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A CORRESPONDENT'S VIEWS.

Isaac N. Ford, in his London cable letter to the New York Tribune, reviews with minuteness the Transvaal situation and discusses it in detail. He says: "A bridge still remains open for Kruger's retreat, since the dispatch which the Cabinet considered in detail yesterday will not be sent for a few days, until Lord Salisbury and Mr. Chamberlain have full leisure for revising it. Probably a fortnight will be filled with dilatory tactics, unless the Boers strike the first blow and place the British garrison in Natal on the defensive. If they do not make an attack, the new budget of demands will be sent out and an army corps of 30,000 men with it. The reduction of fortresses commanding Pretoria and Johannesburg will be one of these demands, and war will be inevitable. Indeed the last chance of peace seems to be an offer of a five years' franchise from Pretoria within the next seven days, before a new ultimatum is sent out, and Kruger may be induced by his natural allies in Cape Colony and Orange Free State to take this course before the bridge is closed. The British Government cannot retreat, it has gone too far to turn back. Anything like a surrender to Kruger would be a blow to British prestige which would imperil peace and safety of the whole Empire. No dates are yet assigned with full authority for meeting of Parliament, and the despatch of Sir Redvers Buller with an army corps, but both events may safely be forecasted certainties and timed for the middle of October. Money is required for the transport of men and the purchase of supplies on a large scale, and Parliament must be consulted before the reserves are called out. The war office has been working at high pressure without serious friction. Even censorious grumblers are compelled to admit that the antiquated military system enmeshed with red tape is a better engine than is generally supposed. Supplies, clothing, equipments, rifles, powder and other stores are adequate for the emergency. Horses and mules have been quickly obtained and delays in the sea transport service for reinforcements already sent may be charged against the admiralty. All arrangements for the system of their transportation and supplies for the army in South Africa have been carefully prepared in advance, and are working smoothly. Whether the rapid mobilization of the full army corps can be worked out at short notice remains to be seen. That is a point which now interests military tacticians.

SCHEDULE OF RATES.

The following schedule of rates was handed a CLAIM man by Mr. Mansfield, telegrapher in charge of the Atlin end of the Dominion Telegraph Service. Cut it out and paste it in your hat:

	FOR TEN WORDS.	ADDED WORD.
Atlin to Bennett	$1.00	.10
" Cariboo	.75	.05
" Tagish	.50	.05
" Miles Canyon	.75	.05
" White Horse	.75	.05
" Lower Lebarge	1.00	.10
" Hootalinqua	1.25	.10
" Big Salmon	1.25	.10
" Five Fingers	2.00	.15
" Selkirk	2.50	.15
" Selwyn	2.50	.15
" Ogilvie	3.00	.15
" Dawson	3.00	.15
From Skagway add	.75	.05

Captain Dreyfus has addressed the following note to the French people: "The government of the republic has given me my liberty. But liberty is nothing to me without honor. From today I shall continue to seek reparation for the frightful judicial error of which I remain the victim. I wish France to know by a definite judgment that I am innocent. My heart will only be at rest when there remains not a single Frenchman who imputes to me the abominable crime perpetrated by another."

The attempt to hold a pro-Boer, anti-war demonstration in London Sept. 24th, resulted in a drastic failure.

The American gunboat, attached to the mosquito fleet, which has been patrolling the shore on north Manilla bay, has fallen into Filipino hands.

THE ANACONDA.

The Tunnel Will be Finished in Seventy Days—Timbering.

Work on the Anaconda group is progressing very satisfactorily. To a representative of this paper who visited the tunnel yesterday Mr. F. Daniels, who has the contract for driving the 200-foot tunnel on this property, said they were in 37 1-2 feet and the rock improving as they went. The tunnel, as before stated, runs in a southeasterly direction to cut across stringers running in a northeasterly direction. "When this tunnel is completed," said Mr. Daniels, "and this will be in about 70 days, at the present rate of working, I believe it is the intention of the company to run a drift and follow the stringers back from the lake. The rock is more mineralized as we go in and much better than the samples taken away by Mr. H. E. D. Sherry, representative of the B. A. C. Co. who was here in the interests of that company at the time the sale was consummated, but the last of the experts to leave for this latter gentleman I let off 30 blasts in all, and he appeared to be well taken with the outlook. To-day we commence timbering the entrance and making other preparations for the uninterrupted working of the tunnel during the winter months."

"How many men have you working?"

"Three, and that is ample," he went on. "People who think that because a small force is employed it will take all winter to drive this tunnel, are mistaken. Three men can be handled to better advantage in a limited space like this than 100 could. When a mine passes its development stage, and stamps have to be fed, then it is another story."

NO NEWSPAPERS THIS WINTER.

This is the Latest Order From the Postoffice Department.

The following circular has been issued by the Deputy Postmaster-General:

"Inasmuch as navigation on the Yukon river and other inland waters of the Yukon district is liable to interruption by ice about the first of October or even earlier, and as when this occurs, it will be necessary to limit the mails going into and coming out of the Yukon and Atlin districts to letters only; notice is hereby given that the post office department cannot guarantee transmission by mail to or from the districts in question of any matter other than letters which may be posted about the date mentioned.

"When once river and lake navigation in the districts mentioned has been closed for the winter, all matter other than letters addressed thereto or posted therein, will be treated as non-transmissible by mail until the opening of navigation, due notice of which will be given to the public.

"It is therefore recommended that no mailable matter other than letters be posted for transmission to or from the districts in question during the time that navigation is likewise to be closed."

The foregoing means that the people remaining in this district are to be denied the newspaper mail service during the coming winter. There is no reason why this should be the case. The distance between Log Cabin and here is but 45 miles and the additional expense of bringing in a sack or two of papers would be a mere bagatelle in consideration of the benefits it would bestow. The people of Atlin and Pine should immediately forward a petition to Ottawa to have this order amended.

QUICK TIME.

Talking about going round the world in 85 days, as Jules Vernes used to say, isn't in it with the way in which news travels north since the earthquake and telegraph were introduced into Atlin. A message from Fredericton, N. B., on Saturday, Oct. 7, announcing the death of G. Linden Fenety, was received here Tuesday evening, Oct. 10th. This is quick time, and doubtless due to the efforts of some C. P. R. officials who were in Atlin not so very long ago. Evidently very little time was lost in placing the message on the boat, and speaks well for that company.

THE BUILDING BOOM.

The cold snap of the past 10 days has had the effect of making things lively in the building line, and in many instances the number of workmen on the buildings under construction have been greatly increased.

The first of the long list to near completion is the house of Thos. Dunn & Co. Alex. Godfrey has had one feature in view that is a prime consideration in the north, and that is the heating of the building. Large furnaces have been placed in the basement and a complete network of piping circles the front and rear of this now attractive house.

To the north of this Fortin & Le Cappelain are pushing their block and expect to have it completed the end of next week.

The Parsons Produce building is also in its last stages and Mr. Fraser expects to occupy it shortly.

Work on the McLennan McFeely block is proceeding rapidly and another week will see this store well on towards the end.

The handsome building of the Bank of Halifax is making good headway. The suspension of operations on account of lack of material two weeks ago, happily, will not occur again. Mr. Spencer while out to Skagway recently put through all the delayed orders.

THE YACHT RACE.

Nothing so excites the interest of the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon family as the international yacht race. No sport of to-day is so free from petty selfishness. The present contests between the challenger Shamrock and the defender Columbia drew immense crowds to witness the first race on October 7. The wind was so light that the yachts were unable to finish within the prescribed time and no race was declared.

The following summary is condensed from the New York Herald bulletins supplied that paper by wireless telegraphy:

The starting gun was fired right on time and the Shamrock, close to the line, went over first, and the Columbia a few seconds later. The Columbia at first gained slightly, and then the Shamrock increased her lead. For the first hour the Shamrock held her position when the Columbia overhauled her rival and for an hour and a half continued in the lead. Again the Shamrock took the lead, and from this on until the time limit expired there was very little difference between the two yachts. The race was sailed over again on October 7.

MURDER MOST FOUL.

Victoria, Sept. 30.—Mrs. Bing, a middle-aged woman, who with her brother kept a bakery on Store street, was found murdered in Victoria west, by the side of the Island railway bridge this morning. Her neck was badly bruised as from choking. Her back was injured and her intestines protruded. Her body was entirely stripped of clothing, with the exception of her hat. It is a case of outrage, robbery and murder of extreme brutality. Mrs. Bing was returning to her home in Victoria west when waylaid.

The death of Mike Powers, an old-timer, at Victoria, is announced. He was sandbagged while on his way home on a Saturday night and died the following day from the injuries received.

AN ATLIN PIONEER.

A CLAIM man dropped into the Olympic hotel this morning and judge of his surprise when he saw the genial proprietor, Mr. A. Burke, shaking hands with himself and humming "I'm the Father of a Bouncing Boy." The fact was Mrs. Burke had presented her husband with a bright, healthy baby boy of 12 pounds. Mother and child are both doing well. This is the second boy born in Atlin.

GOLD SHIPMENT.

Two shipments of gold were sent out this morning. One was from the Bank of Commerce and the other the Merchants of Halifax. Both go to Seattle. In the vicinity of $200,000 was the figure.

GOLD ROYALTY.

From the 1st of October to the 13th royalty was paid on 9,174 ozs. of gold. The total for the present season to date is 23,798 ozs.

At a meeting of the Loyal Legion, held at Delmonico's on the 4th, Admiral Schley, the hero of Santiago, was installed as commander.

The award of the Anglo-Venezuelan boundary arbitration commission was delivered Oct. 3. The decision was unanimous. It is considered in the nature of a compromise.

It is announced that the C. P. R. Imperial Limited train, which is now making the run from Vancouver to Montreal in four days, is to be discontinued during the winter months.

Canada's Governor-General, the Earl of Minto and Lady Minto, were the guests of Gov. Roosevelt during the international yacht races.

James Sutherland, the chief whip of the Liberal party, has been sworn in as a member of the Liberal cabinet without portfolio.

The owners of the steamer Humboldt are preparing to put another fast steamer on the northern route next spring.

All the machinists on the main line of the C. P. R. between Fort William and Vancouver went on strike on October 4.

In the first lacrosse at Westminster between the Toronto and Westminster teams the latter won by a score of seven games to two.

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The Vancouver Board of Trade recently held a special meeting to consider a proposal from an English company for a fast steamship service between that city and Skagway. It is proposed to put on a 17-knot vessel of all modern points of construction. The aroused interest shows that the business men of Vancouver have at last awakened from their long sleep and are preparing to reach out for some of the trade of the returning fortune-hunters. At present Vancouver is well served in the matter of service from Vancouver to Skagway. It is on the return trip where the former city gets the worst of it. The American boats call on the way up they do not on the return. The result is that large numbers of miners are carried past Vancouver's doors and landed in Seattle, the merchants of that city reaping the benefit.

The following is the correct version of the words spoken by Admiral Dewey to Admiral Von Diederich's lieutenant on the deck of the Olympia on that historical day before Manila. He must have meant the British when he used the plural "'we' are ready to fight the world":

"What is it you want? Do you want war? You know what that means. If you do, you can have it in five minutes. We are peaceable people, but we have got into a fight now, and we are ready to go on. If necessary we are ready to fight the world. You may tell Admiral von Diederichs that I am blockading this bay, and I shall take such steps as are the right and the duty of the blockading officer."

Prince Ranjitsinhji has taken a cricket team to the United States from England. He arrived there on the 20th ult. The Prince has immortalized himself in the annals of the game by scoring 3,000 runs in one season in first-class matches. Such a feat has never before been accomplished. The next highest record is that of the veteran, W. G. Grace, who scored 2,739 in 1874.

The Prince is unquestionably a good cricketer, but if he wants renown in the American newspaper world, he'll have to bat some of the letters out his name.

A report, as yet unconfirmed, is appearing in the Toronto press to the effect that the general elections will be brought on in January without a further session of the House.

REV. MR. MAXWELL ILL.

Rev. Geo. R. Maxwell, M. P. P., on his way from Skagway to Vancouver was taken very ill and arrived in the latter place in a very precarious condition. The trouble is a severe attack in the bowels, and at last reports it was announced that if relief did not soon come an operation would have to be performed.

THE GREAT NORTH

Yukon & White Pass Railway Will Assist Development.

Mr. E. C. Hawkins, of the White Pass & Yukon Railway, in an interview with the editor of the Seattle Mining Record a few days since, gave out some mining news of interest. He said:

"This is a wonderful country in every way. Take the whole Pacific coast section, and on up to the heart of the Alaskan country, it is all rich in mineral. Not only is this true of auriferous ground, but in quartz. I expect the first shipment of quartz over our road in a short time, from the White Moose mine, on Taku lake. This is largely a copper property in which I am heavily interested, and it is showing up well.

"You may say upon my authority that the White Pass railway will in all ways possible foster the development of mining in the north, and that we will make a large reduction on ore shipments. We will haul ore from Bennett to Skagway at one-sixth our regular rate, making it $10 per ton in carload lots, and we hope this will enable owners of quartz properties to develop and ship as quickly as may be.

"Another excellent prospect is that known as the Engineer, located on the east side of Taku lake, being a white quartz carrying enormous values in gold and silver. I understand they are going to push development as rapidly as possible, and will be in shape to get out values within a short time."

THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

C. W. Clifford, M. P. P. Cassiar, in a recent interview with a Victoria Times representative, said that if the government was to be attacked and its existence threatened becaue of the eight-hour law, he was prepared to support it on that measure at any rate.

"I am an old miner," he added, "and I think I can do as much in eight hours of ordinary drill work as in ten. The day resolves itself naturally into three parts, eight hours for work, eight hours for sleep and eight hours for recreation. Any company which is in a position to pay $3.50 for ten hours' work can pay the same for eight, and if they have to close down on account of the two hours' difference, it is only a question of time when they would close down anyway. Yes, I am as strong a supporter of the eight-hour day as ever."

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Some of the Canadian papers are having a tilt over the public ownership of railways. The Winnipeg Free Press reproduces the following from Mark Twain's pen approvingly:

This famous writer had occasion a couple a years ago to go upon a lecturing tour that included the principal points in Australia, and the weakness of the railway system did not escape him. He has an Australian gentleman traveling with him to a little town called Maryborough tell the story, which is in part as follows:

"The government chooses to do its railway businss in its own way, and it doesn't know as much about it as the French. In the beginning they tried idiots; then they imported the French—which was going backwards, you see; now it runs the road itself—which is going backwards again, you see. Why, do you know, in order to curry favor with the voters, the governmet put down the road wherever anybody wants it—anybody that owns two sheep and a dog; and by consequence we've got, in the colony of Victoria, 800 railway stations, and the business done at eight of them doesn't foot up twenty shillings a week."

"Five dollars? Oh come!"

"It's true. It's the absolute truth."

"Why, there are three or four men on wages at every station."

"I know it. And the station business doesn't pay for the sheep-dip to sanctify thier coffee with. It's just as I say. And accommodating? Why, if you shake a rag the train will stop in the midst of the wilderness to pick you up. All that kind of politics costs, you see. And then, besides, any town that has a good many votes and wants a fine station, gets it. Don't you overlook that Maryborough station, if you take an interest in governmental curiosities. Why, you can put the whole population of Maryborough into it, and give them a sofa apiece, and have room for more. You haven't fifteen stations in America that are as big, and you probably haven't five that are half as fine. Why, it's perfectly elegant. And the clock. Everybody will tell you about the clock. There isn't a station in Europe that's got such a clock. It doesn't strike—and that's one mercy. Well, of course, when they build and run 720 stations at a loss, and a lot of palace-stations and clocks like Maryborough's at another loss, the government has got to economize somewhere, hasn't it? Very well—look at the rolling stock! That's where they save the money. Why, that train from Maryborough will consist of eighteen freight cars and two passenger kennels; cheap, poor, shabby, slovenly, no drinking water, no sanitary arrangements, every imaginable inconvenience; and slow?—oh, the gait of cold molasses; no airbrake, no springs; and they'll jolt your head off every time they start or stop. That's where they make their little economies, you see. They spend tons of money to house you palatially while you wait fifteen minutes for a train, then degrade you to six-hours' convict transportation to get the foolish outlay back."

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AROUND PINE.

From Our Correspondent.

Pine City, Oct. 9.—Mining is still being carried on by a considerable number of men on this creek, but with the exception of drifting, tunneling this must soon come to an end. The Caledonia group is still working, but it is only a question of days now when they too will have to suspend.

FIRST "MUSH" TEAM.

Your correspondent saw for the first time this season a "mush" team making its way to Atlin on Monday morning. This belonged to J. Cheney, who is on his way to Bennett.

WASHING CELLAR DIRT.

People passing by the Irving Hotel the past few weeks have noted a large pile of likely looking ground on the east side of this house. A good many were of the impression that the dirt had been taken from some creek claim, and that the proprietor, Mr. McDonald, contemplated washing it out during the dull days of winter—between drinks, as it were. In this they were mistaken, for I was informed by that gentleman that the dirt had been taken from the cellar he is digging under his house. The ground is rich, he says, and more gold in it than in some of the creek claims he has owned.

R. Benson, blacksmith, who has had a shop at the rear of the Gold House for five months, left to-day for White Horse, where he remains this winter and thence proceed in the spring to Cape Nome.

Jack Letherdale, of the Gold House, is enlarging his house and making it winter proof. In addition to an elegant staircase and private entrance in course of erection on the east side of the hotel, where the Bank of Halifax had quarters for a short time this summer, he is naming his rooms, instead of the usually common way of numbering them.

IN THE RING.

James Jeffries, the champion, while in Cork last month, was hissed, because he refused to spar with a local celebrity, on the ground that it would be inadvisable to do so in view of his fight with Sharkey.

Bobby Dobbs, of Minneapolis, met Matty Mathews, of New York, at the Coney Island A. C., Sept. 14th, and was disqualified in the 25th round for fouling.

Fitzsimmons is arranging for a fight with the winner of the Jeffries-Sharkey fight.

ARMED FORCE OF THE TRANSVAAL.

The Boers have no regular army, with the exception of a small force of artillery known as the state artillery. This force, until after the Jameson raid, consisted of 32 officers, 79 non-commissioned officers and 289 men, and a telegraph corp of one officer and fifteen men. On January 13, 1896, the Volkraad authorized the government to increase the corps by enrolling another 400 men.

In the event of war, however, all citizens capable of bearing arms, between the ages of 16 and 60, are liable to be called upon for military service, and so too are all the blacks living in the Transvaal. In the war against us in 1881 the Boers put some 6,000 in the field, but this number does not represent the total available force at the disposal of the Transvaal government. According to the census taken in 1894, some 22,300 men are liable for service in the time of war. And these might be joined by Boers from Cape Colony, Natal, and the Orange Free State. Every citizen liable for service must, when summoned to do so, presents himself at the place which he is ordered, with horse, a rifle and 100 rounds of ammunition.

The state artillery was originally organized by an Austrian, and the caps of the regiments are to this day of the Austrian pattern. The officers are for the most part members of the wealthy Transvaal families. The guns are drawn by mules, which are driven in the manner customary in South Africa that is to say, two men sit on the limber box, one to drive and the other to use a long bamboo-handled whip. The gunners, it should be stated, are all mounted.

Besides the state artillery, which represents the regular army, there are three foot and six mounted volunteer corps in the Transvaal. These corps furnish some 20,000 men who are for the most part drawn from officials and people employed by the government, and consist of men of various nationalities. The Pretoria Cavalry, which is the smartest of these corps, is composed entirely of officials and sons of well-to-do Boers. The volunteer corps are not intended to take the field against a European power but to garrison towns.—London Graphic.

TROOPS AT THE CAPE.

The following troops, which appear below, is the total strength of the expeditionary force sent to South Africa from England. It is between 30,000 and 40,000 men, a large portion of whom would be employed protecting the lines of communication and guarding against isolated attacks along the frontier:

1st Royal Dragoons.
2nd Royal Scots Greys Dragoons.
6th Inniskillen Dragoons.
6th Carbiniers Dragoons Guards.
10th—the Prince of Wales' Own Royal Hussars.
12th Prince of Wales' Royal Lancers.
Four battalions from the Grenadier Guards, Coldstream Guards and Scots Guards.
2nd Battalion Queen's Royal West Surrey regiment—2nd foot.
2nd Battalion East Surrey Regiment—70th foot.
2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment 11th foot.
2nd Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment—14th foot.
2nd Battalion Royal Highlanders, the Black Watch—73rd foot.
1st Battalion Highland Light Infantry—71st foot.
2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders—Ross-shire Buffs, 78th foot.
1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—91st foot.
1st Battalion Inniskillen Fusileers—27th foot.
1st Battalion Connaught Rangers—88 foot.
1st Battalion Royal Dublin Fusileers—102nd foot.
1st Battalion Royal Irish Regiment—18th foot.
1nd Battalion Royal Fusiliers, City of London Regiment—8th foot.
2nd Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers—21st foot.
1st Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers—87th foot.
2nd Battalion Scottish Rifles, the Cameronians—90th foot.
3rd Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps—60th Rifles.
1st Battalion Durham Light Infantry—68th foot.

The Montreal banks have advanced the rate on the call loans from 5 to 5 1-2, making a total advance of 1 per cent. for the year.

A despatch of the 28th ult. says that a severe earthquake shock around Smyrna, Greece, killed 1,000 people and demolished 2,000 houses.

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A Windermere report says: The cross placed by Father DeSmet on Sinclair Pass in 1854 has been the object of more than one prospector's dream of wealth. The reverend father after his return to France in the following year, published a book on his travels in Northwest America, a copy of which is yet to be seen at St. Mary's Mission in East Kootenay. In the volume he tells of finding a ledge of rich mineral and of placing a cross to mark the find for some fortunate prospector in some distant time, as he prophesied that some day this would be a great mining country. Numerous expeditions have searched for the lost ledge in the last few years, but none have been successful enough to ever find the cross until recently. Last month a party of prospectors, named Joe Lassord, Dave Smith and Frank Marsjean, went out, and after three weeks, amid snow and rain, found the remains of the cross, which had fallen years before. The continued fall of snow made further prospecting impossible and they returned to Windermere, and will return next year with hopes of success.

Upwards of 400 delegates were expected to be present at the seventieth pan-Presbyterian Council in New York, Sept. 27th.

Amos L. Allen, formerly private secretary to Thos. B. Reed, was nominated for Congress by the Republicans of First Maine district, Sept. 28th.

The Canadian contingent for the Transvaal is to consist of 1,300 men, it is said, infantry, cavalry and artillery. Col. Otter, D. O. C., will command one contingent.

The Toronto lacrosse team are in New Westminster playing the latter for the championship of Western Canada.

A Calcutta despatch of the 29th ult. says that 400 persons lost their lives through the floods at Darjeeling, capital of the district of that name, in addition to those on the plains.

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PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

Medical Hall for toilet articles.

Father Whelan left on Tuesday for Vancouver.

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The contract for the Bank of B. N. A. is to be let to-day.

W. A. Spencer, of the Bank of Halifax, came in from Skaguay on Tuesday.

J. Pratt leaves on Tuesday next for Seattle. In the meantime his partner, Mr. Lynk, will continue the tonsorial business.

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 Pioneer Bakery.

During the absence of E. L. Pillman, undertaker, who is in Skaguay, Mr. J. D. Durie will look after his interests here and at Pine City.

W. J. R. Cowell, who has been assayer for the Bank of Halifax, left last Saturday for Victoria, where he will remain the winter and return in the spring, with an enlarged plant.

The firm of Rant & Jones go out to-day—not out of business necessarily—but out to the coast. C. Bentley Jones will winter at the capital, while Norman Rant will spend a couple of weeks in Bennett and then return.

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.

G. Linden Fenety, who has been in Atlin for some considerable time, received a telegram in Atlin on the 10th Oct., dated Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 7th, announcing the death of his father at the latter place. Mr. Fenety was Queen's Printer for New Brunswick.

Jack Byron of the Kootenay, is making preparations to open a road house for the winter in the vicinity of where Tepe No. 1 was this spring, on Otter Lake. He has not definitely decided on the location, however, but says it will be a good day's journey out from Atlin.

Dave Hastie has received a letter from his partner, G. Rice, telling him of his intention to open an hotel at Cariboo Crossing, another at White Horse and finally one at Cape Nome next spring. George never drew a blank in his life, he says, and we believe it. Everything he does is top-notch, and a man of that kind deserves to do well.

A. H. Stacey, manager in Atlin for the B. A. C. Co., has had completed what is without doubt the handsomest residence in Atlin. It is a pretty cottage, situated on the lake front in the vicinity of the workings of the Anaconda, half-way between there and Tennant & Baker's mill. It faces the lake with a spacious veranda at its front.

L. C. Lowrie is rounding up a bunch of 100 horses that it is proposed to take to White Horse soon. The trip will be made overland, and judging by the low price of horseflesh here and the undoubtedly high figure paid there, in view of the enormous winter freight congested along the road, "Doc" and his associates ought to do well.

Mrs. N. A. Larsen, proprietress of the Principal Bath House, on Lake street, near the sawmill, left for Skaguay and Seattle on Tuesday, and will be back in March to again continue the work of that first-class establishment. In the meantime the business will be conducted by Messrs. Dowell & Reid, lately connected with the Atlin laundry.

S. A. Smythe, sanitary officer for the past five months, has resigned. The cause of this manner of procedure is explained by the fact that he has received no pay for the work he has done during the time mentioned, and as this is not a country of gratuity he does not propose to further break the rule by working for glory. Mr. Smythe received the appointment in Atlin.

H. M. Wallace, representing the U. S. and Dominion Mining Co., leaves for the outside on to-day's steamer. The gentleman has made a thorough examination of the district and has shown his faith by purchasing fifty claims on Spruce creek on behalf of his company. Next year these will be worked on an extensive scale. Mr. Wallace showed us a 1½ oz. nugget which he found on Willow just below the flume. He also has a collection of 500 small nuggets. These will be mounted on pins and sent to the shareholders of his company. Mr. Wallace will spend the winter at his home in Ann Arbor, Mich., and from there will go to Nome in the spring.

Thos. Tugwell, writing to E. J. Whitty, who is managing Mr. Tugwell's Atlin house, the British hotel, says four feet of snow fell in that place Thursday week, but that the subsequent rain had washed a great deal of it away. The Atlin house, formerly the International, has undergone a vast change since Mr. Whitty assumed the management. A thorough overhauling has taken place in every department: the rooms reconstructed and papered; the dining room enlarged and the bar stocked with goods that allow of no superior anywhere. This has been Mr. Tugwell's motto in the past and judging from the service obtaining here he intends to continue this wise course. Mr. Whitty is an old steamboat man, having been purser on the Charmer when she was on the run between the Sound ports and Vancouver, and this in itself is sufficient guarantee of good service.

Baker & Tennant's mill closed down on Thursday for the winter.

Church of England services will be held at corner Trainor and Third streets on Sunday at 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The Caledonia group closed down on the 10th. Mr. Nelson, the superintendent, went out on to-day's boat. He goes to Imperial.

The wires continue down and THE CLAIM in consequence is unable to place before its readers the result of the yacht race, the trouble in the Transvaal and the Jeffries-Sharkey fight.

The greyhound of Atlin Lake, the Ruth, has changed the hour of her departure from here to Taku, and in future she will leave at 2 p. m. instead of 4 p. m. This will ensure better connection with the Gleaner.

C. Fielh, sold to C. Christopher on Saturday, a quartz location that has its discovery post a few feet from the mineral spring at the northern end of the town. The line runs to the rear of Sinclair's mill and south to the Grand Hotel. The price paid, it is understood, was $620.

J. H. Rose, manager of the A. M. & M. Co. in Atlin, intends leaving in about 10 days for a trip to San Francisco and the Western States and will go as far east as Minneapolis. On this visit Mr. Rose intends combining pleasure with business. While away he intends interesting capital in some of his exceedingly good hydraulic ground that he is interested in here; and also in his numerous quartz properties, which he proposes to develop in the spring. He will be absent about six weeks.

Now that the big yacht race is the talk of the world, the following London despatch makes good reading: There is trouble among the employes of Lipton's, Limited, the concern founded by Sir Thomas Lipton. In this connection it is unpleasing to learn by way of contrast with the $750,000 or so which millionaire Sir Thomas Lipton is spending over the Shamrock, that many of the female employes of Lipton's Limited, receive the remuneration of seven shillings or $1.75 a week. When thus are millions made better surely that there were less of such profits in trade so organized.

The following registered at the Grand since last Friday: Saturday, Miss Simson, city; W. Chadwick, Devil's Lake; F. Wing, Missouri; Stanahan, Qu'Appell. Sunday, W. L. Fountain, Spruce; Miss Smith, Bennett; T. M. Gregory, Mrs. Gregory, Frank Fennegard, Sutherland, city. Monday, W. F. Gibson, J. E. Hooker, V. E. Spaulding and wife, Pine City; Miss Simson, city; N. Struthers land, city. Tuesday, F. M. Hicks, Butte, Mont. Wednesday, Frank A. Wise, A. H. Mansfield, city; T. A. Campbell, New Westminster; W. E. Griffin, Butte, Mont; Y. B. Wrong, Windsor, Ont. Thursday, W. F. Gibson, A. K. Munro, Geo. A. Kerr, G. O. Bothwell, Walter Owen, Burton Robinson, Pine City.

THE A. B.'S CONCERT.

The Arctic Brotherhood concert last Saturday evening was indeed good, a not too lengthy programme well rendered. The recitations by Mr. Carter and the topical song by Mr. Richardson met, we think, with most favor. In fact all the numbers were good. Here's the bill:

Overture, violin, guitar and mandolin .....Hardy, Brown and Cartmell
Recitation .....Dr. Lewis
Quartette .....Noyes, Cullen, Hardy and Cartmell
Recitation .....Miss Eva Brownlee
Fancy Dance .....Miss Helene Lucas
Whistling Solo .....Harry Noyes
Recitation .....Mr. Carter
Song .....Chief Debrisay
Reading .....Capt. Langley
Song .....Mr. Richardson
Recitation .....Mr. Munk
Swinging Indian Clubs .....T. W. Lilley

After the rendition of the above the chairman anounced that dancing was in order, and accordingly the audience took the hint and thus terminated the most successful concert ever held in Atlin.

The day for the holding of concerts in the past has been Saturday. A new departure in this line was inaugurated last evening, Friday, and henceforth the day for the holding of their concerts and dances will not be cut short by Sunday staring them in the face, as heretofore. Last evening's entertainment consisted of progressive whist, invitations for the same having been sent out on Thursday morning. The ladies, we understand, provided the refreshments, and all in all, the evening was a pleasant and sociable one.

The winners of the Progressive Whist tournament were Miss Foley and Mr. A. H. Stracey, a bottle of perfume and Roger's pocket knife, respectively, were the prizes. Eight games were played. At the close of the tournament refreshments were served and after justice had been done to this dancing was indulged in with recitations, dialogues, and songs sandwiched between, each number. The following was the program:

Dialogue between Mr. Carter and Dr. Lewis, from Julies Caesar, the former as Cassius and the latter Brutus; whistling solo by Mr. Noyes; song by Chief Debrisay; recitation by Mr. Monk; and song by Mr. Cullen.

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COURT NEWS.

McDonald v. Brogan—wages—judgment for plaintiff, $59.25.

Peter v. Carruthers, wages, non-suit.

Scott v. Gallager, account, $11.75; judgment for plaintiff.

Stansfield v. Williams & Swanson—$100.00; judgment for defendant.

Johnson v. Patterson, account, $75; judgment for $40.

Johnson v. Gibson, same verdict.

Reynolds v. Anderson, wages, $95; judgment for plaintiff.

Six more suits against Anderson—Ross for $100; Pooley for $67.50; Harris for $15; Smythye for $25; Malone for $39.60; and Burton for $20; judgment for plaintiff in each case.

Caldwell v. Weeks, wages, 59.75; judgment for plaintiff.

Kilmer v. John Irving Navigation Company, non-suited.

Among the departures last Saturday was Mrs. R. D. Hitchcock, who will spend a goodly portion of the winter in Victoria, and thence go to Montreal and New York before again gracing her pretty cottage on Discovery street next spring. During her residence of five months in the district Mrs. Hitchcock has been a very active woman. She has identified herself with every movement that has had the district's welfare at heart, and here, it must be remembered, the closing chapters of her fascinating book were written. This, however, did not deter her from engaging in mining. She has had as many as eight men prospecting for her—principally quartz—at one time during the season now ended. As a result of this she now has several promising groups, situated about three miles from Atlin in a southeasterly direction, that have been reported upon and bonded to Montreal parties. During Lord Hamilton's stay in Atlin he visited several of these and was favorably impressed with the claims.

While Mrs. Hitchcock is in the capital she will endeavor to place the hospital and school question before the Ministers in such a way as to leave no room for argument in the matter.

Admiral Dewey has been relieved from the Olympia at his own request and will spend a short time at his old home in Vermont.

...COOK WANTED...

Lady Cook wanted. Apply at this office.

Applications for Land.

I hereby give notice of my intention to apply, one month after this date, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, British Columbia, for permission to purchase 160 acres of land, situated in the Atlin district on the east side of Atlin lake between Atlin townsite and Pine creek, being bounded as follows: On the northerly side by a line commencing at my initial post on the margin of Atlin lake and running about N. 24 deg. E. for a distance of about 2,640 feet, thence by a line running about S. 56 deg. E. for a distance of about 2,680 feet, thence by a line running about S. 24 deg. W. for a distance of about 2,640 feet, thence along the margin of Atlin lake to point of commencement: under section 3 of the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1899."

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