisiniere,
Though you make your country ring with shouts of "Vive l'armee"
Empty boasts won't frighten us, in spite of your martial air,
Keep a civil tongue in your heads, or you'll pay, pay, pay!

—F.S., in London Sporting Times.

LYDDITE AMD SHRAPNEL.

Great Britain's use of the new explosive compound, lyddite, in the Boer war has claimed attention generally from persons interested in the art of war and its modern inventions. The London Daily Graphic contributes some interesting information concerning the shells in which this substance is used. All shells, with the single exception of 6.3-inch howitzer, are of elongated conical form. Common shells have been described as "locomotive mines," and are intended principally for the destruction of material and for range-finding purposes, though they are somtimes used at both short and long ranges against troops in mass or against troops in line. It is desirable that a common shell should contain as powerful a bursting charge as possible, and efficiency in this respect has been much increased by the adoption of lyddite in lieu of powder. Except for range-finding purposes common shells are rarely fired by field batteries and never by horse batteries.

They are pre-eminently the projectiles for field howitzers, and in the new 5-inch variety of this weapon, which is to supersede all others, they weigh, when full, 50 pounds and contain one ounce. An incendiary star, consisting of a brown paper cylinder about two inches long, paraffined and filled with incendiary composition, and primed at each end with a quick match, is inserted in the plug hole when the object is to destroy buildings or stockades.

Common shells are exploded by means of percussion fuses, which ignite on striking the object or ground. The limit for error permissible in the case of common shell is very small; it must burst at or close to the object to be effective. Common shell are painted black. Double shell, a more powerful variety, are distinguished by a blue point.

Shrapnel is used against troops in all formations. It contains a bursting charge, placed either in the base or in the head—the latter is the latest pattern—just sufficient to open the shell, and a number of bullets, which are thus liberated in their flight at the proper moment, rain down over nearly an acre of ground. The shrapnel shell used by the 12 pound horse artillery guns contains 162 bullets, and those of 15 pounder field gun 210 bullets and those of the 5-inch field howitzer from 313 to 350 bullets.

The striking effect of the bullets is dependent upon the remaining velocity of shells at bursting and upon the exact timing of the explosion, so as to inflict the most destructive consequences on objects aimed at. Although shrapnel may be used effectively with percussion fuses on occasions when it can be fired at short ranges over hard ground, time fuses are those on which its explosion practically always depends.

Great nicety, therefore, has to be observed in the elevation of the gun and boring of the time fuse to make the projectile thoroughly effective, but once the correct range has been ascertained there is—in the open, at least—no more deadly or demoralizing fire in existence. To obtain the range, sighting shots of common shell are frequently fired, for this projectile gives forth a fine puff of smoke on graze and it is a much simpler matter to judge of an error in range by a shell bursting on the ground than it exploded in the air by a time fuse. But where common shell are not forthcoming shrapnel must be fired with percussion fuses till the range is ascertained.

DEATH OF CAPT. COWPER.

The news of the sudden and unexpected demise of Captain Jesse William Cowper on Wednesday morning, 21st instant, shocked his many friends in Atlin. The deceased had been camped on the opposite side of the lake for a couple of weeks with Messrs. E. J. Thain and W. H. T. Olive and had been suffering for some days from rheumatism and the intention was to bring him over to the Presbyterian Hospital for treatment. No immediate danger was apprehended and his partners were assiduous in their attentions. About 5 o'clock in the morning Mr. Olive made some remark to the captain, who was in bed, and receiving no answer went to his couch and found him dead. He had passed away so gently and quietly that Mr. Olive was astounded. Rousing Mr. Thain they did what they could to restore animation, but although the body was still warm, the soul had fled to Him who gave it. Mr. Olive at once came to Atlin to notify the authorities, and Constable Heal, accompanied by Dr. Lewis, went over the lake and returned with the body. The cause of death being evidently heart failure, it is not thought an inquest will be necessary. Deceased leaves a wife and three children at Ladner's Landing, B. C., and fortunately for them, carried an insurance of his life. His brother in Victoria has been communicated with and the body will be kept, pending instructions from his relatives. Deceased had been a sea-faring man in his time and was aged about 43. It may be some comfort to his sorrowing people to know that Captain Cowper in life had the good-will, affection and respect of every one who was privileged to know him.

BIG COPPER DEAL.

The big copper claims at White Horse, above Bennett, have been sold to London capitalists for $2,000,000, so it is asserted by one of the part owners in Vancouver. This is one of the biggest deals ever recorded in Western Canada. Mr. Bowker, of the B. A. C., who had a bonding option on the property, has been in London some time negotiating the deal. There are twenty claims in the White Horse group, and the various owners pooled their interests.

BY AUTOMOBILE.

A telegram was received by a friend from Mons. Janné de Lamare, correspondent of Figaro, of Paris, stating that gentleman would leave Paris on the 16th inst., for Dawson, and that he would make the trip from Skagway by automobile. He will be accompanied by his nephew, who will manage this modern and—on the Yukon trail—unique conveyance.

Mons. de Lamare was in Dawson last year and went out during the summer on a visit, representing his journal, the Revue Klondike. —Yukon Sun, Jan. 30.

Certificate of Improvements

War Eagle Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Atlin Lake Mining Division of Cassiar District. Where located: Pine Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, C. Christopher, Free Miners' Certificate, No. B698, intend 60 days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

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PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church hold services in the Arctic Brotherhood Hall, Second street between Trainor and Pearl, on Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p.m. Rev. John Pringle, B. A., minister. Church of England services will be held at corner Trainor and Third streets on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Mr. James Stables left on Thursday for a two-months' trip to his home at Portage la Prairie, Man. He is interested in many valuable mining properties in this section, both quartz and placer. His main object in going to Manitoba is to raise the necessary capital for their successful exploitation, and we trust he will realize his highest anticipations.

They have some very nice Turkeys at Parsons Produce Co.'s. Call and see them.

The names of three ladies were inadvertently omitted from the report of the Chefs' Ball in our last Saturday's issue. The ladies overlooked were Mesdames Galarno, Harman and Henning and to them was due in a large measure the success achieved.

In our last week's mention of the change in the firm of McLennan, McFeely & Co., an error crept in—something unusual with this paper—which would make it read as though the old head, E. J. McFeely had transferred to Atlin. This is not the case. The initials E. J. should have been F. J.

Mess pork still in pickle, Labrador herring and a few eggs still to be had at P. P. Co.'s.

Messrs. Fountain, Larsen and Spencer have gone out to prospect a lead situated near Fourth of July creek.

Late advices from Dawson say business is very dull and many restaurants and two hotels have been forced to close their doors for want of patronage. Prices remain about the same, with apparently full lines of all staples.

Dried fruits, all kinds, any quantity, nice and cheap at Parsons Produce Co.'s.

It is reported from Vancouver that Wm. Nelson has sold out his interest in the Caledonia group, Pine City, to Vancouver men.

Turkeys and Chickens at P. P. Co.

Chas. Cullen, late of Atlin, is stationed at the Payne mine, in the Slocan, in the interest of peace and order.

Dont forget that they still have some of those fresh fish, both white fish and trout, at Parsons Produce Co.'s.

A thoroughly enjoyable bachelor's hop was given at the Grand on Monday night. Sixteen couples were present and a real good time experienced. A dainty supper was spread and enjoyed. The whole affair was informal, but none the less delightful. The bachelors giving the party, with their usual modesty, would rather not have their names mentioned.

Peter Piper picked a peck of Pepper, Paul picked a piece of prime pickled Pork at Parsons' Produce Co.'s and pronounced it particularly palatable.

Victoria Colonist, Feb. 9.—Capt. Wallace Langley was a passenger from the Sound yesterday morning, where he has been for the past few days arranging for the disposal of his mining properties on McKee creek, Atlin district.

Oliver Ralston has secured from Sinclair & Brown the contract for hauling logs to the mill which is to be shortly erected at Surprise Lake by the Wright Creek Hydraulic Company. Mr. Ralston forwarded six men and seven horses to the scene of operations last Wednesday morning.

PATRIOTIC FUND CONCERT.

The initial entertainment of the series to be held in aid of this noble cause was given at the Grand last evening, and took the form of a popular concert. The hall was lavishly draped with flags, a portrait of Her Majesty adorning the centre of the stage. The audience was a bumper one and enthusiasm ran high. Magistrate E. W. Bickle filled the honorable position of chairman and delivered a short but telling introductory speech, and finished by reading the latest war bulletin which had just come in. This caused immense exhilaration and three rousing cheers were given for the Queen and the same for the Army. With every one pleased, and determined to be pleased, the programme went swimmingly, and, indeed, the numbers rendered would please a much more critical audience than the happy one assembled. Where all did well particularisation is quite unnecessary. A feature of the evening was the programmes printed on various colored satins. They are intended for souvenirs of the eventful occasion and went like hot cakes at 25 cents each. The supply was soon exhausted and numerous orders were given the fund secretary for more, as every one is anxious to send such beautiful mementos to their friends in the great outside world. They will prove surprises to many of these people and will show them that Atlin is up to date and enjoys many of the amenities of the highest civilization. Before closing the concert a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Hastie for giving the use of the fine hall with lights, etc., free to the fund; to W. G. Paxton for managing the concert, and also to all those who assisted in making the occasion such a memorable success.

The next entertainment is dated for Tuesday, Feb. 6th, and will consist of drama, olio and a hypnotic seance. A high class and novel evening's fun is assured. Let everybody attend, as is their duty, and thus help out the worthiest of causes.

A. F. F. P. F.

Permission has been received here from the headquarters at Boston, of the A. F. F. P. F. to form an Atlin lodge. To Messrs. Paxton, Dickinson, Mansfield and Cameron has been entrusted the work of organization and from the enthusiasm these gentlemen display there seems no reason to doubt that a large membership will be enrolled. Mr. Paxton is acting as secretary and those wishing to sign the roll call will do well to call on him early. The benefits to be derived from membership are many, whilst the outlay is insignificant, twenty-five cents per month being the maximum call. The society is achieving vast popularity in the Eastern States as well as in England.

HOW THEY DO IT IN JAPAN.

In Japan there is a proverb among the medical fraternity that "when the twin enemies, disease and poverty, invade a home, he who takes aught from that home, even though it be given him, is a robber." Accordingly no doctor ever thinks of asking a poor patient for a fee.

THE ROUGH RIDERS.

A Vancouver despatch of the 12th inst. says that amid scenes of such patriotism as were never witnessed in that city, the Vancouver contingent of the Strathcona Rough Riders departed upon the east-bound train, bound for Calgary, there to join the remainder of the Western troopers bound for South Africa.

SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO.

A large amount of meat has been sold, and is being sold, at the present time, that does not come up to the requirements prescribed by law. The meat in question, as it will be remembered by Atlinites, was a Dawson shipment of 10,000 pounds which was being taken down on a scow late last fall, and by some unaccountable means the scow was wrecked and the meat deposited in Bennett Lake. It remained soaking in the water for six weeks, we have been told, and subsequently rescued and taken to Bennett, where it was disposed of for 5 cents a pound. From there an attempt was made to bring it into Atlin, but the lateness of the season froze in the craft a short distance this side of Golden Gate. It remained there for over a month while arrangements were being made to complete the journey with sleds. Finally Taku City was reached. At this latter place the meat has been hawked around and disposed of at figures ranging from 5 to 25 cents a pound. The former figure was paid for choice dog cuts, while the latter bought tenderloin for tables in Atlin and other places not over five miles from here.

The meat is said to be in such a condition that any city meat inspector would condemn it without parley at a moment's notice. The fact that the shipment was foisted on Atlin, instead of continuing it on its journey to Dawson, is certainly proof ample that there is something rotten in the state of Denmark.

A QUARTER OF A MILLION SOLDIERS.

The London Leader's war expert says: South African military opinion calls for 10,000 or 15,000 men as soon as possible, and this upon the ground of mercifulness and ultimate economy.

"This would bring our strength there up to nearly a quarter of a million men, and this force to put down two small republics, whose united white population is supposed not to exceed 450,000 men, women, children and Uitlanders.

"Nothing but this fact was needed to demonstrate the futility of the ministerial scheme of army reorganization laid before Parliament recently.

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