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J. D. GRAHAM,
Gold Commissioner.

SEASON TO CLOSE SEPT. 15

And Will Continue Until July 1st, 1900.

The Commissioner's Reason for Setting These Dates.

As will be noticed by an advertisement in another column Gold Commissioner Graham orders that the close season in which all placer claims need not be represented shall commence September 15 and continue until July 1, 1900. Speaking of his reasons for setting those dates Mr. Graham said he already had complaints of ice in the sluice boxes, and therefore thought September 15 the proper date. The opening of the season on July 1, 1900, would give everybody plenty of time to get in and not have to make the trip over the ice.

THE POST-OFFICE AT PINE.

A Dominion Official Goes Up and Says Things are Out of Joint.

"There is nothing new under the sun" in post-office matters in this neighborhood they are all bad. The latest thing in this line is the attempted resignation of H. Cancellor, postmaster at Pine. Here is a copy of the banner that flew to the breeze the early part of the week and only taken down when the Dominion Collector of Customs—an official in Atlin with entirely too much to do looking after perishable freight—appeared on the scene:

NOTICE.

Owing to the munificent salary of $25 a month the Postmaster has decided to resign forthwith.

H. CANCELLOR,
Postmaster.

In a country with lumber selling at from $80 to $125 a thousand feet $25 a month for a postmaster without assistance is something rich. At the time Mr. Cancellor took over the post-office the mail delivery at Pine was very limited but with the advent of representation day on the creeks the post-office business assumed gigantic proportions. People in a string waiting their turn have been of daily occurrences and the tax on Mr. Cancellor, to say nothing of his neglected business, was too severe. Accordingly, he decided to bring the matter to an end, and incidentally find out if there was any remuneration in the office. He wrote to Inspector Fletcher, Victoria, pointing to the need of assistance. Back came word that $25 a month would be allowed. This did not suit the postmaster at Pine and hence the above notice on the delivery wicket. This brought the paternal Collector of Customs to Pine, he kicked up a devil of a howl, it is said, and ordered its removal from the portals of the P. O. "Ill-timed and out of joint," he said, "in view of the approaching visit of G. R. Maxwell, M. P., to the district." This pompous declaration did not disturb Mr. Cancellor's equanimity in the least, for he is made of better stuff. The proper head—Mr. James—then took the matter up and as a result the Pine office has an assistant.

"MIEN UND GOTT'S."

All the Wharves, All the Tramways and All the Lakes.

The John Irving Navigation Co. has made an unenviable record for itself in the north in the short space of time it has been running—at this end especially. The controlling spirit in this company at one time controlled the hulks known as the C. P. N. boats running out of Victoria and so accustomed to having no opposition the owners of these barnacle-coated bottoms still linger in the belief that all British Columbia waters—salt and fresh—are "mien und Gott's.

To ward off all possible opposition, as before stated, the John Irving Navigation Co. secured the two wharves Atlin possesses. They also, or their agents, secured every avenue that led from the water back, with perhaps one exception. The advent of the Ruth on Atlin Lake and their having to land passengers on a boom of logs near the sawmill does not redound to the credit of the John Irving Navigation Co.

The company has been advertised as the owners of the tramway operating across the portage from Taku, but this is questionable, since the company has failed to comply with the requirements of the contract.

The bluff game and the intimidation of the company towards the representatives of the William Ogilvie and other boats shows up the company in its true light. By building a fence and threatening to put a gate across the road at Taku—property that they have no right to—thereby closing up the approach to the lake to other boats, was a bluff pure and simple, and the last act in the comedy took place this week when the gate posts awaited the coming of the gates that never will be put up.

Playfair and the John Irving Navigation Company are opposites.

CRAFTY RUSSIA

Intriguing to Thwart the Anglo-American Alliance.

Upon authority of undoubted reliability, a representative of the Associated Press ascertained that into the Alaska dispute there has crept the craftiness of Russian diplomacy. Russia, it can be stated, will do everything, with every possible energy, to prevent a practical cohesion of the two great English-speaking nations. In all her embassies instructions have been received to thwart the Anglo-American understanding. A prominent diplomat, who is intimately acquainted with the details of the negotiations of the past few years, said to a reporter of the Associated Press: "In any arrangement looking to a working agreement between England and the United States, Russia sees the defeat of her dearest projects. I believe her intense activity in China is to some extent due to her fear that Anglo-Saxon power, once centralized, will sweep everything before it in the far east. Dreading the rapid realization of this nightmare she is making hay while the sun shines. In the meanwhile she is intriguing to the utmost to tie the hands of those who are working to materialize the Anglo-American sentiment. The latest evidence of this is in the Alaskan affair. Though, strictly speaking, it is a matter of international policies and would have been settled long ago if left solely to Great Britain and the United States, Russia has managed insidiously to suggest motives never dreamed of by America, by distorting facts. It is impossible for me to divulge exactly how or to what extent Russia has got her paws into the dispute, but the attitude of her press, official to the core, is quite sufficient to show her motives."

WANT TO FIGHT.

Kruger Repeats The 83rd Psalm While the Boers Arm.

London, Aug. 31.—The Pretoria correspondent of the Morning Post says:

"The Boer officials, after reading the cabled reports of Mr. Chamberlain's Birmingham speech, consider that war is inevitable. The speech has undoubtedly inflamed the war spirit here. The Boers are now all armed, except those in Johannesburg. Their commissariat is fairly good. All the forts are amply victualed.

"President Kruger does not hesitate to express the view that war is almost inevitable. He has stocked the presidency with ample provisions to secure his own person from privation, and he is often heard repeating the eighty-third psalm.

"The Matabeles are showing signs of unrest. The Boers are energetically engaged in poisoning the mines of the natives against the British and they have approached the Zulu chief, Dinizulu, who appears undecided which cause to espouse. But the Zulus are prepared for the fighting."

GOLD COMMISSIONER RETURNS.

Thinks the Dalton Trail Country Will Make a Good Showing.

Gold Commissioner Graham returned on the Gleaner Thursday evening from a trip to the Dalton trail country. He went about 65 miles up from Pyramid. The country looks good, large bodies of ore being in sight. A number of claims have already been staked. Mr. Graham thinks good reports will be heard from that country. He forwarded samples to the government at Victoria for an assay. "Billy" Vickers is temporarily in charge of the recording office there.

Women are practically barred out of the government service in the departments at Washington. There is no concerted action among the heads of departments and chiefs of bureaus there to exclude women from appointment, but whenever there is a place to be filled the head of the office invariably asks for a man.

The Humboldt is advertised to sail from Skaguay on September 16th.

The fire brigade were called out to an incipient blaze in the rear of the Russell House last evening.

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As the weeks go by the political situation at the capital grows more serious. Messrs. Martin, Macpherson, Higgins and Helgesen have intimated that they would vote against the government as at present constituted. This leaves a majority of the members sitting on the opposition side. In some quarters it was hoped that if Premier Semlin was successful in filling Mr. Martin's position the government would be able to continue. Close upon the heels of Mr. Helgesen's election to New Westminster came the announcement that unless the government reversed its policy on several important matters Mr. Helgesen would no longer vote with it. If the position of these gentlemen be correctly stated then it is the duty of the Lieutenant-Governor to seek other advisers. The Colonist believes that this would not necessarily mean another election; that there can be formed from the present House a cabinet that would meet with the approval of a majority of the members. We cannot agree with this view. Who among the present aggregation would be acceptable to the people as premier. Certainly neither Mr. Turner, Mr. Cotton or Mr. Martin. The balance are out of the question. Perhaps the Governor may call upon his dear friend Mr. Beaven. The serious part of the whole affair is that, while politicians quarrel the credit and good name of the province falls. If Mr. Semlin persists in holding on to office and is permitted to do so it simply means that the coming session will be barren of results in the way of good legislation. The Alien law will still remain and the Placer Mining act will continue to make this province the butt of ridicule among miners. These and hundreds of minor matters require the consideration of men of wisdom, not political charlatans.

The Dreyfus trial continues to excite the interest of the world. If the reports of the trial cabled to America are correct summaries, there is but little evidence to substantiate the charge. But as he is being tried by military men who do not discriminate between legal evidence and conjecture it is possible he may be found guilty. Whatever may be the outcome of the trial one thing has been proven, that is in the French army when an offence is committed someone must suffer, even though there be no substantial evidence of guilt.

The unexcelled (?) mail facilities given to Atlin district no doubt will be continued throughout the year 1899. We must learn to expect no improvement till the year 1900. Letters postmarked the 5th, Victoria, have been delivered in Atlin the 19th of the same month. Is it any wonder, when it is a fact that the trip has been made by travelers in six days from the Sound. That there's something rotten in Denmark goes without saying. Where is it?

Admiral Dewey is billed to arrive in New York on September 28th. Great preparations are being made for his reception. Dewey is undoubtedly the hero of the Spanish-American war and well deserves the reception that will attend his homing coming. In marked contrast to Sampson his despatches to Washington were models of modesty. He won a good fight and did not spoil it by bombast.

It is high time the British Columbia newspapers investigated the cause of delay in getting their papers up north. They usually come in here two or three days behind the P.-I. and Seattle Times.

COMMUNICATIONS.

MAGISTRATE CRITICISED.

To the Editor of The CLAIM:

Sir—Your editorial last week pointing out the imperative need of a county court judge for this district is indeed timely and certainly calls for the united support of the citizens of Atlin and vicinity.

Incidentally it might be well additionally to draw attention relative to justice as dispensed by our present stipendiary magistrate, acting likewise in the capacity of judge, arbitrator, etc. His endeavors to decide upon matters legal seemingly many cases of which are beyond his sphere, does indeed appear strange. Numerous decisions rendered are certainly revelations to all parties interested and have been the subject of considerable unfavorable comment and complaint. Suffice to state in conclusion that some remedial agent should be at hand. At any rate present conditions are decidedly unsatisfactory.

LITIGANT.

Atlin, B. C., Sept. 3, 1899.

W. J. Irwin, formerly auditor of the White Pass & Yukon Railway Co. has been appointed general traffic manager, vice L. H. Gray, who has resigned. Mr. Gray has been offered another position with the company, but as yet he has not accepted.

HELGESEN WILL DESERT

If the Government Does Not Make a Radical Change in Its Policy.

The Ashcroft Journal of August 19th under the heading: "Mr. Helgeson's Ultimatum" has the following: Mr. Helgeson, M.P.P., who returned to Cariboo this week and is just down from Atlin, where he spent the season, says that Cariboo mines are good enough for him yet, and that while there are gold properties that will pay for working in Atlin everything is as yet undeveloped and the country has been unduly boomed as a gold camp. Politically Mr. Helgeson said, in conversation with a representative of the Journal, that the laws passed last session had been in several cases against his judgment, and that the mining regulations now in force should be radically changed. That he was unable last session to get absolutely necessary appropriations for roads in Cariboo, and that many things should have been done that were not, to improve Cariboo's condition. It being suggested that had Messrs. Helgesen and Kinchant stood together and made absolute demands, the government could not possibly have refused any request of theirs, Mr. Helgesen agreed but stated that at the time, for reasons it was impossible to give now, they did not do so. He is now on his way to visit his constituency and will give an account of his stewardship. Mr. Helgeson authorized the Journal to say as his unalterable conclusions, first, that the eight-hour law was unwise legislation and should not have passed; at least at this time; and that various rulings by the Commissioner of Mines must be changed; second, that the anti-Alien legislation was a mistake; third, that if the present government does not at the very earliest date repeal these obnoxious measures and make new regulations in the mining department, amending the license act, etc., and give to Cariboo the attention it should but has not received at its hands, he will withdraw his support and will sit at the coming session in the opposition. That this statement was made after careful consideration, and as an expression of his views to be given his constituency. The conversation took place in the presence of several mining men, residents of Cariboo and constituents of Mr. Helgesen, who, to a man, assured him that his present views, were those of at least the great majority, if not all of his constituents.

THE EDMONTON TRAIL.

The fever of gain was on the land,
From the farthest point of the ocean's strand;
Men braved the terrors of Arctic cold,
In the mad, wild rush for the Yukon gold.

The men of the town then spoke them fair,
"The dangers are many that ye must dare,
But the surest way to the golden north
Is the inland trail and the mountain path.

"Here is the mart where we supply
Cattle and goods that ye needs must buy."
The stranger listened and paid the price,
Not once the value, but twice and thrice.

By plain and mountain and valley and burn
The homes to which they will never return
And many a woman's piteous wail
Goes up for the men on the inland trail.

Some were lost in the trackless wild;
Some were caught where the snowdrifts piled;
And wearily down to die have lain,
But the men of the town have got their gain

Their bones lie white 'neath the Northern Lights,
Their only shrouds are the long-drawn nights;
The gaunt wolf howls till the white stars pale
O'er the unding graves on the inland trail.

Starved and crippled and sick and frail,
A few come back from that inland trail:
But ever they rue and curse the day
When they followed the track of the "hell-gate way."

But the men of the town who gave the lie
Will answer before their God on high
When the last trump rends the heavens' veil
And summons the bones from the inland trail.

—A. R. G. in Colonist.

Judge Irving's commendable attitude towards the claim jumpers bring us to one of the principal grievances of the mining man today. One of the laws that should have been placed upon the statute book is that the first person who has recorded a claim, and handed over a profile of it to the authorities, should be secured against the unscrupulous men who infest every mining camp by giving him a certificate that will place him in absolute and undisputed possion of his claims. What possible excuse can a government give for a state of affairs that makes it possible—as happened at Atlin recently—for eighty different people to record the same claim.—Vancouver Town Topics.

Yes, and the government needs to go further and put a stop to wholesale staking by power of attorney. In fact the whole act should be repealed and a new one substituted.

The California regiment arrived at San Francisco from the Philippines on August 25 and was given a rousing reception by the people of that city.

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It is rumored at Fort William that C. P. R. Superintendent J. A. Cameron goes from there to the Crow's Nest Pass division on September 1st, and will be succeeded on the Fort William division by G. J. Bury, now superintendent at North Bay.

Ex-Attorney-General Martin has been up before the benchers of the law society chaged with prosecuting a lawsuit for a client on shares. This in law is called champerty and is against the rules of the law society. It is safe to say nine out of ten lawyers in British Columbia are guilty of the offence with which Mr. Martin is chaged; but they are wont to go farther than he is chared with going. He is only charged with asking half; they take the whole. Probably it is because Mr. Martin did not demand the whole that he is being proceeded against.—Nelson Tribune.

C. W. SAWERS,

BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC, ETC., ATLIN.

Mr. Sawers intends remaining in Atlin during the winter and will be pleased to look after the interests of miners and others going out.

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J. D. GRAHAM.

Atlin, B. C., July 14, 1899.

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AROUND PINE.

From Your Correspondent.

Pine, Sept. 4.—The best show Pine Creek has ever had is to-day. All properties, with few exceptions, are being worked to advantage. By this is meant creek claims, of course. The drawbacks incidental to opening up claims and the other causes that have retarded the complete working of this creek, fortunately, are things of the past. In conversation with miners, your correspondent has found that their is unanimity of opinion that the 100-foot claims are too small by one-half. For instance, take the case of a claim-owner on Pine who has three wheels on a 100-foot claim. The man above him has 2 wheels, also a 100-foot claim. Here you have five wheels in 200 feet of placer ground, when in reality three wheels could do the entire work. If the ground was uniformly rich and big pay taken out then and only then would 100-foot claims be profitably worked.

W. H. Hyle, representing Philadelphia capitalists, left for the above-named city on Tuesday, where he goes to report and also secure hydraulic machinery for the working of discovery on Spruce, 1,000 feet, and also 10 hill claims adjoining discovery. Mr. Hyle has been on the ground for about a month and is fully satisfied that with improved machinery the ground can be profitably worked. The consideration given for this bunch of claims is said to be a good one.

F. Miller, Discovery on Pine, has done away with night work, and is working 15 men during the day only. He has three strings of boxes running parallel with the creek and not a minute is lost during the day.

W. B. Anderson, J. Mackie and H. Silver, 6 above, are working six men and getting good results.

C. Bentley Jones, representing Rant & Jones, 7 above, is working six men on this claim; they have four claims on Pine all told and employ 24 men with a daily pay roll of $125.

Wm. and Max Nelson, 8 above, have four men working, and their first washup took place on Thursday.

W. N. Carty on Tuesday bought G. Yeoman's claim, 6 below on Pine.

Dr. Runnall's, operating Dr. Mitchell's claims in the neighborhood of 10 above, old timers, expected to turn the creek yesterday. The Doctor said this camp was greatly overestimated and the claims too small. Another feature that will soon make itself felt is ice. He had noticed this in the boxes on two or three occasions last week and if this continues it is safe to predict that the end of mining for this year will be no later than the first week in October.

It was reported that an extraordinary large clean-up had been made on the Caledonia group, but you might just as well try to get the group's bank account, as to get the former. No change has taken place in the working of this property since the Vancouver-Victoria syndicate secured a 7-12th's controlling interest. A day and night shift continue at work and the clean-ups are uniform.

Burton & Letherdale bought out W. Leather's claim, 22 above on Pine, last Saturday.

J. A. MacKinnon, 22 above, old N. W. stalking, started washing on Wednesday.

T. Gregory, auctioneer, sold a Willow creek claim at Saturday evening's auction sale of claims.

FIRST QUARTZ LOCATION.

Not only did Miller & McLaren—the founders of the camp—locate the first placer ground in the district, but likewise the first quartz. It is apparent they did some prospecting when they came in last year, as on the 24th day of Aug., 1898, they located on Surprise Mountain, foot of Surprise Lake, a gold, silver and lead proposition that is 20 feet wide.

Mr. Miller was seen on his claim on Tuesday afternoon and asked about the matter. "Yes," he said, "we located the ledge on Aug. 24th last year, and have had continuous assays made ever since we located the ground. These we have had made outside by the Treadwell mine assayer, because at the time of sending out the first specimens the Treadwell was the nearest to the district. The first assay, from the surface, was not of the most gratifying nature. It gave us $15 gold, 20 ozs. silver. We did not abandon the ground, however, but prosecuted work at intervals. As the property was worked values became higher and our last assay showed $92 in gold with every indication of improvement. It is an open cut of 30 feet and the ledge is 20 feet wide."

IN ATLIN.

There is good news for the mines along the coast. Fifty thousand dollars is to be expended at once on the Blue Bells, at Frederick's Arm, which is one of the best mines on the whole coast. Several hundred feet of development work has been done on the property and altogether it is in excellent shape, says the Vancouver World of Aug. 25th. The English shareholders have decided to advance £10,000 at once for development purposes and large gangs of men will be put on right away to carry out the work during the next few months. A. H. Bromley, M. I. Mch. E., and R. D. Fetherston, superintendent of the mine, are on their way to Atlin, but on their return the latter will take charge of the work permanently. The capital of the new English company is £150,000 in £1 shares. Its objects are to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire lands, properties, mines, mineral rights, concessions, etc., in British Columbia and elsewhere and to enter into an agreement with the Nimrod syndicate for mining purposes. The company is a strong one and it should be very successful.

As mentioned last week the above-named gentlemen are in Atlin and at present looking over the large body of quartz a mile or so out on the road to McKee Creek. Mr. A. H. Bromley, M. I. Mech. E., took exception to several statements in last week's issue as being entirely too premature. The work done so far does not warrant the assertions made, but before his departure for the coast he will give the result of his work on the property.

A DIFFERENT STORY.

M. E. Valle Writes That Cape Nome is Very Rich.

The following letter was received by J. H. Rose from M. E. Valle, dated Nome, Alaska, August 4:

You will probably be surprised to hear from me away up in this place, but I am in the only country on earth. If you can possibly get away come here at once. Dawson is not in it. The country is the richest of them all and no work to get it. The government has reserved 65 feet of beach and everyone is working there with rockers and making from $10 to $100 to the man. The men on the creeks can't get help, for everyone is working for themselves. Wages are $1 per hour for common labor. There are no good stores at present except the A. C. Co. Next year this will be the best camp on earth. As it is now everything but the beach is in litigation, town lots and all, except a few on the creeks. If I was you I would come at once, if possible, for next season there will be the greatest crowd ever in a mining camp. You must remember if you come it must be at once, as no one can get in or out after it freezes.

NEWS NOTES.

The government has awarded a four years' contract to the Canadian Development Co. for the conveyance of mail to and from Dawson by Skagway and the Upper Yukon route. The company brought their first mails through from Dawson to Victoria in 10 days. The mail which left Dawson July 31 reached here August 17. The company are building posts 20 miles apart and securing dog and horse teams for winter service.

Senator Temple, of Fredricton, died at Falmouth, N. S., on August 25, and Senator E. J. Price was lying at death's door on the same date.

President McKinley, speaking at Orange Grove, N. J., announced the policy of the United States government respecting the Philippines: "There has been doubt in some quarters respecting the policy of the government in the Philippines. I see no harm in stating it in this presence: First, peace; then, with charity for all, establish a government of law and order, protecting life and property, and occupation for the well-being of the people who will participate in it under the Stars and Stripes." This announcement was received with tremendous cheering.

The Governor-General, Sir Wilfrid Laurier several members of the cabinet and some prominent members of the House will visit Chicago during the fall.

J. R. Charleson, superintendent of the telegraph line being constructed to Dawson, announces that the line will be completed to that point before October 1.

The summer crop bulletin of the Department of Agriculture of Manitoba is as follows: The estimates given, while considered conservative, are highly satisfactory. The government estimate places the yield at 62,429,385 bushels, from an acreage of 2,414,406. The wheat crop is placed at 33,554,766 bushels from an acreage of 1,629,995, an average of 20.55 per acre. There will be a large crop of oats, and 5,500,000 bushels of barley.

One pound five a share is the dividend just declared by the Bank of B. N. A. for the past half year. This is at the rate of five per cent. per annum.

Hon. D. C. Fraser is on his way into Dawson. He will look into the boundary dispute while in the northern country.

Last year, says the Nelson Tribune, West Kootenay produced ore of the market value of $6,042,975. So far this year ore of the approximate value of $3,562,000 has been marketed. The present output is of the approximate value of $150,000 a week, which, if continued for the remainder of the year, would make the output for 1899 worth $6,500,000. This is a fairly good record, with all the big producers in the Slocan closed down.

In the Dominion House, on the Ogilvie enquiry, it was shown that Minister Sifton saw no objection in Yukon officials staking claims.

FREIGHT CHARGES.

The White Pass & Yukon Railway Company have cancelled their through traffic arrangement with the coast, lake and river steamboat companies, and hereafter the railway will be run as a purely local line, each company accepting through shipments having to pay company's local rate on the same. This will cause a very material rise in through rates. The Canadian Development Company, for example who have been quoting three rates of $160, $155, and $130, now announce that the lowest rate will be $180. Just now, as the season is at its height, this increase will be greatly felt by the merchants.

The change has been looked for for some time past by marine men, according to the statement of a local shipping authority this morning. "The railway people realize that the season will be very short at the best," he said, "and they intend to make all they can out of it when it is possible to operate the line and this is only in the summer. It is true they have acquired the tramway acros Chilkoot, but it will be necessary to operate this in winter at a rate that will leave very little margin of profit. I think that you will find that on the whole freight has this summer been sent to Dawson at just as cheap, or even a cheaper rate than it will be for the next half-a-dozen years. As the railway proceeds, it will go more and more by the line, and the proprietors of the railway in the north are not there for their health." —Vancouver World.

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Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of five acres of land for garden purposes, situate on Pine Creek, about two miles from Atlin, commencing at stake No. 1 and running easterly 201 yards to No. 2; thence 120 yards northerly to No. 3; thence westerly 201 yards to No. 4; thence southerly to place of beginning.

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Atlin, B. C. July 21, 1899.

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PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

Medical Hall for patent medicines.

Cordwood is selling at $6 a cord.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rice leave for Juneau to-day.

Short orders day and night at the Russell Annex restaurant.

W. J. Smith, of the Metropole, left for Vancouver on Tuesday.

Mrs. R. D. Hitchcock, authoress, arrived in Atlin on Thursday.

G. H. Caton left for the coast Tuesday morning.

Don't forget the dance in Macdonald's hall, Pine city, this evening.

Shipment of new goods just arrived at Medical Hall, First street.

Electric belts for weak-backed people at W. R. Dockrill's drug store.

New Goods at Cummings & Richardson's Fine Tweed Suits, Boots and Shoes and Felt Hats.

Mr. Carty, of Dockrill & Co., is sporting round a 9-ounce nugget taken from 6 below on Pine.

Prescriptions accurately dispensed by W. R. Dockrill & Co., the leading druggists First st.

An event of unusual interest is on the tapis at Pine for the coming week. The principals are well-known to Atlinites.

Cheap rates by the week or month for board at the Russell Annex restaurant. Tickets for twenty-one meals $20.

Robert McKee, after whom McKee creek is named, was in Atlin the fore part of the week, and says the creek is doing well.

A. D. Hardie, of Victoria, has taken over the Russell Annex restaurant and will conduct the same in first class style.

Rev. Mrs. Stephenson left for Port Simpson on Thursday, where she will remain for some time and then proceed to Vancouver Island.

Church of England services will be held at corner Trainor and Third streets on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m., and at Discovery at 7:30 p. m.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church have secured the Arctic Brotherhood hall and after October 1st services will be held there every Sunday.

"Running with the old brigade," was what Chief Lillie said when he approached the Kirkland Hotel fire on Monday morning. It was a defective flue and little damage was done.

Service will be held in the First Presbyterian church corner Third and Discovery streets, 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.

Rev. Father Whelan's departure has been postponed for one week. He will hold services in the pavilion, corner of Pearl and First streets, at 10 a.m. and at Pine at 6 p.m. to-morrow.

The following registed at the Grand during the past week: J. E. Lilly, C. T. Lamont, Skagway; W. H. Hill, J. E. Seple, Juneau; W. Clay, D. R. Macdowall, Victoria; W. L. Wilson, Bennett; C. L. Sutherland, Skagway; W. J. Partridge, London; M. D. Hill, Bennett.

Mr. Caton's lecture, given at Pine last Saturday evening, was very much appreciated by a large number of people, despite the fact that they had to vacate the B. M. P. A. tent while the lecture was in progress and make for Macdonald's hall, where it was concluded.

The following is a list of the school children attending Atlin's first school. First class—Hazel Heck, Daisy Durie, Jennie McDonald, Helen F. Lucas, Wilfrid Ware. Second class—M. McDonald, Ethel Russell, Anna Godtel, Louis Godtel. Third class—Walter Blackett, Albert Durie, Edward Godtel. Fourth class—Rina Flanders. Infants—M. Godtel, Bertha Doelker, Frank Link, Gwyneth Stephenson, Juanita Heck.

FROM FIREHALL TO BALLROOM.

An event of state in Atlin's history was the Firemen's ball, given in the large and commodious hall of the Arctic Brotherhood last Wednesday evening. Some 50 dancers crossed and recrossed the slippery floor to the sweet strains of good music and away into the wee small hours did gaiety linger.

The floor committee, composed of Chief Lillie, Capt. Hastie, Capt. McFeely, and Capt. Shiels, and the reception committee, composed of Asst. Chief Russell, C. K. Courtney, secretary, and J. Anderson, treasurer, did their best to make the unofficered members and ladies feel at home in this new hall.

One departure from the old order—and the first in the district—were the printed programmes which were greatly admired and doubtless find their way into the souvenir box.

The salmon pack of British Columbia for the present season is approximated at 860,000 cases.

The Canadian government officials in Dawson have announced that $175,000 will be spent in building roads and trails.

BARNEY BARNATO'S PLAYMATE

Secures a Secretary In Seattle But a Rich Klondiker Beats Him Out.

Among the arrivals from the outside on Thursday was William J. Partridge, better known in this vicinity as "Sailor Bill." Mr. Partridge, when he left here for London some months ago took with him a couple of hundred pounds of rock—samples to be assayed in London, Eng., and from where he has just returned.

The Post-Intelligencer of Aug. 31 has an interview with "Sailor Bill," and also a cut of the man who induced Barney Barnato, the dead diamond king, to go to South Africa. The paper says in part: "From poverty to plenty is in brief the life story of William James Partridge, the youthful companion of Barney Barnato, when ragged and barefooted, the two boys sought shelter where it might be found in the slums of Whitechapel back in the early 50's. Mr. Partridge is now at the Hotel Northern, and as a representative of a wealthy English syndicate is en route to Alaska to turn over some valuable mining property he has just negotiated for. He has traveled in all parts of the world and carries with him a case of medals presented to him. Since early boyhood he has devoted his attention to mining, in which industry he has accumulated a good share of this world's goods. One of the acts of his life of which he is proud is that it was he who first turned the footsteps of the famous diamond king to the fields, where in later years he made his fortune."

W. J. Partridge, the famous world trotter, the chum of millionaires and the companion of lords and dukes, says the Alaskan, was not able to hold a little shorthand typewriter clerk to her agreement to assist him in all his arduous duties of going to the Atlin country and turning over to some English capitalists the mines which have been sold for $500,000. As Mr. Partridge was carrying in Seattle, it occurred to him that he ought to have a secretary, so he advertised and got a feminine one, Miss Stewart by name. They came to Victoria last Sunday week and there waited the City of Seattle in which they had engaged passage. After boarding that vessel it was noticed that a rich Dawsonite, a close friend of the great McDonald, was quite chummy with his private secretary; but his astonishment was greatly aroused when that young lady came to him with tears in her eyes and asked to be released from her contract, saying that she had been offered marriage by the rich Klondiker and they intended to leave the vessel at Juneau and seek a priest. A hundred thousand dollars more or less does not cut much figure with Mr. Partridge, but this request rather undid him. However, he recovered himself in time to grant her request before she quit crying. Before the happy couple left the vessel at Juneau they became quite affectionate to each other, and it was reported that the future husband had already given his sweetheart $1,000 as evidence of the wealth he would shower on her after their marriage. Mr. Partridge says the couple left the steamer at Juneau, and he was told they had no difficulty in getting a license and a minister, and were soon made man and wife. Mr. Partridge seemed to be little affected over the affair and the name of the purloiner of his typewriter had escaped his memory.

FROM McKEE CREEK.

L. A. Gimea and P. C. McDonald, sold on Thursday two claims on this creek, 27 and 28 above, to Robert Vaughan, representing the A. C. Company, for a good consideration.

Mr. McDonald, while working on 28 above last week, picked up a 50-lb. piece of white iron. It is as clear as stove metal when broken and he thinks it might prove useful to geologists.

DUCK FOR DINNER.

The employes of Thos. Dunn & Co. were entertained to a dinner at the establishment of Fortin & Lecappelain on Thursday evening. These enterprising young men had a chef of the first color to do things up and the placard on his back simply showed he was not against taking tips. Altogether the event passed off without a hitch and Mr. Godfrey is loud in his praise of the boys.

A passenger train on the Chicago R. I. and Pacific railyway jumped the track 11 miles east of Chicago on August 29 and rolled down the embankment. Nine people were injured.

R. McBride, M. P. P. for Dewdney, arrived in Vancouver on Aug. 28th.

It is proposed to send two new judges into the Yukon, one for mining cases only.

The steamer Amur, it is understood, has been purchased by the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, to run in connection with the Tees and Danube.

Twelve steel arches, each weighing 33 tons, which were to have supported the superstructure of the Coliseum building, Chicago, fell to the ground on Aug. 28.

The following persons have been added to the Yukon government staff: Mrs. W. H. Povah, Winnipeg; E. B. Helger, Ingersoll; R. Hudman, H. E. Baine, Ottawa; W. H. Beattie, Seaforth; F. X. Genest, Quebec; R. B. Switzer, Toronto; C. V. Shannon, Goderich; J. H. Walker, Guelph; J. P. Maclean, Hamilton, and George Craig, Beaverton.

James M. Buxton, a well known Vancouverite, died suddenly at Sicamous Aug. 27.

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Representatives of all the leading British mining companies operating in the Yukon have transmitted to Ottawa to the Privy Council a memorandum discussing amendments to mining regulations, and petitioning for the serious consideration of the same.

Another pioneer has gone to his last rest. Captain Johnson for years a pilot in Alaskan waters died on the way from Lituya bay last Monday and Tuesday afternoon was interred in Evergreen cemetery. Between two and three years ago Capt. Johnson was arrested on the Siberian coast and together with a brother of Oscar Ohman of Douglas for a time endured the hardships and privations of a Russian prison. Capt. Johnson has had an eventful and exciting career, full of daring deeds and narrow escapes. He was well known in this city having resided here several years.—Juneau Truth.

Much has been said about the Porcupine that is good and bad. After carefully sifting all reports the Truth has come to the following conclusion: There are on Porcupine a few wonderfully rich claims, and there is a considerable area of good placer ground that can be made to pay only with powerful hydraulic machinery. This is a deduction from all that has been learned from the thoroughly prospected claims. What may be found in future may improve the outlook in the Porcupine as a poor man's camp. There are now enough miners and prospectors there to do the work, but when capital shall have installed hydraulic plants the prospects for labor in that camp will improve.—Juneau Truth.

NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estate of W. M. Chace, D. L. Brockway and R. L. Howie, of the Atlin Mining Division, in the Cassiar District, British Columbia, carrying on business in partnership under the name of "Atlin Hydraulic Company."

Take notice that the above named W. M. Chace, D. L. Brockway and R. L. Howie, by Deed of Assignment for the benefit of creditors, bearing date the seventh of September, 1899, and made in pursuance of the "Creditors Trust Deeds Act," have granted and assigned to E. G. Tennant, of the town of Atlin, B. C., Lumber Merchant, all the personal estate, credits and effects of the said debtors and each of them (both partnership and private) which may be seized and sold under execution and all the real estate of the said debtors, and each of them, in trust for the benefit of their creditors. Said Deed of Assignment was executed by the said W. M. Chace, D. L. Brockway and R. L. Howie and E. G. Tennant, on the said seventh day of September, 1899.

All creditors having claims against the said debtors are required to file their claims with C. W. Sawers, Solicitor, Pearl St., Atlin, B. C., duly proved as provided by the Act, on or before the 1st day of November, 1899. In default of the said Assignee not receiving satisfactory proof thereof any creditor is liable to have his claim barred.

Notice is further given that after the said 1st day of November, 1899, the Assignee will proceed to distribute the said estate amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall then have been given, and will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person or persons of whose claim he shall not then have had notice.

And further take notice that a meeting of the said creditors will be held at the office of C. W. Sawers, Solicitor for the said Assignee, Pearl St., Atlin, B. C., on Thursday, the 28th day of September, 1899, at the hour of 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Atlin, B. C., this 9th day of September, 1899.

C. W. SAWERS,
Solicitor for Assignee.