

The Daily Times.

THE STICKEN ROUTE.

The Colonist says the Hootalinqua river is navigable and sneers at the Times for having asked any person who has been on the river for definite information about it.

A PESSIMISTIC VIEW.

The Revelstoke Herald takes a pessimistic view of the local political situation. It thinks that the Turner administration ought to be turned out of office, but it does not see how that is going to be done by an Opposition that is as yet completely unorganized.

THE YUKON TRADE.

The decision of the government to send customs officers to the Yukon will give satisfaction generally. Collector Milne will select two or three men from a number of applicants and will instruct them in their duties in time for them to take passage for Dyea on the Islander on Wednesday next.

Islander. As bonding privilege in the Northwest may be made reciprocal between the two countries, the Americans have probably as much to gain as Canadians by acceding to the request.

Customs officers and bonding privileges will do something for the local trade, but they will not do everything. This city should be the terminus of a line of steamers running to Lynn Canal, to St. Michael, and to the Stikine.

The most extravagantly humorous statement possibly ever uttered by the Colonist is the following: "The Colonist has masters, but they comprise the general public, in whose interests it is generally acknowledged this paper has always fought, and with good results."

During the election campaign in Jan'y, 1896, an article appeared in the columns of the Times referring to Mr. W. F. Bullen, wherein it was stated that Mr. Bullen "has his way of getting his rake off from the workmen's wages."

The idea referred to by "Push" is not a bad one. The fact that Clondyke or Klondyke—which is it to be?—is in Canada cannot be stated too often or too prominently.

The Colonist heads a telegram: "Tarte is Too Much." Yes; he is too much for the Tories, and we are glad they are beginning to know it.

CLONDYKE-YUKON-VICTORIA.

To the Editor: My attention has just been called to the enclosed envelope advertising Victoria as the place to purchase supplies for the Yukon. It is a good idea, and should be universally adopted by all Victorians, men, women and children, on business and private letters of all kinds for the next six months.

THE RUTHVEN TRIAL.

To the Editor: In your issue of last evening there only appeared a few lines in connection with one of the most important cases that has appeared in the courts of the province. The fact, as stated in your last evening's issue that the court room was crowded, is evidence that it is a matter of public interest, and as the court house is not large enough to hold the whole city, could you not give time and space to the evidence in such an important case?

MR. PETERS' CLOSE CALL.

To the Editor: I have observed that your Tory contemporaries were anxious to create the impression that the recent Liberal majority of the P. E. Island legislature was due to dissatisfaction with the Dominion government. None correction, which followed, was quite right. The "kick" there was, as it has often been in other communities, against the levy of an absolutely necessary, but unpopular, direct tax.

The best lever that made Milwaukee famous, on draught at the Bank Exchange, at 5c. per glass.

Texada City TOWNSITE.

The Lots in Blocks numbered 2, 3, 6, 7, 12 and 13 will be sold as follows: Corner Lots at \$150 each; Inside Lots at \$100.

PLAN OF SALE

Business men of Vancouver will superintend the drawing for the lot-holders: J. C. Koffa, Esq., director of the Union Steamship Co., Vancouver; G. W. De Beck, Esq., director of Golden Cache Mines; J. R. Seymour, Esq., wholesale and retail druggist, Vancouver.

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General Agent, 612 Hastings Street, Vancouver. VICTORIA AGENTS: LEE & FRASER, 11 Trounce Alley. HAUMONT BOGGS & CO., 28 Broad St. A. W. MORE & CO., 86 Government St.

WENT TO A SHADOW.

Racked by Pain, Bed-Ridden Life Despaired Of—South American Rheumatic Cure Was the Good Angel Which Sifted the Tempest and Flung Safely Into the Harbor of Health.

"I was so troubled with sciatica that at times the pain and suffering I experienced was excruciating. I failed in flesh to almost a shadow. I was almost continuously in bed for over a year, and I had been spending hundreds of dollars in doctoring. I had almost given up hope of a cure. A relative who had been cured of the same disease by South American Rheumatic Cure induced me to try it.

A boiler with the plates welded together, no rivets being used, 32 feet by 63 feet, has been built at Gleiwitz, Saxony.

If you would have an abundance of dark, glossy hair, if you would have a clean scalp, free from dandruff and irritating humors, or if your hair is faded and gray, and you would have its natural color restored, use Ayer's Hair Vigor. It is unquestionably the best dressing.

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WITH YOU. IT IS COMPOSED OF NOTHING BUT THE VERY BEST MATERIALS AND WILL GIVE THE VERY HIGHEST SATISFACTION FOR THE LAUNDRY OR TOILET PURPOSES. ASK YOUR GROCER FOR IT AND SEE THAT YOU GET THE GENUINE WHITE SWAN SOAP. ASK FOR FREE SAMPLE.

Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Co.

NOTICE.

To Prospectors, Miners and Holders of Mineral Claims on unoccupied land within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company's land grant, FOR ONE YEAR ONLY from the date of this notice, the Railway Company will sell their rights to minerals (except coal and iron) and the surface rights of mineral claims, at the price of \$5.00 per acre.

Montreal, July 21.—The federal government has issued a writ against Senator Ogilvy for one hundred thousand dollars on a guarantee given by him for money deposited in the old Exchange bank.

Kingston, July 21.—T. T. Van Hupen, treasurer of Frontenac county, is missing. His accounts are short.

The Globe editorially says that present prospects indicate the largest crop of wheat and of coarse grain with which the country has ever been blessed.

MARROWSTONE FORTIFICATIONS.

Work on the Puget Sound Defences to Commence on Tuesday.

Port Townsend, July 22.—Work on the fortifications at Marrowstone Point will begin on Tuesday next. George E. Starrett of this city has received the contract for the lumber necessary to construct a wharf at that point, the building of which will be the first step of the work.

It is understood that the government intends to make Marrowstone the main place of defence, and to that end six guns, two 12-inch and four 10-inch, and ten mortars have been ordered.

C. A. Swigert, representing the Pacific Bridge Company, the contractors, has rented a residence here, as has also Mr. McMorris, an engineer, who will have charge of some of the work. Engineer Eugene Reicksecker, of Seattle, will have headquarters here and look after the interests of the government.

Bids for the work on Admiralty Head will be opened on August 1, and work on that point will be begun as soon as possible.

Mr. Reicksecker was here Monday and secured the title to land at Point Wilson necessary for fortifications, and bids will soon be called for to do the work at that point.

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The open tournament will be held on Monday, 2nd August, 1897, and following days.

PROGRAMME.

- Gentlemen's Singles Championship. Ladies' Singles—Championship of B. C. Ladies' Doubles. Mixed Doubles. First and Second Prizes in all events. Entries must be sent in to the Hon. Secretary on or before Tuesday, 27th July, 1897.

NOTICE.—After this date I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife. H. WALKER. Victoria, July 16.

AUCTION SALES.

AUCTIONS

Hardware, Iron and Agricultural Implements. MARVIN & TILTON'S EXTENSIVE STOCK.

MONDAY, JULY 26, AT 11 A.M. And following days, at 10:30 a. m.

I have been instructed by the above firm to close out the whole of their valuable and well assorted stock in trade at their store, Wharf and Bastion streets, Victoria, consisting of a large assortment of steel and heavy hardware, nails, iron, steel, chains, cordage, agricultural implements and extras for plows; Turbines, Champion, Buckeye, and other harvesting machines; builders, contractors, plumbers' and loggers' supplies; office furniture, etc., etc.

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Mining Shares for Sale.

Table with 2 columns: Share Name, Price. Includes Victoria-Texada at \$0.25, Nelson-Poorman at \$0.25, etc.

A. W. MORE & CO., Mining Brokers, 86 Government St.

McGill University MONTREAL.

Session 1897-8.

The curriculum comprises courses in Arts (including the Donalds Special Course for Women), Applied Science, Medicine, Law, and Veterinary Science. Matriculation, Exhibition and Scholarship Examinations will be held: Arts and Medicine, 15th Sept.; Applied Science, 16th Sept.; Law, 7th Sept.; Veterinary Science, 22nd Sept.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the city of Victoria at its next session for a transfer of the license issued to Mr. Pagden upon the premises known as the Hall Saloon, situated at Port street, in the city of Victoria, to Wm. Cowling.

NOTICE

In hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at its next sitting as a Licensing Court for a transfer to William White of my interest in the license issued to William White and myself for the sale of spirituous and fermented liquors by retail upon the premises known as the King's Head saloon, situate upon the north side of Johnson street in the city of Victoria.

NOTICE

In hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting as a Licensing Court for the sale of wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situate on the north-east corner of Port and Douglas streets, Victoria City, known as the Royal saloon. Dated this 19th day of July, A. D. 1897. THOS. GARTIN.

NOTICE

St. John street, from Belleville street to Quebec street, is closed to traffic. W. A. WILSON, City Engineer.

THE H. B. COMPANY

Sir Donald Smith's Encouraging Address at the Recent Annual Meeting.

Fair Promise of Satisfactory Dividends - The General State of Business.

A general court of the governors and company of adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay was held at the Cannon street hotel, London, on Tuesday, July 6th.

The governor, Sir Donald A. Smith, G.C.M.G., president, of the report, said: The profits of the company for the year ending 31st May, 1897, amount to £90,917 7s. 6d., as compared with £25,777 4s. 3d., in the year preceding.

The adoption of the report and accounts was then put to the meeting and carried nem. con.

Some timely advice. It seems that this advice ought to be entirely unnecessary; but the frequency of accidents from the use of canned fruits and lemonade which is allowed to stand in open tin vessels, show that there is still a great deal of popular ignorance on this subject.

HUNTING IN BECHUANALAND.

The following is an extract from a letter to friends in Providence, dated at Johannesburg, South Africa:

On the day that my letter left on the mail train, I started out with two American friends on a hunting trip in Bechuanaland. We took the train at 8.25 in the morning for Mafeking and arrived there the next day.

Just let me tell you something about our guide! He was an Irish Afeekler, reckless and without fear, and one of the bravest men I have ever seen.

One day as we were out loading for the bushes we heard a roar, nothing like I had ever heard before. It was the roar of a lion, the only one we met in the weeks we were out, an extraordinary sound.

The only thing dangerous about here is snakes. Oh, what a lot you find here! At night we put buffalo manure, all dried, on the fire in order to keep it burning, and then we would snore away from it about 40 or 50 yards.

What ails you? A Cold in the Head? Some Sneezing? Pain Over the Eyes? Stinging Drooping in the Throat? Headache?

A SHIP LOAD OF CANNIBALS.

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ORPHAN BOY CASE

Continuation of the Proceedings Before the Magistrates at Vancouver.

Their Jurisdiction Questioned—Council for Haskins Mildly Threatens.

The Orphan Boy mining case, in which the defendants are J. W. Haskins, president, and H. A. Brown, secretary-treasurer of the Orphan Boy Mining Co., was resumed at Vancouver on Thursday morning before Capt. Mellon, J.P., and R. A. Anderson, S.M.

Mr. L. G. McPhillips, Q.C., appeared with Mr. Williams on behalf of the defendant Brown; Messrs. Geo. H. Cowan and H. C. Shaw for the defendant Haskins; and Messrs. Chas. Wilson, Q.C., and W. J. Bowser for the crown.

Before proceeding Capt. Mellon said he would mention that the government evidently wished a thorough investigation in the case and he suggested that if it would only prejudice the case to refuse the admission of any evidence. Any statements could be eliminated afterwards, if necessary.

Mr. Cowan said that he wished the fullest investigation and had nothing to fear on a fair prosecution. It was a criminal proceeding and not a commission. His colleague and himself would, however, insist that the evidence admitted was fair evidence against their clients.

Mr. Wilson said that there was probably sufficient evidence in to ask for the commitment of the accused, but he proposed to show a strong prima facie case first.

Mr. Brown was recalled, and further examined by Mr. Wilson. He said that when he came here from Revelstoke with the books of the company he took them to Mr. Macdonell's office, where they were looked over. Mr. Haskins handed him one or two bills which had never been handed in to the company. Haskins asked him to give him (Haskins) credit in his account for them. Wilson made entries in consequence of that in the company's books. These entries were credited him (Haskins) and debited the respective parties. Those items were afterwards put in the writ. Those items in the journal on March 17th were paid by Mr. Haskins. The cheques were signed by Mr. Haskins. Haskins paid some amounts out of his own pocket. The \$279.50 was paid witness after the sale of the property. As secretary-treasurer of the company witness never received any of the proceeds of the sale outside of the \$279.50.

Mr. Wilson then put in evidence the following letter signed by Mr. Haskins and addressed to Brown:

Vancouver, March 29th, 1897.
H. A. Brown, Esq.
Dear Sir—Close books of Orphan Boy Mining Co. until all the trouble of the forged certificates is settled. Also notify C. R. Carlyn, director of the said company, that I, J. W. Haskins, have taken action against said Orphan Boy Gold Mining Co., for the amount due me by the company. Yours respectfully,
J. W. HASKINS,
President and Manager O. B. G. M. Co.

There is no need to put ad. in the paper—This is Macdonell on that.
J. W. HASKINS.

Continuing, witness said that pursuant to the instructions contained in that letter he wrote to Mr. Carlyn, one of the directors of the company. Witness received a reply from Mr. Carlyn.

Mr. Wilson said he would put this letter in evidence.

Mr. Cowan objected on the ground that the letter was written without the knowledge or consent of the accused, by a stranger to the prosecution, who was not before the court. If one man chose to write a letter to another in this way that was no reason why it should be brought into court.

Capt. Mellon held that the letter could be admitted as having been received in consequence of instructions from Haskins to Brown to write Carlyn.

Mr. Cowan remarked that this was one of the attempts to blacken the character of the accused unfairly in that the letter might contain statements not verified by oath.

Mr. Williams submitted that the letter could not be received by the court. If they wished to put in the evidence of Mr. Carlyn, why not produce him and then chance for cross-examination would be had.

Mr. Cowan said he was surprised at the position taken by Mr. Wilson. Did Mr. Wilson mean to insinuate that the letter was written under the instructions of Mr. Haskins. He would say to the bench what he conceived to be his duty. If for proof of the facts of evidence, were admitted, if facts that were not evidence were allowed to be proven, and if the motive of the bench in admitting such evidence were to get the proof of facts for any other reason than to prove the charge, as contained in the information, he would read the following, which was from Clark's Manual, page 32:

"The court will in general grant a criminal information against justices for any gross act of oppression or pretended exercise of their duties as justices." Continuing, Mr. Cowan said if the fact was present that law would apply. He wished to say that if the court were to admit evidence violating every rule of evidence and attempting to lead their honors astray. He was surprised at a professional man like Mr. Wilson attempting to force such evidence on the court. Anyway he was resolved on his course.

Capt. Mellon—Do you mean to say you are resolved on prosecuting us?

Mr. Cowan—If there should be in the mind of the court the slightest motive other than for fair prosecution, I will do my duty.

Mr. Wilson said he was not surprised at the attack on himself, after hearing the attack on the bench. He was satisfied with the purity of the motives of the bench. He did not propose, on account

of either threats or insinuations, to swerve from his duty.

Mr. Wilson then read again the letter from Haskins to Brown.

Capt. Mellon said he could not see, from a business man's point of view, that there was anything criminal in the letter from Carlyn to Brown. If they made a great mystery of it, what would be the result of the inquiry.

Mr. Cowan objected to having evidence slipped in without it being proven by oath.

Captain Mellon said he would have Carlyn or anyone else brought before the court, if necessary.

The witness retired for a few moments, and when they returned said that the objection of Mr. Cowan would be noted. They had come to the conclusion, said Captain Mellon, to let the letter go in as evidence. He was not going to discuss the legal points, and a note would be made of the objections.

Mr. Shaw said that their worship apparently viewed the case as a government inquiry. He understood that the consent of Police Magistrate Russell had not been obtained as to their worship taking the case, and he would take objection to their jurisdiction. Mr. Shaw cited from the Municipalities Act that no justice of the peace should admit to bail or discharge a prisoner, or adjudicate upon, or otherwise act in any case for a city where there was a police magistrate, except in the case of illness, absence, or at the request of the police magistrate. He understood consent had not been obtained.

Captain Mellon said he would have been very glad not to have taken the case. When first asked to sit in the case, he said it would be better to take it before the police magistrate, but he was told it would require a magistrate like himself, having provincial jurisdiction, to sit on it, as some acts took place in Revelstoke.

Mr. Wilson said he must ask their worship to continue to hear the case.

After some further discussion, Mr. Wilson moved to amend the information, alleging that the conspiracy took place at Revelstoke, instead of Vancouver, as was alleged in the information.

Mr. Shaw contended that the evidence should have to be taken all over again, and that a crime committed at Revelstoke was a different offence.

Mr. Wilson asked for a remand of the case until next Tuesday.

Mr. Cowan objected to this as being simply because his friend had jumped before he was ready.

Mr. Shaw again objected to this jurisdiction of the magistracies.

Mr. Williams said that his client had given evidence as far as he was able, and had never refused to answer any question. He had also proved himself innocent, and the case ought either to be at once finished or Mr. Brown discharged.

Mr. Wilson said the case was one of vile conspiracy that would trouble them to answer.

Mr. Cowan remarked that to sum up before an opportunity had been given for cross-examination would be quite in accord with the conduct of the rest of the case.

After further discussion, Mr. Cowan suggested that if a remand were given it should be for eight days, to allow the accused to visit their businesses, subject to the objection that the court had no jurisdiction.

The case was accordingly adjourned until next Friday. The same bail was accepted in Brown's case as before, and Mr. Haskins was also admitted to bail.

Mr. Brown left on yesterday's train for Revelstoke.

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In almost every home half-worn garments and goods are stowed away in wardrobes and closets that can be made as good as new and fitted for months of wear.

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RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

The railway is now nearly completed from the sea coast to Peking, and the inhabitants of the capital city of China have had their first sight of that terrific foe to superstition and national isolation, the locomotive. Next month work will begin on the Chinese branch of the trans-Siberian railway through Manchuria, which is very likely to find its terminus at Port Arthur, and will open a wide door into Northern China; while preparations are going on for a long line to Shanghai and the south, and for several shorter roads. Ties, and timber are already being shipped from Puget Sound to Chinese ports, and American locomotive builders and supply dealers are preparing to obtain their share of the business which railway building in China is sure to develop in the future. American railway men, too, will eventually, perhaps, find considerable place on Chinese railways, but newspaper reports about the hiring of hundreds of engine men in this country at fabulous wages are premature and untrue. Railway projectors and builders in China will proceed much more leisurely than has been the practice in this country.—Railway Age.

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REVELSTOKE.

Revelstoke Herald.

"The sad ending of a wasted life," is a trite saying which was once more fulfilled in Revelstoke on Monday morning at 8 o'clock, when the inmates of the house of Emma Lee were surprised by the sound of a pistol shot from the direction of Edith Agnew's room. Upon breaking the door open she was found quite dead, lying upon her back, with a 32-calibre revolver dropped on her breast, and the blood issuing from a bullet wound in her right temple. Doctors were sent for, but their services were of no avail. A coroner's inquest was held at 1 o'clock, which returned a verdict "that the deceased, Edith Laura Agnew, alias Edith Walton, alias 'Scotty,' came to her death from a pistol shot wound in the right temple, caused by her own hand, on July 19th, the evidence showing no cause why she took her life." Torn letters and photographs, along with letters left written to her lover, mother and Emma Lee, plainly show that the act was premeditated. The remains were interred in the Revelstoke cemetery yesterday.

KAMLOOPS.

From our own correspondent.

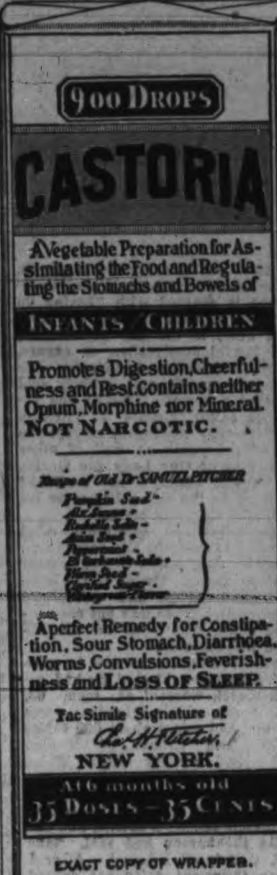
Kamloops, July 22.—Kamloops has been favored with a visit from Hon. G. B. Martin. The hon. member had a busy time of it making promises and professing good times for Yale and northward from his ministry. He has not satisfactorily explained his action on the government railway policy, his broken British Pacific railway promises, the North Thompson bridge and the shameful treatment accorded Kamloops contractors in the matter of our new jail. Contractors here were under the impression that tenders were to be sent to the assistant commissioner of lands and works in this city, and were disgusted to learn at the eleventh hour that tenders must be in the Victoria office at a certain time. This move on the part of the government has deprived some of our oldest and most reliable contractors from getting in their tender. Many do not hesitate in saying that it was not the intention of the government to give Kamloops contractors an opportunity to compete. The fact that the government did not call for tenders in our local papers here lends color to this assertion.

Mining in this vicinity looks bright, notwithstanding the fact that one or two bonded claims have reverted to their owners. The Iron Cap, Python, Lucky Strike, Lion, and others owned by the Iron Mask, are looking well. A whirl of excitement has been caused by the relocation of one of the best properties, the Iron Mask. It looked as though there would be a big local fight for ownership, but it transpires that the original owners, are all right, an error having occurred in the recorder's office here, misreading the Iron Mask's representative and causing the trouble.

An amusing, though somewhat annoying, incident happened one of our well-known townsmen and mine owners. An acquaintance of his was anxious of getting a miner's license about 2 o'clock in the morning, and being unacquainted with the recorder, he asked him to ac-

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