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The next item he would deal with was timber royalties and licenses, which were estimated at \$70,000. Last year they were placed at \$55,000. As the House was aware, the lumber interest was now emerging from a long period of depression and the prospects are much more encouraging. During the last six months of the last year the revenue derived from timber royalties and licenses amounted to \$24,748, so it could be seen that was practically just half of what he now calculated for the ensuing year. Timber leases had been estimated at \$50,000, last year they were estimated at \$45,000. He thought they would be able to derive the revenue it should receive. With this explanation he thought he was not unduly sanguine in advancing the estimated revenue from \$7,000 to \$30,000.

The next item was wild land tax, \$90,000; last year estimated at \$40,000, and as was mentioned earlier in the afternoon, produced \$61,000 to the end of June last. It was increased by a very large amount paid as arrears by a lumber company; it was not safe to estimate this at more than \$50,000 to the end of the year.

The next item was income tax, which had been placed at \$20,000 as against an item of \$10,000 during the present year, and has been equalled by about that sum in the past year. As regards that, the government proposed to increase the rate of income tax on certain incomes. It perted with nearly \$100,000 by revision of taxation and would make up a portion of that sum by economies in administration, but must either incur additional debt or raise additional revenue already pointed out to the House that the government expected to get an increased amount from, are land revenue sales, and amongst other things it is intended to increase the present scale of income tax. The tax as it stands at present up to June 30th is on the basis of \$1,000 and \$10,000. He thought hon. members will agree that the margin between \$1,000 and \$10,000 practically takes in at least 90, perhaps 95, per cent. of the total of this province, and that practically the rate of income tax is one per cent. on the amount outside of that is comparatively small. The government proposed without oppressing those who have only small salaries to make this change. As hon. members know, incomes up to the present time up to \$1,000 were exempt. He did not propose to make any change in that. They proposed to make the rate between \$1,000 and \$2,000 stand at one per cent. Between \$2,000 and \$5,000 one and a quarter, between \$5,000 and \$10,000 one and three-quarters, and over \$10,000 two per cent. on the smaller sum, and one-half per cent. on the larger sum. With that increase and a good deal better collection than seems to have been made in the past, for in going through the records it is found that a good many persons and institutions do not appear to have

paid any tax at all, the government would be able to increase the collection from \$300 to \$200,000.

Now, the revenue tax, that is the capitation tax, is increased to \$110,000 from \$85,000 last year, because the collections for the last six months show an amount of \$48,882, practically \$100,000; so that he thought the amount of that, \$110,000, might be looked on as safe.

The next item was a disappointing one, the mineral tax. He had placed that at \$60,000 this year as against \$45,000 for the present year as against the last year of \$46,000. When that tax was first imposed the House might remember serious differences of opinion were entertained by the House as to whether the rates should not be placed at 2 per cent. instead of 1 per cent. in order to make a source of revenue where the assessment of mining property was made as real or personal property or both. He had had some calculations made to see what effect it would have if they had continued to assess mining property in that manner. Of course it was very difficult to arrive at an exact calculation, and he thought it very probable they would have arrived at the sum of \$140,000 if they had assessed mining property as real or personal property, but that was not a matter dealing with the person or wishes of the government, but a matter which concerned the whole of that district. The appointment of a certain gentleman to that district (Crisp, Noy, & Co.) had since then, and the hon. gentleman who was with him at Revelstoke could not deny that was a matter of discussion up there at the public meetings that the government had disregarded the wishes and desires of the people of that district, if the government pointed out to him that the government wished the wishes of the people would not be disregarded and another appointment made in his place. That was a matter of notoriety and appeared to be absolutely true and accurate, and that might not have been filled up by the friends of the government, he declared that he was absolutely untrue. No man had been dismissed to make room for a friend of the government, and he was quite sure that the permanent officers of the service were not being dismissed to make room for a friend of the government. There had been a number of dismissals, but nothing like the number one would think from the statements of the opposition press. Those that were made were for good cause, but such dismissals as were made were because it was in the interests of the country, and it was not necessary to retain those officers who had been dismissed officers had been provided for other positions; where not possible their names had been kept so that they would have the first opportunity before strangers of appointment. With regard to the statement that he had made, he had been filled up by the friends of the government, he declared that he was absolutely untrue. No man had been dismissed to make room for a friend of the government, and he was quite sure that the permanent officers of the service were not being dismissed to make room for a friend of the government.

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The hon. minister said that he had explained to the best of his ability the leading facts and figures on which the estimates were based, so that hon. members could arrive at some conclusion as to the adequacy of the estimates. A summary for the purpose of comparison showed that in 1898 a total of \$225,000, the same items in the present year were estimated would produce \$227,000, which would provide the money that had been remitted in other forms of taxation. One other thing he would like to point out, and that was if they had a nominal deficiency of \$214,884 in the next year, in the estimates laid before them from that must be taken away the very considerable sum from the sinking fund which of course was not expenditure, that really reduced the deficit which had practically threatened Revelstoke and had been the ruin of that town—at a cost of \$30,000 or \$40,000.

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Mr. Conrad Beyer's opinion

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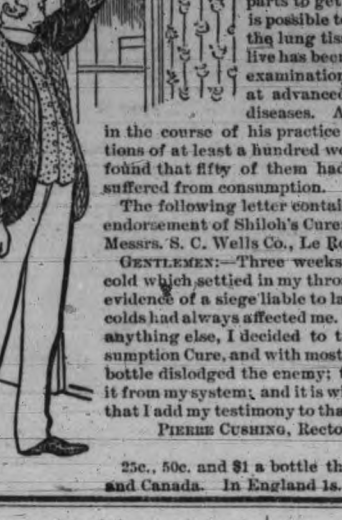
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### EXIT MORTGAGE TAX.

In moving the second reading of the bill to amend the Assessment Act, the object of which is to abolish the obnoxious mortgage tax, Hon. Mr. Cotton said that he realized one of the ambitions of his life. The subject had been so extensively discussed during recent months as to require no further elaboration. In reply to the leader of the opposition, the Finance Minister explained that the law removing this tax would be made operative from the first of the current year.

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### READ A THIRD TIME.

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ALIEN EXCLUSION CONTINUED.

Seattle Daily Times published yesterday a long editorial article on the Alien Exclusion Act passed by the British Columbia government, and took what may be called a decidedly bold stand in regard to that measure.

VERY EXTRAORDINARY.

Way down in Mexico there is a man with a bad memory. He came into possession of an old Spanish document (somewhere back in General Jackson's time), and as it was written in a crabbed fit in the Spanish language he rolled it up and put it down in the southeast corner of his off trouser pocket, intending to spell the thing out some night under the stars of Mexico.

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Victoria Waterworks. Notice is hereby given that all persons holding water rights will be presented for consideration of Victoria Water Works Act, 1871.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C. City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B.C., 14th Feb. 1899.

JAS. B. BAYMIRE, Water Commissioner.





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Daily Forecast Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 21-5 a.m.—A pronounced high area, accompanied by a decided easterly breeze, is spreading southward over Northern British Columbia and the Territories, and as the barometric pressure is giving way the coast colder weather is likely to extend westward to Vancouver Island. A northerly gale, with snow and zero temperatures, has set in from Alberta to Assiniboia, due to a severe storm now centred in Montana.

Nanaimo—Wind, N.W.; weather, fair.  
Barometer, 30.07; temperature, 59; minimum, 38; wind, W., 11 miles; weather, cloudy.  
Westminster—Temperature, 39; wind, W., strong; weather, clear.  
Vancouver—Temperature, 38; wind, W.; weather, fair.  
Point—Wind, N.W.; equally; weather, clear.  
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 28; minimum, 26; wind, S.W., 14 miles; rain, .06; weather, cloudy.  
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 12 below; minimum, 14 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.  
Nash—Barometer, 30.74; temperature, 40; minimum, 38; wind, W., 18 miles; rain, .20; weather, cloudy.  
Portland, Oregon—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, S., 22 miles; rain, .01; weather, rainy.  
Tacoma—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 40; minimum, 38; wind, S.W., 10 miles; weather, fair.  
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 56; minimum, 54; wind, N., 4 miles; weather, clear.

### City News in Brief.

Boycott non-union cigars.  
Use Blue Ribbon Baking Powder.  
Many articles suitable for miners cheap for cash at H. A. Brown & Co.'s 80 Douglas street.  
On Saturday afternoon T. H. Trowsdale had the misfortune to break his collar bone by falling from a load of coal in Warren's wood and coal yard.  
Those taking part in the cantata, "The Rose Maiden," are reminded that the final rehearsal for choir, orchestra and chorus, will be held in the Institute Hall to-night at 8 o'clock.  
See our stock of Crawford and Bradford bicycles; the largest and best ever imported into this province. Prices \$25 upwards, guaranteed.—Onions & Philaley, Broad street.  
The rehearsal of the Philharmonic Society, which was to have been held tonight, has been postponed until Thursday evening, in order that the practice may not conflict with the final practice of the Choral Union.  
At the regular meeting of Court Vancouver, A. O. P., last night, four candidates were initiated, and a number of propositions for membership were received. The first social dance under the auspices of the social club will be given next Monday evening, admission being by invitations, which may be obtained from members of the club.  
The London Grocers Gazette, speaking of the salmon market in a late issue, says: "There is a fair demand for all kinds, and increasing steadily. There prevails a scarcity of fish, thus, which have been in particularly good request, and of which there are very short supplies for present requirements; prices are firm."  
To judge by the following par from the San Francisco Commercial News, Captain Gibson must have many friends in the city of Golden Gate. The News says: "Captain J. S. Gibson, of Chemainus, B. C., is in town. On 'Change one might have thought President McKinley was visiting us, so general was the

### Along the Waterfront.

#### The "Rose Maiden," Feb. 22nd.

—Lawn mowers and garden tools in variety at H. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.  
—Wm. Kirkland, district high secretary of the Canadian Order of Foresters, is visiting this city in the interests of the order he represents. He is here to establish a court.  
—The management of "Robin Hood" announces that in future, until the opera is staged, rehearsals will be held regularly on Tuesdays and Saturdays, commencing at 7.45. Those taking part are earnestly requested to attend.  
—Last evening one of Mr. Bray's teams bolted from Wharf street, and did not finish until they arrived at their own stables. Although a large number of people were on the streets at that time, no one was hurt. The hack was badly smashed.

#### Miners Find Gold at the Headwaters of the Skagway River.

The wreck of the schooner Jane Gray is recalled by a damage suit filed in the superior court at Seattle yesterday. Emma C. Ginter is the plaintiff. She asks for \$30,000 damages from the MacDonough, H. C. Southwick Company, J. B. MacDonough, H. C. Southwick, G. E. Jones and J. L. Schultz, for the death of her husband, F. D. Ginter, who perished in the wreck. She alleges that the defendants were jointly interested in the schooner and allowed her to go to sea in an unseaworthy condition. The Jane Gray was a small coasting vessel, and sank off the coast of Vancouver Island on May 22 while bound from Seattle to Kotzebue Sound.

#### Freight Rate Lowered on the Railway—Editors Fight—A Workman Killed.

A late arrival from Dawson brings news of the arrival in that city of Lieut. Castner, of the Fourth United States Infantry, who started almost a year ago from the southern coast of Alaska to explore the interior and find, if possible, an all-American trail to the Klondike.  
When Lieut. Castner arrived in Dawson he had travelled over 2,000 miles on foot through the snow and ice of the Arctic region. The lieutenant was one of three officers assigned to the same duty. The trio divided routes and started out, and of the three the last to reach Dawson is Castner, but he brings with him greater results than those of the combined efforts of his competitors.  
When the expedition started out it was expected that Lieut. Castner and the other would keep together, but the party soon reached a point from which it was impossible to proceed in a body. It was then Lieut. Castner, taking two men, went forward into the frozen fastness of the Arctic, seeking out a trail. He followed the windings of the party in and out of glacier gulches, across unknown rivers and through boundless forests would be to write a history of the unknown Alaska. To tell how the party of three made their way through the mountains, then killing one after another of their pack mules, but one remained of the live, is merely to indicate the hardships faced in an endeavor to blaze a way for those who might come after them, and to leave a warning to those everywhere in order that those who followed might avoid the perils which it cost suffering and privation, to say nothing of risk of life, to know.  
Like a Romance.  
Finding the trail they had believed to exist impassable, Lieut. Castner and his two companions started to reach civilization. They got the raft, and the men, on a raft and set it afloat on the Tanana river in an unknown region. The raft was wrecked the second day, and all the provisions, rifles, axes, etc., lost. All that was saved was a coil of rope. With the rope another raft was built, and for six days the three men floated down the river, living on berries on some apples. They were without shoes or moccasins, their feet being covered by canvas tied by strings. And just as hope was almost gone the party drifted into the mouth of the Tanana Indians. Here they were hospitably received and fed, and after resting were given to a camp of white men a hundred miles up the stream, where the party rested until a boat could carry them to the mouth of the river, where they were met by the Indians and the lieutenant pushed on to Dawson.

### LATE NEWS OF NORTHERN GOLDFIELDS

#### The Arduous Journey of Lieut. Castner and Companions in Alaskan Wilds.

at Orange, with a capital stock of \$500,000, and it is likely that Mr. Edison will have an interest in it.  
"These two men will be sent in just as soon as possible. They must go before the ice breaks in order to get pictures of the smash-up. We shall have street scenes of Dawson life and all points of interest in and about the Klondike region. Nuggets and other things of interest are now being collected by Dawson."  
"I may find it necessary to go to Europe to secure the concession from the expedition authorities, but it is very likely that I can do the business from this side. It seems to me that this exhibition should prove very successful."  
PORCUPINE PAYING WELL.  
New Strike Made on Trench Creek Ground is of a Gravel Formation.  
Capt. Madison, formerly captain of the steamer Lady Lake, at Skagway, who is well known in that place, at one time being in the employ of the Pacific Coast Company, has just returned from the Porcupine district and reports that it is fully as rich as has been stated.  
In company with Thomas Storm, Mr. Madison left Skagway just before Christmas, 1897, to explore the Klondike river, thirty-two miles to Mollard creek, staked claims and got good prospects. The pay dirt on Mollard creek is of a gravel formation and shows good results. From the mouth of Mollard creek they went eight miles up the Klondike river to Porcupine creek. The pay dirt at the head of Porcupine creek washes more to the pen than has been found in any other creek of the Porcupine district. Glacier creek is only one mile from Porcupine and the formation on both creeks is very similar. At some of the places on the creeks the gravel is only six inches deep and a large amount of fine gold was taken from this gravel. When bedrock was reached the gold was found deposited in natural ridges and in several instances pockets were found that produced some splendid nuggets.  
Two miles below the head of Porcupine, Storm discovered a new creek, which was named Etchell, in honor of Frank A. Etchell, of Skagway. The creek was prospected thoroughly and good results were obtained. The creek is only three miles long but the pay dirt is as rich as any creek in the district.

#### Miners Find Gold at the Headwaters of the Skagway River.

The Hawaiian Isles left the Esquimaut drydock this morning and tomorrow will be towed to Chemainus to load lumber for Melbourne. The four-masted bark E. K. Wood, now at Fort Vancouver, will also be towed to the Chemainus mills tomorrow. She will load for a second voyage to Tientsin, China. Ship Orion, now on the Sound, will also go to Chemainus to load lumber.

#### Freight Rate Lowered on the Railway—Editors Fight—A Workman Killed.

The White Pass & Yukon Railway officials are determined not to be outdone by their competitors, and propose to secure their full share of the business if it can be done by fair means. According to advice just received here, in order to induce travel over the White Pass road, General Traffic Manager Gray issued a new schedule February 10 of the rates between Skagway and Bennett, including "pickers" rates from the summit to Bennett.  
The new reduced rates per hundred pounds are as follows: General merchandise, Skagway to Summit, carload, \$2.50; less than a carload, \$3.50. Special knock-down steamer, etc., Skagway to Summit, \$2. The pickers' rate from White Pass to Log Cabin is 1 cent a pound, and from the Summit to Bennett 2 cents.  
The new rates make an average carload through rate of 3 1/2 cents a pound from Skagway to Log Cabin and 4 1/2 cents a pound from Skagway to Lake Bennett, a wonderfully low rate when the conditions are taken into consideration and when compared with the rates that existed prior to the advent of the railroad through White Pass. The new rates are a direct cut of 2 cents a pound on the old rates, which were 5 cents to Log Cabin and 6 1/2 cents through to Lake Bennett.

#### Gold Near Skagway.

Gold has been found in paying quantities on the headwaters of the Skagway, according to the reports just received in this city. The new strike is on Glacier Creek. Connelly creek is about fifteen miles long and flows in a roundabout way down past camp No. 8, and then down to camp No. 7, where it flows into the Skagway river, and the creek flows into the Skagway river about 200 feet from the station.  
Michael Connelly was the first man to discover gold on the creek, and he staked a discovery claim about four miles above Honey station. The surface gravel on discovery claim pays 2 cents to the pan. With Connelly was John Condon, of Skagway. Both of the men are working the claim to advantage.  
SKAGWAY EDITORS FIGHT.  
The editors of the two morning papers at Skagway are at war with each other, and serious trouble is expected soon. W. Dunbar, editor of the Budget, complained the trouble by charging Mrs. DeSueca, wife of the editor of the Daily Alaskan, with going to Seattle and buying goods, and retelling them to people at Skagway, thereby undermining the merchants who advertise in the papers. The publisher of the Budget, however, says that Dunbar was a fighter of wo-

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#### Justice Deane remarked upon the propriety of this conduct and gave judgment for the plaintiffs, ordering Johnson to deliver up the notes for cancellation and to give an account of all his dealings as agent of Mr. Erb. L. P. Duff for the plaintiffs; A. E. McPhillips for the defendant.

#### A NANAIMO WEDDING.

A ceremony in the Coal City This Morning of Interest to Victorians.  
A wedding which excited a great deal of interest took place this morning at Nanaimo, when Geo. A. Fletcher, the manager of the Coal City branch of Fletcher Bros' musical firm, was united in matrimony to Miss Lizzie Keddy, daughter of Wm. Keddy of the place. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's father, in the presence of a large gathering of friends. The groom was supported by J. H. Fletcher of this city, and the bride by her sister, Miss Hilda Keddy. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Cummings, Presbyterian minister of Nanaimo. The happy couple were remembered by their hosts of friends with a large number of beautiful presents. They took the Vancouver boat for the mainland, and will spend the honeymoon in the Sound cities.  
The funeral of the late Terrance Gibson took place this morning from the parents' residence, Cormorant street, and the Roman Catholic cathedral. The Rev. Father Athoff officiated. Those acting as pallbearers were: J. Allen, E. Balnes, E. Ferguson, G. McCracken, E. Murray and G. Keown.  
The only case called at the city court this morning was that of Fanny Lord, who was charged with keeping a house of ill fame. An application for a week's adjournment was put in by the defendant on the grounds that her counsel was otherwise engaged. The application was granted.  
The members of Wallace street Methodist church, Nanaimo, have invited their pastor, Rev. T. W. Hall, whose term expires in May next, to remain for at least another year.  
Demand the blue label.

#### AN ARISTOCRAT AMONG FOODS

GRAPE-NUTS AT GROCERS  
Grape Nuts and Postum can be found with the following grocers: Erskine, Wall & Co.; E. J. Saunders & Co.; Speed Bros.; J. F. McDonnell; Fell & Co.  
LAW INTELLIGENCE.  
Wilson vs. Johnson was an action brought by the executors of the estate of the late L. E. Erb, alleging that the defendant, E. M. Johnson, acted as the agent of Mr. Erb and that the defendant had in his possession promissory notes amounting to \$7,100 made by Mr. Erb, which had been fully paid and which he refused to deliver up, and claiming an account and cancellation of the notes. The evidence given yesterday at the trial showed that shortly after Mr. Erb's death the executors, H. H. Ker, Joseph E. Wilson and J. S. Yates, called at Johnson's office and asked for an account. Johnson then stated that Mr. Erb was indebted to Miss Davey, for whom he (Johnson) acted, in the sum of \$8,500 with interest, as the balance of the purchase money of a half interest in the McConeil ranch near Grand Forks, which Mr. Erb had bought through Johnson for \$30,000. He also stated that Mr. Erb was indebted to him personally on promissory notes made by Mr. Erb in his favor for money lent, amounting to over \$7,000. He stated that the loans had been made at various times, extending over several years. Johnson promised the executors to furnish an account showing these loans. Subsequently he met Mr. Wilson and told him that "no court could get behind the notes." Johnson did not furnish any account except one showing receipts and disbursements since August 1898, in connection with the management of the McConeil ranch.  
It also appeared that on being examined before the registrar Johnson stated that the notes represented Mr. Erb's liability to him, but subsequently he was compelled to admit that they were given by Mr. Erb for his Johnson's accommodation.  
Mr. Wilson stated that Johnson had not sent in a claim pursuant to the usual advertisement published by the executors. Mr. McPhillips, who appeared for Mr. Johnson, stated that after the commencement of this action Johnson had destroyed the notes. Mr.

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# Near the Boundary Line

### Condition of Farmers on Both Sides Boundary Line, Fraser River Valley.

### Paper Read by Rev. G. C. King Before Matsqui Farmers' Institute.

The following paper was read by Rev. G. Clement King before the Matsqui Farmers' Institute on January 21st, 1899:

I have been asked by some of my neighbors to say a few words in behalf of one common cause and common interest, and I suppose the most common thought with all is, how shall I make a living from my farm in these woods? The reasons we could give for finding ourselves in these woods may be various, but the result of the years and hard toll spent in the endeavor to provide for ourselves and families we unanimously pronounce failure. Many have left the neighborhood in despair, and those who were unable to leave for good have to leave yearly the best part of the year and largely lose the work and money by having to go elsewhere to earn money to live, and neglect or abandon the work of the ranch. We are, however, awakening to the fact that this state of things ought not to be. Gentlemen, let us go further and say it shall not be; such a state of things has no right to be. This I believe, is our unanimous decision.

The question then seems to be, is there a remedy? The answer is, yes, is it tangible? Yes, can it be applied? I believe it can. Now to business. I ask, why cannot you make a success of a farm in the heavy timber? You answer, because of the timber. Well, why not cut it down and burn it, and keep at it till you have 20 or 30 acres cleared, then purchase stock and go ahead? You answer, because the labor is too great, involving many years of toil and necessitating considerable capital which we do not possess. Again to ruthlessly cut down and destroy such a valuable asset, that which ought in reality to be the very source from which we should derive the capital with which to provide a livelihood during the process of clearing, would be an act of folly, to say the least. I take it, therefore, to be a part of our business here today to find, if possible, a remedy for what is purely an existing evil. That there is a remedy, and that it is at our very door, I have no doubt, and, to prove my point, I will give you briefly the results of my observation in our sister state of Washington for upwards of the past two years.

If you care to start from this side of the Sumas Prairie and drive along the Yale road, turning in here and there where there are indications of life, with the exception of the Langley Prairie country, you will see nothing worthy of the name of a farm between your starting point and Vancouver. Take again from Vancouver to Blaine, and with the exception of the Mud Bay flats, the results are the same or even worse, for all along the road one sees homes deserted. The little patches of clearing commenced with a light and willing heart, maybe, but the early appearance of helplessness and starvation dulled, deadened, and ultimately broke the heart, result, the capital and labor invested, lost, and what was once fondly hoped to be the home of the happy family, is now inhabited by the proverbial owls and bats. But this dismal scene ended when we cross the line into Whatcom county, Washington.

If you take that splendid plank road from Blaine to New Whatcom, or turn off in other directions, you will see beautiful farms, and the early appearance of stumped and containing herds of sheep, Jersey cows, horses and hogs. So much for the outside. Now let us go to the barnyard. Here you find barns capable of containing from 50 to 200 tons of hay and plenty of room for stock. Here again are reapers, binders, threshers, horse-rakes, disk and spring-toothed harrows, teams, wagons, trucks, etc., and besides all this I know of over 20 cream separators, running all the year round, whilst the orchards are a sight to behold. Aye, gentlemen, all this is not all. Their taxes—everything in the shape of real and personal property is taxed to the very last shilling, and beyond and still they prosper. You ask how is it done? I will tell you.

From Blaine to Whatcom, stretching from the salt water to the boundary line, and from the foot hills to Sumas City, I know of over 30 sawmills, running full time, cutting, dressing, drying and shipping lumber and shingles, paying the ranchers to-day \$3 per thousand for their lumber in the log, and \$2.50 per cord for shingle bolts, and what I believe I am informed that this very lumber and these shingles are being shipped into

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These things being so, gentlemen, I ask you, is there a remedy for your present deplorable condition? If you can say yes, we have the same resources as our neighbors across the line, then I ask what remedy? Is that you do not avail yourselves of your resources? Is it your own or that of the government? If it is your own and you do not stir yourselves, then you ought to be poor. If the government's, then stand shoulder to shoulder, and present the facts as they exist, and I believe the government will be quick to recognize the justice of your request, and you will hear the him, and buzz, and clang of the axe, the engine and the saw. You will then have the cash, and what is more valuable still, the heart to work and sing until this vast wilderness of impenetrable primeval forest will blossom as a garden of roses. Then your barns, and machinery will be in evidence, equally with others, and even more so, for your taxes are less, and your markets better.

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# Provincial News.

### KANAIMO.

### THUNDER-STORMS IN WINTER.

### ROSSLAND.

The marriage of Mr. H. C. Smith, harness maker, and Miss Carrie Mahon took place last Wednesday. Rev. Father Pat Irwin performed the ceremony.

Mr. William Gill, inspector of inland revenue, Victoria, has been on an official visit to Golden.

Work on the new opera house is progressing rapidly, and each evening it is made comfortable.

Rev. B. Hedley Balfour, of Moncton, N.B., is in Greenwood for the purpose of organizing a Methodist mission in the city.

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### They Are Unusual, but Their Origin is Easily Explained.

### Metereological freaks like that which surprised and disturbed people in the vicinity of this city last Tuesday night are rare, to be sure, but not altogether unprecedented.

### Postmaster W. W. Waddis is confined to his home with a bad cold for a few days.

Mr. W. McNeilly, who has been engaged on bridge work all winter, has arrived in town from Ross Peak, where he had the unfortunate to sustain a painful smash on the leg last above the ankle.

The arrival at the Crystal Hotel on Wednesday night of the company of the Hospital Endow and Society, was distinctly a success.

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