









The Daily Times.

Communications.

PLEASANT VALLEY RESERVE.

To the Editor: We people living up here would like to obtain some information about some land situated in Pleasant Valley. Is there still a government reserve in that valley, and, if not, when was the same cancelled? If there is still such a reserve, who has the right to use it? Is it kept on for the special benefit of a government supporter? If this reservation has been cancelled, why have not the public been so informed, as there are several who would wish to present some of it? The people are thoroughly tired of looking through government glasses in expectation of receiving justice, and we might as well, in fact, have two wooden men to represent us. Mr. Adams may have good intentions, but he is too timid to see justice done. Can you, Mr. Editor, give us any light on this reserve question, or must we take it for granted that any public property here is reserved as a perquisite for a friend of the government?

BARKERVILLE.

Barkerville, February 20, 1897.

A GRIEVANCE.

To the Editor: Would you kindly insert the following in your valuable paper? Last Monday night I wrote the Board of Aldermen asking work. In reply I am told that I won't do anything, so says Street Boss Wilson. Now, that sounds bad, very bad, from a man that never gave me a job of anything to do to see what I could do, other than a job of cutting thistles for about a week in each of two years. I am 42 years of age and I challenge said Wilson with pick and shovel or wheelbarrow or mud scraping for a day's straight work any time, or to take that back. I ask said Wilson did he ever have to discharge me for drunkenness during work hours, like a number of his pets that are kept in work all the year round. I refer said Wilson and the aldermen to Mr. Noot and Mr. J. G. Brown whether I am good for a day's work or not. They had a fair chance to judge last fall at the lakes. Or to Mr. Murray, foreman at Beaver lake, who, when I worked up, self sick, told me to come again after I got better. The man who steals my purse steals trash, but he who steals my good name steals that which enriches no man but makes me poor indeed.

JOHN A. SALT.

THE WHITE PASS TO YUKON.

To the Editor: A few of the statements reported to have been made by Captain William Moore at the board of trade meeting on the 2nd inst. are somewhat misleading and appear to be incorrect. Speaking of White Pass, his favorite route, he is reported to have said: "This pass is two hundred percent better than any other, as regards climate and everything else." Again he said: "By way of this route a pack train could be taken along at any time if three or four men were kept ahead with axes blazing a trail." I wonder if this is the trail on which a mail bag had to be abandoned in 1895, during one of the terrific storms, which are said to be frequent, even in summer, and which bag was covered with snow and not found until the autumn of 1896? At all events, it is high time this primitive way of going ahead of a pack train with four men and axes should be superseded. My plan is to have a ten foot wide trail opened this summer, in advance of the proposed railway from Sitka to the coast, through a favorable climate and entirely within British Columbia, and in compliance with the memorial recently signed by over one hundred of the leading business men and merchants of the cities of Victoria and Vancouver, and presented to the government, that this trail and route should be opened to give them an opportunity to obtain a share of the trade of the Yukon country, at present controlled by United States traders. Captain Moore further, according to the report of the board of trade meeting, condemns the Sitka route, by stating that seven months out of the year it is frozen stiff and that during the remaining two months it is too shallow, which would leave only three months of navigation. This is rather a hard character to give his old favorite route to Douse lake and to the Cassiar mines. However, I am informed by several reliable men who have travelled the Sitka route by canoe and steamer, that the river is generally open six months, from May to October.

I have a letter dated January 24th, 1897, from Mr. Rufus Sylvester, who had for many years lived in the Cassiar country, and is now at Wrangell. He says: "Certain parties argue against the Sitka route because the Sitka river remains so long frozen." Now, he continues, "anyone who has travelled by that route or by Dyea, knows that the Sitka is open one month before any of the lakes of the interior, through which boats must pass before they reach the Yukon." The Sitka and Teslin lake route has the advantage of being connected through a country having a very slight snow fall, besides being nearly level. After reaching Teslin lake all agree that the navigation for large steamers is far better than by Dyea or White Pass, and, having such a large body of water for their source, the rivers connected with Teslin lake keep open far later than by the other route.

ALEXANDER BEGG, C.C. 6th March, 1897.

MAIL GRIEVANCES.

To the Editor: The postal grievances remain with us. The B. C. Express Co. bring the mail over the Fond, but the mail is not a weekly consideration. Our mail is assorted at the main office of the company at Ashcroft; the company owns the postoffice, telegraph office and all the stopping places along the road. Miners here who have friends in other places received letters stating that papers and magazines had been sent to them, but so nothing ever arrived. A couple of friends in Victoria occasionally kept sending me reading matter, which we consider here the only blessing that can reach us, but the reading matter never reached me, and I had to admit it was useless in sending me any. Mail directed to Jillicoet, Dog Creek, in fact every point along the road, comes in here, and the man here who handles the mail returns them, but

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whether they ever reach their owners we never know. We know we never get half our mail here. I do not get on an average one paper of the Twice-a-Week Times that is supposed to be sent to me regularly. Every subscriber here is complaining from the same trouble. There is no postmaster here to look after our mail; it is only a way station. Although there is a big for this station, more than half our mail goes to the lower office. Then we have to wait for another three days until the carrier returns. Last fall, we sent petitions to the postoffice inspector and after a while we heard he was coming to investigate. Soon Mr. Steve Tingley, the mail contractor, was seen driving the inspectors into camp. An acquaintance of the inspector's was in the camp; he went to the buggy, talked for fifteen minutes, Mr. Tingley standing by them. In twenty minutes they were on their way back to Ashcroft. It did not take us long to size the amount of our remedy, and we have not been in the least disappointed. The tenth of January I sent my subscription to the Montreal Herald, thinking mail from that end would be more regular. The 8th of this month I got a postal that the paper had been forwarded, but the month is now gone and no paper yet. Last mail a lot of mail for Ashcroft, Bonaparte, Cache Creek and Munday's, came out here. 150 miles beyond their destination, and it is a weekly occurrence. The postmaster thinks he is impervious to all diseases, as the impressions fanned around him every mail day ought to have some effect. If a change cannot be effected, better abandon the route.

HONESTY. To the Editor: Mr. Eberts shines to advantage in defending in the Colonist the appointment of Dr. Duncan to the post of secretary to the Provincial Board of Health. What I, in common with others, would like to know is this: Is this province reserved for the Duncan family? Are there not many other medical gentlemen more entitled to a gift from the local government than Dr. Duncan? The only reason that I have heard advanced for the appointment of this disreputable Dominion official is that the aldermen-general was actuated by a fellow feeling, having suffered some difficulty of appointment at the hands of the Dominion government himself. That judgment has sunk below the horizon, but that is a poor reason for appointing one who is not thought worthy to fill the position at Williams' Head.

THE SHORT ROUTE. To the Editor: The statements which one finds in the newspapers from time to time concerning what the Dominion government may or may not do towards assisting in the construction of a southern railway in British Columbia, or whether they will take the matter in hand as a government work, do not change the necessity of action being at once taken to enable the development that has so markedly been evolved during the past few years to assume the proportions which the possibilities of the country warrant. Both governments will be derelict in their duty if steps are not taken to do either one thing or the other. It still appears that but little consideration is given by the powers that reign in the east to the greater necessity that exists for the western end being built first. Our people on this side of the Dominion are not so selfish as would seem; our good-brethren in the east are willing that the line should be built from both ends at the same time, only give it to the country now, so that many of those who have contributed so largely in the past to the Dominion treasury will receive some recognition for their patience in carrying so heavy a burden for numbers of years. Ah! but where is the money to come from? exclaims some one that enjoys all the transportation conveniences that could be desired. We will consider the account as it would stand at the end of ten years between the Dominion and the provinces, provided no increase were to take place, but a large swelling of federal revenues will beyond doubt be found year by year. In a former letter I stated that our connection with the federation of the provinces costs us all of \$4,000,000 per annum, made up of \$2,000,000 in hard cash and \$2,000,000 in consequential trade, with only a return from the parent government of not more than \$800,000 yearly. These sums in ten years make \$40,000,000 and \$8,000,000 respectively, deduct one from the other and we find a balance against the Dominion of \$32,000,000, but strike off the \$2,000,000 as this province's contribution toward the expense of the general government and we then have a balance of \$30,000,000 to our credit. What 100,000 whites in any part of the Dominion can present a like showing? Yet there are those who are receiving benefits from British Columbia who endeavor to perpetrate a robbery of what, according to all laws of fair play, it is entitled to. Without intending any of my remarks politically, but only in a historical way, I warn the present government against the fate of the Mackenzie party. The liberal treatment of the Liberal party in the early twenties caused this country to send for a number of the Sir John Macdonald regime, and again a greater change took place last year, when two-thirds of the representatives to Ottawa were returned to oppose the Macdonald party. To my mind that radical turn-over, as far as this province was concerned, was brought about through the federal government neglecting and refusing to ex-

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LOCAL NEWS.

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It is not probable that any change will be made in the time of arrival and departure of trains at Vancouver.

The city clerk has received the annual reports of the corporation for 1896. Copies may be obtained on application.

A social and dance will be given by Colfax Bachelors Lodge No. 1 to-morrow evening at Odd Fellows' hall, Douglas Street.

On Wednesday evening the regular quarterly session of the board of licensing commissioners will be held in the police court at the city hall.

Mayor Redfern gives notice that at this evening's meeting of the council he will recommend the following resolution: "That the edictum at Beaver Lake be not removed, but that the corporation retain the same as a permit work, and raise it to a height of at least two feet above high water mark."

Herbert King, who was arrested last Thursday evening by Detective Perdue and Constable Macdonald, was brought before Police Magistrate Macrae in the police court this morning, and was committed to stand his trial before the first court of criminal jurisdiction. The case was tried with closed doors.

A. Williams, senior member for Vancouver, arrived in the city last evening and took his seat in the legislature, today for the first time this session. Mr. Williams has been east closing a deal with the Massey-Harris Co. and an American company for the right to manufacture a patent bicycle brake in Canada and the United States in which he is interested. The brake was invented by Mr. Fader, of Vancouver, and it is understood he and Mr. Williams received a good, big sum for the patent, something like \$40,000 from the two companies.

Before the house adjourned this afternoon Mr. Booth submitted the sixteenth report of the private bills committee, which recommended that the standing orders should be suspended so as to allow the bill for the incorporation of the Nanaimo-Alberni Railway Company to be introduced. The committee also reported that the preamble of the bill to incorporate the West Kootenay Power & Light Co. and the Revelstoke and Trout Lake and Big Bend Telephone Co. had been approved. The report was received. Another report of the private bills committee to the effect that the time for the reception of reports on private bills be extended to March 22 was adopted.

Best of Liquors at Senate Saloon.

Yesterday morning the boys' brigade paraded to St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, where Rev. W. Leslie Clay preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The services throughout were adapted specially for the young people.

Only the best dishes are served at my cafe. The greatest care is taken in preparing them, and we spare no expense in order to make our diners what we claim them to be: "The best in Victoria." Lawrence the caterer.

News has been received of the death of Louis A. Atank, eldest son of William Atank, of London. Deceased, who was a resident of this city for some time and was in the employ of Lowenberg, Harris & Co., was 25 years of age. He was well known here, being a member of the cricket and other city clubs.

At the regular meeting of the National History Society to be held this evening, Capt. Walkman will continue his papers on the early history of the north-west coast of British Columbia. This evening's lecture will be specially interesting, as it describes the events surrounding the surrender of Nootka by the Spaniards to the British crown.

To-morrow evening Archdeacon Scriven will deliver a lecture in the schoolroom of St. John's church, taking for his subject that part of England where the scenes of the famous novel "Lorna Doone" are laid, viz., "On the heights of Exmoor forest." As the reverend lecturer has visited the forest and spent much time there, the lecture should prove interesting.

A large audience attended the programme concert given by the Fifth Regiment, band at the drill hall on Saturday evening. The band was assisted by Mr. James Pilling, who rendered several solos. He was well received and escorted several times. The attendance at the Y. M. C. A. popular concert was not quite up to the average. The programme was given as already published.

Petri & Hall Senate Saloon.

The head pupils in the South Park school for February were: First division, Winifred Ethel Collins; 2nd division, Alexander Kinney; 3rd division, Emma Gertrude Black; 4th division, Gertrude Masters Smith, Mabel Agnes Cameron (quad); 5th division, Edith Winifred Cox; 6th division, Millie Ingraham Black; 7th division, James Petri; 8th division, Ruth Russell Winchester; 9th division, John Joseph Bartles.

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—A Bicycle "built like a watch," on view at Nicholles and Menou's. A. J. Dallan, sole agent.

—The quarterly meeting of the King's Daughters is to be held at the Absconara Club on Tuesday, March 9th, at 3 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

Capital Ciga's Sol on their merits.

—Chu Ling John, an aged Chinaman, died this morning of consumption at the Chinese hospital, where he has been lying for the past two months. He will be buried this evening at 5 o'clock.

—A committee of the different I.O.O.F. lodges in the city will meet in library of I.O.O.F. hall next Wednesday evening to take into consideration the best way of celebrating the anniversary of the order on April 26.

—Mayor Tompkins, Col. Townley, Major Worsnop and AM. McQueen, accompanied by Messrs. Cotton and Macpherson, interviewed the government on Saturday respecting a grant for a site for the Vancouver drill hall. The premier promised consideration of the question.

—Inspectors are busy hunting for the yellow metal in Alberni district. As the Tees was passing down Alberni canal the gold-seekers could be seen searching along the streams emptying into the canal. Some promising finds have been made, and the local recorder is kept busy recording new claims.

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—The Young Women's Christian Association give another of their popular concerts at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow evening. The excellence of these entertainments is fully attested by the enthusiastic and increasing crowds which patronize them. Mr. D. Wilson, F. S. L. will occupy the chair. The programme follows: Piano, duet, Mrs. B. R. Harris and Miss Wilson; song, Mr. Grizzle; song, Mrs. Anderson; song, Mr. H. E. A. Robertson; song, Mrs. Herbert Kent; recitation, Miss Brash; intermission; Mandolin, Mrs. Misses Sehl; song, Mr. Ives; song, Mrs. D. R. Harris; song, Mr. E. E. Wootton; song, Mr. G. Booth; "God Save the Queen."

—A meeting of the Women's Council was held in the committee room of the city hall this afternoon and a large representative gathering of ladies were present. Mrs. McGregor spoke of the small boys who were to be found on the streets at all hours and proposed a scheme whereby the boys could be taken from the streets, viz., a few acres could be secured and a home made for the boys, a manager being placed there to look after them. She proposed asking the aid of the council in furtherance of this scheme. A resolution was passed by the council endorsing the scheme and a motion was also made asking that a committee be appointed to confer with the provincial government in reference to the same. A plan was formulated to canvass the city for funds to further the project proposed by Lady Aberdeen to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by the establishment of the Victorian Order of Home Helpers. The meeting is still in progress.

—If a "special reporter" of the Port Townsend Call is telling the truth—and Port Townsend newspapers have always been noted for their veracity—the Kingston brought to Victoria on Saturday morning a prominent San Francisco Chinaman, who is fleeing from the trail of his fellow conspirator. The Chinaman in question is Ah Lora, or Big Jim, the head of the See Yups. As the See Yups are supposed to be responsible for the assassination of "Little Pete," head of the Sam Yups, the members of the latter society swore they would not rest until they had sent Big Jim across the great divide. Big Jim, however, considered the Flowering Kingdom preferable to the Celestial one, and securing the services of W. F. Ferry, a noted shot, he watched over him, he started for Victoria, where he expected to get a steamer for China. As Port Townsend newspaper men always tell the truth, the revengeful Sam Yups must have kidnaped Big Jim and his body guard while crossing from Port Townsend, for they never arrived in Victoria.

O. C. Cough Drops...

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INDIANS OBDUKATE

West Coast Indians Are Still Holding Out for High Wages—The Tees Returns.

Second Mate of Sapphire Supposed to be Lost—A Bottle's Long Ocean Voyage.

As was surmised by a number of sealing men, the promises which the Indians made to ship for two dollars per skin are not being kept, and consequently several of the sealing schooners are anchored in the harbors on the West Coast, while the masters are trying to induce the Indians to come to terms. According to reports brought by the Tees, which returned yesterday morning, the Zillah May, Capt. Balcom, arrived in Hooquilt, but the captain found the Indians were not ready to carry out the promises which they had made to him some two weeks before. Capt. Balcom went down then to arrange for a crew, and the Indians explicitly stated that they would sign for two dollars a skin. When the captain arrived with his schooner, however, he found that the savages had changed their minds. They would sign to hunt on the coast for \$3 a skin, but refused to sign at any price for Behring sea. Capt. Balcom was as disgusted that he left them and called for Quintino with a view to securing Indians there. Captain Balcom's experience was similar to that of almost every other sealing captain down on the West Coast. The only exceptions reported were the schooners San Diego and Otto. It was reported that they secured Kyoquot Indians for \$3 a skin for the coast and \$2 for Behring sea. Those schooners which went out earlier in the season have had very hard luck, and their catches are small. The Triumph and E. B. Marvin ran into Ahosnet in escape heavy weather. Their catches were 30 and 35 skins respectively. The Sapphire was at Clayoquot with 68 skins. Capt. Bucknam, who made the round trip on the Tees, met the C. D. Rand, of the Roscovitz fleet, at Esqualeet. She had 155 skins. These skins and those of the Marvin, Sapphire and Triumph were brought up by the Tees. The Rand left again for sea. Some of the schooners had trouble with their white men. The cook on the Triumph was brought before two justices of peace at Clayoquot and charged with refusing duty. He was fined \$5 and costs. The cook left the schooner and returned to Victoria by the Tees. The second mate of the schooner Sapphire, six-man-of-war's man named Cole, deserted the schooner at Clayoquot and started out to walk along the coast to Victoria. He has not been seen since. Inquiries were made of the settlers along the coast, but they saw nothing of him, and it is supposed that he lost his way and perished in the woods. Cole was about 34 years of age and a native of England. Besides the seal skins, the Tees' cargo included 10 tons of ore from the Consolidated Alberni shaft. The company is not sure that they are getting the full results from the stamp mill, and are sending this ore to San Francisco for the purpose of securing a thorough test. Should it turn out as high as the company expect, additional machinery will be placed in position at the mine. Among the Tees' passengers were Capt. Bushman, J. J. McKenna, of the provincial police, J. Stracey, P. Jacobson and wife, Carl Kelly, W. Ralph, Mrs. Spain, Rev. Father Van Nessel, T. White, Mrs. White, J. C. Anderson, F. McCurdy, W. McCurdy, E. B. Hill.

While sealing off the Oregon coast on Feb. 21 Captain William Cox, of the schooner Sapphire, picked up a bottle enclosing a blank for recording the position when found. The bottle had been dropped by the Norwegian ship Albert Heiborners, Capt. George Wanke, on October 8, 1895. The vessel was at that time on her way from Yokohama to Portland, Oregon. The bottle was dropped in 43-28 north latitude and 124-53 west longitude, and was picked up by Captain Cox in 47-29 north latitude and 124-53 west longitude. The paper in the bottle requested the finder to record the position where found and forward the same to the nearest Norwegian consulate.

The Northern Pacific Steamship Company has made traffic arrangements with the Natal line, running steamers from China and Japan to South Africa, to connect with its boats at Foo Chow, China.

The bark Melrose, prop. laden for San to Rosette, will be towed to sea by the Lorne this evening.

A number of the anti-Chinese petitions, signed by Victorians, have been lost. They were forwarded to Mr. J. G. Field-Johnson, but, according to a letter received, cannot be found. Some of the New Westminster petitions have also been lost.

The department was called out shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon to a roof fire in a two-story residence owned by Mr. William Goffroy on Pine Street. The fire, in fact, will cover all. The fire, in the opinion of the firemen, was caused by sparks from an adjoining factory's chimney falling on the roof. It only lasted for about ten minutes.

A little boy, whose parents have recently taken up their residence in this city, wandered away from school this morning, and sauntering into the hall of the provincial legislature, began looking over all the desks and things appertaining to the members. When it was found that the child did not belong to any of the members the police were telephoned by a friend of the family came to the lock-up to enquire after the boy, and soon the lost was found, and the new member removed.

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CHINESE MISSION WORK.

Mission work among the Chinese women and children in the city of Victoria, under the direction of the W.M.S. of the Methodist church, is enjoying an era of prosperity. The Chinese Girls' Home, under the patronage of Miss Bowen, is a centre of most healthful influence among the Chinese women, especially among those who have been married from the Home. Miss Morgan, who succeeded Miss Wickett in June last as teacher, and who has also been engaged in evangelistic work among the Women of Chinatown, opened a day school for children a short time ago, which is rapidly increasing both in attendance and interest. One of the difficult but important problems of Chinese mission work is that of reaching the women and children in their homes. This Miss Morgan has succeeded in doing in an eminent degree, and the work has so grown upon her hands that it has become necessary to hand the school over to another teacher, thus leaving her free to devote her time and energies to this important branch of the work and to the study of the language. Her efforts will not be entirely confined to Victoria, but will be extended to the other coast cities of the province. Arrangements are being made with Miss Churchill, who has had several years' experience in educational work, also special training for mission work among the Chinese, to take charge of the school. Miss Churchill is now in charge of the Chinese night school, which is very prosperous under her management.—Com.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 8.—Capt. J. D. Hart, owner of the filibuster "Laura," was sentenced in the United States district court this morning to two years' imprisonment and a fine of \$500 and costs of the prosecution.

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British Columbia.

SEACAN CITY.

Last Tuesday a rich strike was made on the Edmondson group on Ten Mile, when a large body of native silver ore was struck on the ledge upon which they were working.

KASLO.

Kaslo, March 4.—The first annual general meeting of the Davidson Mining and Milling Company was held in the city on Tuesday last.

KAMLOOPS.

The contract for sinking on the Canadian side has been completed. The King miners are now engaged in mining a 10 foot cross cut into the hill from the bottom of the shaft.

ROSSLAND.

West Kootenay exported \$1,400,913 worth of ore and are products thereof January 1 and February 28. This is a pretty good start for 1897.

NEW DENVER.

A good strike was made in the Precinct, near Silverton, last week. Deals are on for the Little Daisy and Mountain View, two Eight-Mile properties.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER.

The above is a true copy of a by-law passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria on the 1st day of February, A.D. 1897, and all persons are hereby required to take notice that anyone desiring to apply to have such by-law or any part thereof amended, must make his application for that purpose to the Supreme Court of B.C. within three months next after the publication of this by-law in the British Columbia Gazette, or he will be too late to be heard in that behalf.

good progress, being driven ahead about a foot per day. Its purpose is to tap a large body of ore supposed to be within 40 feet of the present workings.

It is rumored that a silver ore carrying metallic tin has been discovered in a claim on the north fork of the Salmon river, but it remains to be seen whether the rumor will be confirmed and whether the discovery has any economic value.

A special in the Miner from Nelson reports a big strike on the Big Four group on Rover creek near Seacan crossing. The same special states that the ore now coming down from the Silver King mine and being run through the Hall Mines smelter, which resumed work last Monday, is the richest ever taken out of the mine.

Mr. George Stevens, of Victoria, has arrived to commence work on his contract for the erection of the reservoir dam across Hamilton creek for the water works company.

The contract for sinking on the Canadian side has been completed. The King miners are now engaged in mining a 10 foot cross cut into the hill from the bottom of the shaft.

Jack Hepburn, manager of the Gold Cup mine, is in Victoria. It is understood the object of his visit is to arrange for the discharge of Chinese and engagement of white miners. There is no room for Chinese in this camp.

North River miners must wake up. It does not pay to sleep during these times of mining excitement. Two outfits camped on the old Alex. Bala claim last Sunday night, expecting to re-locate on the Monday morning.

The statement of the Royal Inland hospital shows receipts amounting to \$4,363.34 and expenses to \$4,822.00, leaving a deficit of \$458.25. Last year's deficit was \$330.20.

The deal on the California is off, as Marks and Van Hooten could not agree to sell their interests.

The trail to the Arlington was broken last week and 15 men will go to work on that property next week.

James McNeil is excavating the back next to his hotel in Nakusp for the purpose of enlarging his premises. Yesterday last week he took a notion to throw some of the sand that was being thrown out by the excavator. To his surprise he found two gold nuggets and immediately a "quiver" of excitement ran through the town.

as though Nakusp real estate would again be valuable.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE THAMES.

If the plans now under way are carried out as anticipated, the great work of widening and deepening the river Thames will before long be an accomplished fact, and the commercial importance of that river thereby greatly increased.

On the morning of February 20, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism, and lay in bed until May 21, when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

A BY-LAW.

Authorizing the Corporation of the City of Victoria to borrow the sum of \$120,000, in anticipation of the receipt of its Revenue for the year 1897.

Whereas by virtue of the "Municipal Clauses Act, 1895," every Municipality may under the conditions contained therein borrow from any person such sum of money not exceeding an amount equal to the total amount of taxes upon land or real property, as shown by the Revised Assessment Roll of the Municipality for the year 1895, and bearing such rate of interest as may be requisite to meet the current legal expenditure of the Corporation, which becomes payable out of the annual revenue before the revenue for the year becomes payable by the taxpayers.

And whereas the total amount of taxes upon land and improvements or real property as shown by the Revised Assessment Roll of the Municipality of the City of Victoria for the year 1895, was \$250,822.35.

And whereas to meet the current legal expenditure of the Corporation of the City of Victoria for the year 1897, payable out of the annual revenue before such revenue for such year becomes payable by the taxpayers, it is requisite for the said Corporation to borrow a sum of money not exceeding \$120,000.

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts as follows:—

Sec. 1. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the City of Victoria, by the Mayor and Finance Committee thereof, to borrow upon the credit of the said Corporation from any person or persons, firm or firms, corporation or corporations, who may be willing to advance the same, the sum of \$120,000 in such amounts and at such times as subject as hereinafter provided, the same may, in the opinion of the Mayor and Finance Committee of the Council, be required; bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum.

Sec. 2. The money so borrowed shall be expended in defraying the current legal expenses of the said Corporation for the year 1897, and shall, together with the interest thereon, be repayable and paid to the lender or lenders thereof on or before the 31st day of December, 1897, out of the Municipal revenue for the said year.

Sec. 3. The amount so borrowed, and interest thereon, shall be a liability of the said Corporation, payable out of the Municipal revenue for the current year, 1897, and the form of obligation to be given as an acknowledgment of such liability to the said lender or lenders shall be a promissory note or notes as the sums may be required, signed by the Mayor and the Finance Committee and bearing the seal of the said Corporation, all of which notes shall be made payable on or before the 31st day of December, 1897, and a notice shall be written or printed on the back of every note to the effect that the liability of the said Corporation incurred by said promissory note or notes shall be a liability payable out of the Municipal revenue for the year 1897.

Sec. 4. In the construction of this by-law the expressions "Land" and "Improvements" and "Real Property" shall have respectively the meaning given to them in the "Municipal Clauses Act, 1895."

Sec. 5. This by-law may be cited as the "Annual Loan By-Law, 1897."

COPPER IN DEMAND.

Half the copper used in the world is mined in the United States, and the foreign demand for the article is greatly on the increase. In 1896 the copper produced in this country amounted to 458,722,500 pounds, and this, added to the 600,000 pounds of copper mined in the United States, makes a total of 1,058,722,500 pounds of copper.

The American product of copper in 1896 was 190,000 tons; in 1895 it was 170,000 tons, and in 1894 it was in excess of 200,000 tons, or ten times more than the total American product of copper sixteen years ago, and nearly 40 per cent. more than the total copper product of the world sixteen years ago.

The French colony of New Caledonia is troubled with a plague of deer. There are no wild beasts indigenous to this island, but we learn from a British consular report that the Australian deer imported within the last twenty years have so multiplied that inland farmers are ravaged by them every night, and even the balconies of the farmers' bungalows are occasionally invaded in search of stored grain or vegetables. They are frequently found within a mile of the town, and any one with the ordinary license can kill them. But the climate and the magnificent stretch of unpopulated country, with mountains 6,000 feet in height, are so well adapted to their increase that they are beginning to be regarded like the rabbit pest in Queensland. Why do not some wealthy sportsmen try a season in New Caledonia?—New York Journal.

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CONSIGNEES' NOTICE. Br. Ship "Dunboyne," Captain John O'Neill, from Liverpool.

This vessel will discharge cargo at our Outer Wharf on Thursday, the 4th inst., and following days. Consignees are requested to present bills of lading and pay freight at the office of the undersigned.

Br. Bark "Waterloo" FELLOWS Master, from Liverpool, England.

This vessel will commence discharging cargo at the Outer Wharf tomorrow morning, 4th inst. Consignees are requested to present bills of lading and pay freight at the office of the undersigned.

Br. Bark "Waterloo" FELLOWS Master, from Liverpool, England.

Neither the master nor the undersigned will be responsible for any damage contracted by the crew without written orders.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that application for a charter to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, by the Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation Company, Limited, for an act authorizing and empowering the said Company to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from the head of Alouette navigation on Taku Bay to the most direct and feasible route to Teslin Lake, with all necessary facilities to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to manage traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines; and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for railway and other purposes.

Dated at the City of Victoria, the 4th day of February, A.D. 1897. On behalf of the said Company, NOTICE is hereby given that at the next sitting of the Board of Licenses, Commissioners for the City of Victoria, we shall apply for a transfer of the license now held by us to sell spirituous and fermented liquors, and that we desire to be heard in that behalf.

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