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THE EVENT OF THE SEASON

The Chefs of Atlin Entertain
in a Royal Manner.

The highest level yet reached in entertainments happened on the evening of St. Valentine's day. The occasion was the grand free ball and supper given by the chefs of Atlin. Rumor had been busy for some days over the approaching event, as it was known the chefs would leave no stone unturned to make the festivity a record breaker. How well they succeeded is now a matter of history. The evening was a nipping one and Jack Frost was getting in some of his finest touches, but that made no difference. The Grand Hotel was one blaze of light, and at the appointed hour the guests came trooping along in platoons and companies. No less than 30 dared the rigors of the Arctic night and came down from Fine City in dog sleds to do honor to the occasion. Each and all declared themselves to be more than repaid for their trouble. Dancing commenced in the big dining room hall at 9 o'clock and was carried on with few interruptions until nearly 4 a. m. Not the slightest contretemps occurred to mar the pleasure and everything, from first to last, went with an inspiring vim. The orchestra, violin, piccolo and piano rendered efficient service and earned showers of well-merited praise. The attendance was full, 150, and when the time for supper arrived, the organizing abilities of the chefs shone out conspicuously as the vast crowd were handled neatly and expeditiously, those at the last tables being equally as well entertained as those at the first. As for the supper itself, nothing could have been conceived more lavish, and withal, elegant. The tables were decorated with exquisite taste and fairly groaned under the weight of good comestibles. The four chefs who were mainly instrumental in getting up the festivities, Messrs. S. Muir, A. L. Winters, W. Dyson and W. Drake were toggled

up in snow-white jackets and caps and were assiduous in their attention to the guests. Mrs. Burke and Mrs. McKay acted as reception committee to the ladies and did much to conduce to the great success of the function. During an interval, which was specially called in the dancing, the latter lady sang "The Pardon" came too late, in such a splendid manner that the hall rang with plaudits. She was engaged there and then, "will ye mill ye" by the enterprising committee of the Patriotic Fund to appear at their concert next Friday evening. Palman qui meruit fuerat, and to the above-mentioned chefs and their lady friends we cheerfully award the palm for having engineered, planned and put into execution by far the most successful social function ever attempted in Atlin. It was impossible to secure anything like a complete list of those present, but we noticed, amongst others, from Fine City, Mr. H. Cancellor, Mrs. Letherdale, Mr. McLeod, Mrs. and Miss Chisholm, Mr. and Mrs. Stubblefield, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Jack Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Vair Wort, Mr. H. Vair Wort, Mr. Whittington, Mrs. Cowie, Messrs. Desliffe, Kinmetell, Plattauer, Simmons, J. McKinnon and C. McKinnon. Atlinites were too numerous to mention, but all classes were there, bank officials, government do., clergy, merchants, miners, newspaper men, butchers, bakers and candlestick makers. The unanimous verdict was, A Grand Success!!

CONSERVATIVE MEETING.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Conservative Association was called at the president's office on the evening of the 10th to consider special business. Mr. James Brown was elected permanent chairman of the committee. The subject of the association of getting control, by purchase or otherwise, of a newspaper, was thoroughly discussed and means taken towards the consummation of the end in view.

BULLER STILL AT IT.

After a Day's Fighting on Malin's
Drift Retirement Across the
Tugela - Ordered.

The Cannonading Plainly Heard
at Ladysmith.

(Atlin News Agency Report.)

The latest from the seat of war shows Buller, after two days' heavy fighting, to have been forced to retire from the position he had gained. This news comes from Boer sources, but is admitted in London to be true.

The British had gained the hill at Malin's drift Tuesday noon with a loss of 223 killed. Fighting continued all day, but on the following day the Boers bombarded the British and they retired across the Tugela river.

At Chieveley 2,000 British with an armored train made a sortie towards Colenso to land troops on the right of the Boer position. The Boers immediately crossed the river and attacked with artillery and rifles, forcing the withdrawal of both troops and train to Chieveley. It is reported that Gatacre repulsed the Boers at Penhock and Birds River and holds both positions.

McDonald is preventing the Boers from blocking the main drift at Kaadoodberg, and holds the position despite strong efforts of the Boers to dislodge him.

Buller's cannonading heard in Ladysmith during the progress of the battle, is described as terrific, and caused hope to run high for relief of tired garrison. At one time it was thought that the long hoped for consummation was at hand, as the Boers could be seen taking away cattle and supplies, as if expecting to retire towards Drakensburg passes.

The British mine set for the Boers in Ladysmith was prematurely exploded.

REPEAL OF ALIEN LAW.

B. C. Government has introduced a measure repealing the Alien Exclusion Act. Joe Martin, in reply to Cotton, charges Cotton with being a fugitive from justice from Colorado creditors. He said Cotton left the state on a freight train after locking his creditors in a room. The scene in the House was very dramatic.

The franchise for a railway across Taku is to be granted, also to Chilcoat Railway to Bennett and to Porcupine route.

Mr. Charleson, of the Dominion Telegraph Service, with 15 linemen, is on his way to Atlin to commence the construction of the telegraph line from Quesnelle to Atlin. The

work will be completed by fall. (This news was published in The CLAIM last week.)

AN UNKNOWN SUICIDE.

On Wednesday forenoon, in a cabin on Discovery Street, a gruesome tragedy came to light. The cabin belongs to John McAndrews and has been occupied for some time by a little, quiet old man, who apparently did not associate with anybody.

On Wednesday morning some of the neighbors having noticed that no smoke came from the chimney on that or the preceding day, suspected something might be wrong and made an entrance. The old man was found stiff and stark in death. He was stretched on his bunk, a .44 caliber Martini still in his hands. He had placed the muzzle in his mouth, clasped the stock between his knees, and pushed the trigger off with a piece of stick which was also found on the bunk.

A coroner's inquest was held on the same afternoon. It was composed of Messrs. Paxton, Fraser, Hastie, White, Mead and Brownlee, foreman. A verdict of suicide was rendered in accordance with the plain facts of the case. The body was afterwards decently interred in the cemetery. No clue could be found as to the suicide's name or history, but the sad fact of empty pockets and empty larder point strongly to the cause of the miserable tragedy.

PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL.

The building is now nearly ready for occupants and will be formally opened in a few days, probably with a reception and musicale. The erection is a substantial one from every point of view and eminently adapted to the purposes for which it was built. The interior is compact and well, nay, elegantly finished. Utilitarianism has been the main object held in view and has found fitting expression, everything necessary for the running of the hospital will be so "handy." Mr. Stables, as designer and builder, is to be congratulated on turning out such an example of his ability, and the institution will be an ornament as well as a blessing to the town.

Messrs. Paxton & Robinson have opened the Parnage hotel, opposite Taku City, on the government trail, and are prepared to receive and treat guests with the greatest of celerity.

W. A. Cameron is making arrangements to open a place 10 miles this side of Loz Cabin.

William G. Fraser, late of Atlin, died at Vancouver City hospital on Feb. 3rd, aged 88 years. Deceased had been in hospital nine days, undergoing treatment for a broken leg and was progressing most favorably. It at present appears that Mr. Fraser had a dose of something administered by the nurse with the result that he died after suffering three days in intense agony. The whole city is stirred over the lamentable affair and every effort is being used to place the blame where it belongs.

The fire extinguishers purchased by Chief Little, for the use of the department, were brought in by Norman Rait this week. Mr. Little secured the lot, eight in number, in Skagway, for \$57.75.

Be sure to go, one and all, to the grand concert in aid of the Patriotic Fund in Hastie's hall next Friday evening. The cream of Atlin talent will assist.

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The Canadian Patriotic Fund, although barely started, is growing in a manner that promises ultimate magnificent results. Amongst the subscriptions already in we may mention the C. P. R., \$15,000; the Grand Trunk Railway, \$15,000; Bank of Montreal, \$10,000; Toronto Globe Fund, over \$11,000; City of Hamilton, Ont., \$10,000, and so on all over the broad Dominion. Even little Calgary, with a population of 4,000, has subscribed \$2,600, and claims the banner as to amount subscribed per head. The total is away over the \$100,000 mark and bids fair to reach a quarter of a million. We have faith that little Atlin, per capita, will show up with the best of them.

According to an English engineering journal the horses of the Scots Greys now at the front in Africa have been dyed to resemble the color of khaki, rendering them less conspicuous in action.

TO HADES, HE SAID

The Highlanders' attachment to the kilt was once more strikingly shown by the events that have lately transpired in South Africa. Correspondents describe with an air of wonderment how at the battle of Elandslaagte the gallant Gordons declined to fight without their tartans, although the commanding officer suggested their doing so to make them less conspicuous objects to the Boer marksmen. The result was that a large number of the officers and men were killed or wounded, but it is not the least bit more probable that the Highlanders will voluntarily discard the kilt in any future engagement. The obtuseness of the British War Office on this point has frequently threatened to cause trouble, for the Sassenach never could properly appreciate the esprit de corps of Highland corps or the importance they place on matters of dress. It would be well to have read to military officials periodically the letter which Col. Alan Cameron wrote to the Horse Guards in 1804 in reply to a request for his "private opinion as to the expediency of abolishing the kilt in Highland regiments, and substituting in lieu thereof the tartan trews". This was the Col. Cameron who raised the Seventy-ninth Highlanders, and whose colloquy with the Duke of York is well known. "To draft the Seventy-ninth," he said, "is more than you or your royal father dare do." The Duke replied that the King, his father, would certainly send the regiment to the West Indies. Col. Cameron, losing his temper, said; "You may tell the King, your father, from me, that he may send us to h— if he likes, and I'll go at the head of them; but he daur na draft us."

SPEAKS PLAINLY.

Edward Blake, national member of parliament for South Longford,

formerly chancellor of Upper Canada has been speaking very plainly on the subject of rumors that members of certain Irish societies contemplated an invasion of Canada. He said to the people of Longford that if he believed it was true, he would have borrowed a Mauser, have learned the new rifle practice, and have taken passage to Canada to "help defend my wife, children and grandchildren from my brother home-rulers." The former Canadian leader has no sympathy with the more advanced section of his party.

A STRONG COMPANY.

The total investments made by the British America Corporation in B. C. amount to \$6,198,761 down to December 22nd, 1899. The following amounts were invested in obtaining the properties mentioned and expended upon them for development to date:—

Le Roi, \$3,950,362; West Le Roi group, \$921,675; East Le Roi group, \$559,185; Columbia-Kootenay group, \$471,165; Caledonia group, Sheep Creek, \$31,291; Tootsie and Whoop-Up, Sophie Mountain, \$17,944; Hoskins group, North Fork Salmon, \$6,722; Wild Horse group, Ymir, \$4,185; making a total of \$5,978,060. Expended for examination of mines and mining properties, \$42,832. On surface improvements and other expenditure, \$39,682. Supplies carried in stock, \$32,000. Cost of administration \$106,186; or a grand total of \$6,198,761.

THE NIMROD SYNDICATE.

The B. C. department on the London Stock Exchange, says the British Columbia Review of Jan. 13, remains almost stagnant. The only active shares are B. A. C's. Le Roi and Stratton's Independence but these on balance show a trifling improvement. Nimrod Syndicate which have lately been introduced, are down at 4. As readers are aware this undertaking is identified with Lord Ernest Hamilton, who has secured a number of claims at Atlin. Being practically of a private character the syndicate is probably a preliminary effort towards some more ambitious undertaking. B. C. Development are firmer; the rest are simply stationary.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miner, Pine City.—Your philippic received. One of our maxims is to publish nothing in this paper that would bring the blush to the most hardened cheek. We would like to oblige you, and will, if you re-write your letter, toning it down to a presentable form. Don't confound vituperation with sarcasm or vulgarity with wit.

Nerves writes: "I reside on Second street and am very much annoyed at a wall-eyed dog that follows me along said street of evenings barking and growling at my heels. This animal is a perfect nuisance around our neighborhood: when loose, he is snapping and snarling at people, and when tied up makes night hideous with the most unearthly howls. What am I to do about it?" We know the varmint you refer to, and have undergone the same experiences. To

see him in the day time you wouldn't think that butter would melt in his mouth. Go and interview him with soft words and a club. Point out the error of his ways and implore him to reform. Appeal to his finer sensibilities and all that is finately noble in his doghood. If he persists in turning a deaf ear to your humanitarian representations, then, and not till then, lambaste the everlasting stuffing out of him.

Housewife asks:—"Can you give me a recipe to keep whitefish from smelling? Why, certainly. Cut their noses off."

AT KIMBERLEY

"These are my jewels," said Cecil Rhodes as he pointed to three ash barrels and a piano box all labeled "Carats."

"And how do you propose to get them away?" inquired a correspondent of the great destiny shaper.

The diamond king carelessly picked up a handful of the larger stones and juggled with them playfully.

"Make a handsome tiara, wouldn't they?" as he let a big sparkler slip through his fingers and slide down a rat hole.

"A regular tiara-boom-de-aye," I enthusiastically replied.

"Good!" he chuckled. "Here, catch this yellow sparkler, with my compliments. Isn't it caroty?" and he tossed me a diamond as big as a campaign button.

"It can't be beat, you know," I answered, with a smile. I wanted to humor his mood.

"Well," he chuckled, "I guess it's equal to quite a bunch of celery."

He pronounced "celery" as if it were "salary," and of course I laughed with great appreciation.

"Notice the rays of light," he added.

"I expect a light raise myself," I remarked. "when I return to New York."

He laughed again.

"Here," he said, "that's worthy of something better than a mere haba. I'll trade you a white stone for the yellow one."

I handed him the glittering gem; but, alas, he appeared to forget all about the transfer.

"And how did you say you propose to get your diamonds away?" I inquired in a gentle attempt to lead him back to the main question.

"Oh, yes of course," he said with a sly wink. "But I don't mind telling you. They go with me in the balloon. As ballast. See? Dazzling idea, isn't it? After dark, of course. If I need any light, I take the cover off an ash barrel. Simple, isn't it? Then I toss a double handful of these big pebbles in the air, and the Boers down below will think it's meteors. If I want to startle them still more, I'll take the bark off an uncut 20 carat fellow, hoist it to the balloon peak, and they'll all yell 'Comet.' Oh your Uncle Cecil is cute!"

"And where do you propose to land?"

The great financier's right eye almost closed. Then it slowly opened.

"I'll let you know next day," he politely replied.

This ended the interview, and it grieves me to add that he let me go without any further reference to the white stone he had so cheerfully promised me.—Exchange.

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THROUGH A FRENCH GLASS

At the present juncture, when certain French newspapers have much to say with regard to Britain's colonial policy in general and her South African policy in particular, it is refreshing to turn to the writings of a French journalist and traveller, who, while by no means enthusiastic in love of things English, is at least honest enough to set down fairly that which he has learnt from enquiries "on the spot." M. Paul Blonet, better known by his pen-name of "Max O'Rell," is a French critic whose descriptions of John Bull's methods of Empire-building might be read with instruction by our volatile friends across the Channel.

Max O'Rell, in the course of a tour of the British colonies, visited South Africa in 1893, and his impressions are given in "John Bull and Co." published in the following year. "The Boers," he said, "have a bad habit, which has constantly been the cause of quarrels between them and the English. In the eyes of the Boers, the aborigines of South Africa are not human beings to be conciliated, but wild animals, to be tracked and exterminated whenever occasion offers. When they did not kill them they made slaves of them, and drove them to work with great leather whips that they would never have dared use about the oxen that drew their carts. They never sought to civilise nor instruct them, nor even to convert them, for they do not admit the negro can have a soul. It is now well known that the Transvaal and the surrounding territories are all underlaid with gold, but it is quite certain that the Boers never will dig for it. In a very few years the country will be overrun by gold-seekers from all parts of the world. The Boers will continue to scratch the surface of the earth, but they will not dig far below it. They occupy immense tracts of land, which they do not cultivate, and in their hands the country makes no progress. I have seen farmers whose farms were as large as Devonshire, and who contented themselves with pasturing cattle on a few hundred acres. They are ignorant, behind the times, stubborn, and lazy. They refuse to till the earth with modern implements. They do the kind of farming that was done in the time of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Their houses are often like pigstyes. Before going to bed, they take off their boots, and call that undressing. The floor is their bed. Skins are spread on it, and there all the family—men, women, and children—sleep higgledy-piggledy. Take all that is dirtiest, bravest, most old-fashioned, and most obstinate in a Breton, all that is most suspicious, sly, and mean in a Norman, all that is shrewdest, most hospitable, and most Puritan and bigoted in a Scot, mix well, stir, and serve, and you have a Boer, or, if you will—a boor. No, the world of to-day goes round too rapidly to allow the Boer to stand still. He will have to "mend or end." For a long time the Boers refused to have trains in the Transvaal, because this kind of locomotion is not mentioned in the Bible, and it was

only by calling the railways "steam tramways" that they were induced to have them at all. The Transvaal Parliament, the Raad, has refused to have the Government Buildings insured against fire, because "if it be God's will that they shall burn, there is no going against it." The writer goes on to say that "the most marvellous monument to British energy and perseverance is Johannesburg, the city of gold. Johannesburg is not only the most important town of the Transvaal, it is the most important town of South Africa. The Boers cannot boast of having contributed either to its birth or its growth; Johannesburg is a cosmopolitan town, where every nation seemed to be represented except the Transvaal. The Boers are farmers and sportsmen—nothing more. Their ancestors were farmers, and they do not conceive that they themselves could be anything else. Ignorant, bigoted, behind the times, these Dutch Bretons, transplanted in Africa, cultivate the soil like the contemporaries of the patriarchs, and refuse even to look at agricultural machinery. They do not change their ideas—nor their linen. They are hospitable, slaves of routine, dirty, brave, and lazy; they have much religion and few scruples; they are content to live as their ancestors lived, and ready to die on the day that the independence of their country is in danger."

WINTER MINING.

One Thousand Dollars Taken Out of a Claim on Willow Creek With a Rocker.

As an evidence that our placers are not necessarily unworkable during the winter season, we may mention the case of Mr. Churchill, who has been drifting on Willow Creek. He has taken out well on to a thousand dollars this winter with a rocker. This includes one nugget valued at \$100, and many handsome ones of smaller size. Mr. Churchill has only been able to wash a part of his pay dirt and calculates that what he has now on the dump will exceed in value the amount already put through. This is a very encouraging showing, and we are glad to see Mr. Churchill reaping the reward of his pluck and perseverance.

A GOOD SHOWING.

Major Wood, in charge of the N. W. M. P. at Tagish, furnishes an interesting report of the volume of business that has passed up and down the Yukon, between Bennett and Dawson during the past season of navigation, which means virtually the entire traffic. Passengers going to Dawson by the Upper Yukon since December of last year, 5,434; those out-bound 4,683. During the last winter, to the opening of navigation in the spring of 1898, 1,740 passengers passed in over the ice. Since the opening of navigation, 3,694 passengers went to Dawson. This number included passengers on steamers and private parties going in by scows, canoes and other means, making a grand total of 5,434 people entering the country. People coming out by steamer during the same period numbered

4,683. The following statement shows the number of craft registered at Tagish on the way to Dawson: scows, 411; boats, 417; canoes, 37; rafts, 15; total, 880. Between Dawson and White Horse there were 21 steamers employed in the last season.

OUR "BOBS."

(Kipling's Latest.)

There's a little red-faced man
Which is Bobs,
Rides the tallest 'orse 'e can—
Our Bobs.
If it bucks or kicks or rears,
'E can sit for twenty years,
With a smile about 'is ears—
Can't yer, Bobs?

Then 'ere's to Bobs Bahadur,
Little Bobs, Bobs, Bobs!
'E's our pukka Kandahader—
Fightin' Bobs, Bobs, Bobs!
'E's the dood of Aggy Chel,
'E's the man that done us well
An' we'll follow him to 'ell,
Wo'n't we, Bobs?

If a limber's slipped a trace,
'Ook on Bobs,
If a marker's lost 'is place,
Dress by Bobs.
For 'e's eyes up all 'is coat,
An' a bugle in 'is throat,
And you will not play the goat
Under Bobs.

'E's a little down on drink,
Chaplain Bobs,
But it keeps us outer chink—
Don't it, Bobs?
So we will not complain,
Tho' 'e's water on the brain,
If 'e leads us straight again—
Blue-light Bobs.

If you stood 'im on 'is 'ead,
Father Bobs,
You could spill a quart o' lead
Outer Bobs.
'E's been at it thirty years,
An' amassin' souveneers
In the way o' slugs an' spears—
Ain't yer, Bobs?

What 'e does not know o' war,
General Bobs,
You can arst the shop next door—
Can't they, Bobs?
Oh, 'e's little but 'e's wise,
'E's a terror for his size,
An' 'e does not advertise—
Do yer, Bobs?

Now they've made a bloomin' lord
Outer Bobs,
Which was but 'is fair reward—
Weren't it, Bobs?
An' 'e'll wear a coronet
Where 'is 'elmet used to set;
But we know you won't forget—
Will yer, Bobs!

Then 'ere's to Bobs Bahadur,
Little Bobs, Bobs, Bobs!
Pocket-Wellin' ton an' 'arder—
Fightin' Bobs, Bobs, Bobs!
This ain't no bloomin' ode,
But you've 'elped the soldier's load
An' for benefits bestowed,
Bless yer, Bobs!

A SLIGHT MISTAKE.

This is an instance where a bad cold caused a startling conversation. A modest young newspaper man was invited to a party at a residence where the home had recently been blessed with an addition to the family. Accompanied by his best girl, he met his hostess at the door, and after customary salutations

asked after the baby. The lady was suffering from a severe cold, which made her slightly deaf and she mistakenly supposed that he was inquiring about her cold. She replied, that though she usually had one every winter, this was the worst that she had ever had; it kept her awake at night a great deal at first and confined her to her bed. Then, noticing that the scribe was becoming pale and nervous, she said, that she could see by his looks that he was going to have one just like hers, and asked him if he wished to lie down. The paper came out as usual the next week, but the editor has given up inquiring about babies.—
Medical Record.

Philip Hampton was arraigned in the Police Court on Monday before Magistrate W. E. Bickle on a charge of supplying intoxicants to Taku Sam, an Indian. After the evidence of the prosecution had been submitted, His Worship took the case under advisement for eight days. The accused was released on \$100 bail.

Certificate of Improvements

War Eagle Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Atlin Lake Mining Division of Cassiar District, Where located: Pine Creek.
TAKE NOTICE that J. C. Christopher, Free Miners' Certificate No. 8998, intend 30 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.
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PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church hold services in the Arctic Brotherhood Hall, Second street between Trunior 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 Trunior and Third streets on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

On Tuesday evening a sleigh load of conifers on Pearl street came into collision with Mr. T. Gregory, who was on foot. The shock was very violent, Mr. Gregory being precipitated quite a distance, and rather bruised.

Burns & Co. have received a large consignment of geese and turkeys which they are selling at reasonable figures. Nothing is too good for Atlinites.

One of the best articles for good health is a wholesome loaf of bread at 12 cents, and a first-class meal at 50 cents at the Pioneer Bakery.

Big Jack arrived in on Monday evening from Log Cabin per dog team, covering the distance in 11 hours. How is this for the record?

A farewell party was given to Mrs. White at the Olympic Hotel on Saturday evening on the occasion of her departure for Bennett. About 40 were present and had a pleasant time. Mrs. White leaves a host of friends in Atlin.

Fresh Fish, Onions, Eggs at Parsons Produce Co., P. P. Co.'s store, First street.

The Atlin Snowshoe Club held their first run out on Monday evening and are supposed to have enjoyed themselves immensely. From the gait of some of the members next day, we should have judged they had been patting in a five-years' hall and chain sentence.

Hay, Oats, Chop, Bran at Parsons Produce Co.

Mr. Jules Eggert has presented a clock to the new hospital and Mr. Jas. Stables has made a handsome stand to hold it. It will be an ornament to the institution.

Alexander Dunsmuir the millionaire coal master of B. C. died at New York Jan. 31, aged 47 years.

Don't forget that you can get Fresh Fish, Onions, Eggs, Labrador Herring, nice Pickled Pork and many other things at Parsons Produce Co.

It will be seen from our report of the meeting held to consider the best way of helping the Patriotic Fund in Atlin, that amongst other things a series of concerts and entertainments is contemplated. We have plenty of talent in Atlin to make these entertainments successful artistically, and as every dollar collected will go the fund, there being no charges for rent, printing, etc., it now only remains with the public to make them a success financially. That this will be so is a foregone conclusion.

Mrs. J. M. Stewart, wife of Chief of Police Stewart, of Vancouver, died on the 29th Jan., aged 61. This estimable lady had many warm friends in Atlin who regret to hear the sad news.

William George Paxton has been appointed a notary public for British Columbia at large.

The B. C. Gazette contains notice of incorporation of the Atlin &

Willow Creek Gold Mining Co., of Victoria, with a capital of \$500,000.

If, at any time soon, authentic news reaches here of the relief of Ladysmith, 'a consummation devoutly to be wished,' and we may add, prayed for, it is hereby suggested that everybody meet that same evening at Hastie's Hall and celebrate by speeches, songs, etc., what will undoubtedly be the breaking of the backbone of the Boer cause. Atlin cities are all on the qui vive for the welcome news and are ready to respond to it in the way indicated above. Keep this in mind and let the evening be an ever memorable one.

FIRM CHANGE.

The firm of McLennan, McFeely & Co. will in future be known by the title of F. E. McFeely & Co. This old and popular house is one of the best known in British Columbia and has always been to the front in establishing branches and pushing their trade in embryonic centres of this province. The name of McLennan, McFeely & Co. has always been synonymous with alacrity, enterprise and fair-dealing, and the large volume of business transacted annually sustains this enviable reputation.

Mr. F. E. McFeely, who has managed the business of this house since its inception in Atlin, and E. J., his brother, recently arrived from Vancouver, are the successors. They are both young men and we predict for the new firm the same measure of success that has characterized the old one in the past.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

A mass meeting of citizens was held at Hastie's Hall on Tuesday night for the purpose of organizing ways and means of assisting this grand and loyal tribute to our gallant Canadians who are fighting for Queen and Empire in South Africa. J. B. Brownlee was called to the chair and opened the meeting with some pertinent remarks in his usual felicitous manner. E. W. Bickle, Government Agent, outlined in clear terms the object for which the meeting was held. Rev. John Pringle advocated the formation of a Committee to make a house to house collection and stated that he would give all he could afford himself and urge upon others to do so. W. G. Paxton thought that giving a concert or series of them would go a long way towards helping the fund. Dr. G. Lewis followed in the same vein but thought a series of plays, lectures, etc., might be profitably applied also. Dr. R. H. Cameron urged that there was no occasion for rushing things, as more than \$10,000 had already been subscribed in the country at large and there were no widows or orphans to provide for so far. He advocated the formation of a cumulative fund, the subscription lists to be kept open in the various banks, a committee formed to devise entertainments and other methods of procuring funds and a general subscription, say two months hence, when our population will be much larger and a sum obtained which will be worthy of Atlin. Mr. Thos. Gregory made a short speech coinciding with the views of the former speaker, when it was moved by Mr. Bickle, and Mr. Gregory that an executive committee of five be appointed with plenary powers. Moved by Rev. John Pringle seconded by Mr. David Hastie that said committee be composed of Dr. Cameron, W. G. Paxton, Dr. G. Lewis, Thomas Gregory and E. W. Bickle and that the first entertainment towards the fund's benefit be given on Friday the 23rd inst. in Hastie's Hall. Carried. 2.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Hastie who generously offers his hall free of expense for all meetings connected with the fund. The meeting then adjourned.

Another letter has been received by W. G. Paxton from his brother, Sergeant Paxton, extracts from whose graphic letters from Natal appeared in our last issue. We are sure our readers will be pleased to hear that the gallant sergeant is braver and is by this time again at the front.

R. E. Wollaston has returned to Atlin.

Mr. A. H. Stracey left outwards this morning.

Mr. James Brown left on Monday morning for Vancouver. He was accompanied to Skagway by A. F. Deets. The latter gentleman returned here on Thursday, having made the round trip in four days.

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IN MISERABLE ORDER.

The unsatisfactory state of the telephone service between Atlin and Pine City has been a subject of considerable annoyance to the public of both towns. The wire is down and has been down for months past and no apparent effort has been made to remedy this chaotic condition by those whose duty it is to live up to what their charter calls for. No reason under the sun can be advanced for this gross negligence. The distance is not over seven miles, and we understand, two men in 10 days' time, could so repair the line as to place it outside the pale of similar annoyance in future. The expense entailed by this labor will not, surely, need the sanction of the Imperial Parliament or any other body!

Another point we would like to draw the attention of the company to is the excessive and almost prohibitive rate at present charged. Seventy-five cents for a message of one minute's duration to Pine, is too high and out of all reason. Twenty-five cents is plenty. The adoption of the latter rate would see the system popularized and made use of by a large number of residents of both towns. Will it be so if the 75c rate is adhered to this summer? We think not.

PINE CITY CONCERT.

The Pine Harmony Club gave another of their pleasing entertainments on Tuesday evening. It was, as usual, a brilliant success and was attended by a large contingent from Atlin. This Club has done much to relieve the winter monotony in Pine City and deserves the entire commendations of the denizens of that

wide-awake, enterprising burg. This last concert was believed by many to be end of the winter series of entertainments, but we have been informed that such is not the case, and that these pleasurable functions will continue uninterruptedly for at least six weeks yet. The following is the programme of the Tuesday's concert.

Song	Mr. Bain
Musical Selection	Mr. Lavalie
Recitation	Miss Chisholm
Song	Mr. MacGraw
Song	Mr. Stables
Song	Mr. Campbell
Musical Selection	Mr. Douglass
Song with harp accompaniment	Mr. G. Jeffers
Song and dance	Mr. Hastings
Recitation	Miss Johnson
Song	Mr. Lavalie
Song	Mr. Lavalie
Song	Sandy and Fred

TRANSPORTATION NOTES.

Recent correspondence to hand indicates that the John Irving Navigation Co. have been granted a charter for a railway across Taku Portage, in opposition to the existing tramway, on which the John Irving lease expired at the close of navigation.

The present tramway, we have been informed, is to be equipped with steel rails, modern night cars, and will be run independent of the John Irving Co., at the lowest possible rates.

The White Pass Railway authorities practically control the freight business of the camp, and as they have large interests here, in addition to the transportation problem, they may be confidently looked to for relief from a repetition of the unsatisfactory service of last year, especially that of the old tub "kuth" on Atlin Lake.

Whilst the trail is in good condition mails will leave every Monday and Thursday morning from now on.