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CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Alex. Mollado desires to express her thanks to her friends and the public for their kindly help and expressions of sympathy at her bereavement, and for the sweet remembrance of flowers at the funeral of her husband.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. B. Mollado wish to thank through the columns of The News their friends and the public for their assistance rendered, and sympathy so freely extended upon the occasion of the death of their son, and for the kindly contribution of flowers.

Notice.—The tenders for the sinking of No. 5 shaft must be in by Sept. 1 '98.

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THE CABINET.

Victoria, Aug. 20.—An extra Provincial Gazette was issued to-day, announcing the appointment of J. F. Hume of Kootenay, as Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines. He will also act as Minister of Education. Mr. Semlin said to-day that completed the Cabinet for the present, but that later there would be six ministers. It is understood the position of Minister of Education will be kept open for Mr. Higgins.

The Cabinet therefore stands as follows:

Charles Semlin, Commissioner of Lands and Works, Premier; F. C. Cotton, Minister of Finance; Joseph Martin, Attorney-General; Dr. McKechie, President of Executive Council; and J. F. Hume, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines, and Acting Minister of Education.

WILL RUSSIA YIELD?

London, Aug. 20.—You may expect to hear next week that England and Russia have come to a decision as to their future relations; but the nature of the decision, —peace or war—to-day hangs in the balance. I hear on excellent authority that Lord Salisbury falls back upon his original position, and if Russia refuses to bring herself to remain within the limits agreed upon, she must take the consequences. The British fleet is ready at the moment for hostilities. Officers on leave have been warned to hold themselves ready to join their ships on sudden summons. In the meantime Lord Salisbury is waiting for Russia's decision; but Russia has not yet made up her mind.

MORE KLONDIKE GOLD.

Nanaimo, Aug. 20.—S. S. Dirigo arrived this afternoon from Klondike with forty passengers, and over \$200,000 between them. They report that Skagway has been completely deserted by the male population who have gone to the new gold fields in Pine Creek and Tagish Lake.

THE THUNDERER TALKS.

London, Aug. 20.—The Times this morning says it foresees circumstances which may compel the United States to a permanent occupation of Cuba; and adds if America is prepared to undertake the responsibility of the government of the whole of the Philippines, it is hard to see how any other power could interfere. If the United States repudiates such responsibility,

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ity, a very perilous state of things might ensue, because it would not be any easy dispute as to the right of other powers to terminate the state of anarchy. In any case no European power need reason upon finding the United States as easy to coerce as Japan.

The Grants Home Again

Just five minutes of four o'clock yesterday (Monday) a carriage drove up to the residence of Mr. Alex. Grant, on Maryport avenue. On the front seat was Mr. Kenneth Grant and Mr. Alex. Grant; back seat was occupied by Mr. Robert Grant and wife. Mr. Alex. Grant sprang out first and disengaging himself from the attentions of those who surrounded the carriage in welcome, he quickly disappeared behind the front door of his dwelling. In a few minutes Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grant were driven home, and in the evening, Mr. Grant, familiarly called "Bob" held a sort of levee.

The Grants look well, and have evidently not been injured by their fight with the rugged, wild elements, in search for hidden treasure.

They left Dawson at 10 o'clock in the evening, of Aug. 4th, taking the steamer Willie Irwin up the Yukon to White Horse Rapids, riding around to the head of Miles Canyon, where they took the steamer Olive May to Lake Bennett; then on foot a mile to Linderman Lake, and from there on steamer across the lake; then over Chilkoot Pass, down through Sheep Camp to Dyea and Skagway, from which place they sailed on Amur to Victoria, which they reached on the Sunday morning. The papers there apprised them pretty fully of the Trent river disaster. Hence, as soon as possible they took the train for Nanaimo, and were kindly driven over to Wellington by Mr. McCutcheon where they found Kilpatrick's carriage in waiting, and were taken over the south end of the Nanaimo-Comox trunk road, which they describe as a "daisy"—and a very big and beautiful one at that—"Why it was delightful to drive over it" said one of them "If we had such roads here—"

"Yes, I know, but when did you get to Big Qualicum?"

"Don't forget that road," he replied.

"But Qualicum?"

"Yes, we stopped there with the carriage, and walked about six miles to Deep Bay where we got a boat, and made the distance from Nanaimo to Geo. Howe's, in 9 hours—yes, a little less. And here Mrs. Grant and Kenneth were waiting for us with our carriage."

John Urquhart came down with them to Victoria and will be up Wednesday. Hugh Miller, who made a nice little stake, and who left Dawson in July, will also be here on to-morrow's steamer.

Note.—Sketchy articles of Klondike life, scenery, prospecting, mining, etc. will appear in these columns later on.

WILL LECTURE.

On Wednesday evening of this week at the Methodist Church, Miss Murrutt, eloquent Australian lady, will lecture. Her lecture at Courtenay some weeks ago, on Australian Life and Scenes, also her vivid picture of the evils of intemperance are remembered as an intellectual treat. She is well worth listening to on any subject and will doubtless draw a crowded house. We can promise that her lecture will be brilliant and entertaining.

Dr. Lucas, who is known as an able speaker, will fill the Presbyterian pulpit here next Sunday morning, and will also occupy Rev. Mr. Hick's pulpit in the evening. It is announced that there will be no service at the Presbyterian Church in the evening.

Wharf Notes

Last week it was a sad sight when almost the entire population followed the coffin of young Walter Work to the steamer.

On Thursday the new coke barge came in with 12 C. P. R. cars, towed by the tug Coar. After these were landed to be filled the barge was towed back to Vancouver, and was expected to return to the wharf on Monday night with 12 more empties, and take over 12 cars filled with coke.

On Sunday, H. M. S. flagship Imperieuse accompanied with a torpedo boat passed up to Comox Bay where was anchored another vessel of Her Majesty's navy.

Some vessels, bound north have stopped here for coal but could not of course be supplied.

The City of Grand Rapids came in on Monday morning with a party bound north. They appeared in no hurry to get away.

The family of Mr. R. B. Anderson, who has been summering here for a few weeks, left for their home in Cumberland, the first of this week.

NOTE.—The C. P. R. cars used to convey the coke are quite large and hold by tested weight 20 tons each. The barge is known as Transfer No. 1.

Immediately after the accident on Wednesday Mr. Enoch Walker and Wm. Bell, who were at work under the bridge, did what was possible for the survivors, as did also Mrs. Harwood who was early present; but practically nothing could be done in exhuming the bodies buried in the wreck until the arrival of the wrecking car.

