

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE MINERAL WEALTH OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Ground That is Now Worth \$30,000 An Acre Has Been Condemned by Experts Over and Over Again—Trail Creek on the Columbia River.

ROSSLAND, B.C., June 25.—(To the Editor): As a representative of the Limestone city, out here in the wild and woolly west, I hope to interest you in the mineral wealth of this country.

Trail Creek is one of the oldest camps in West Kootenay in one sense and one of the newest in another. It is located on the Columbia River, about seven miles north of the international boundary line.

The history of the great War Eagle mine is the history of Trail Creek. The War Eagle was first bonded in 1892 to two men called Durant and Tarbet; in 1893 it was bonded to the Pyritic smelting company of San Francisco.

The ore in Trail Creek is refractory, the base being iron. It samples about two ounces per ton in gold, 4 1/2 oz. silver, and five per cent. copper.

Why is it left to the few business men of West Kootenay, who possess more brains and energy than capital, to secure for Canada the benefit of this wonderful discovery for the country in which it is located?

Not The Earliest. New York, July 4.—(To the Editor): The BRITISH WIRE for June 11th contains a letter with regard to early local journalism.

paper, called the Herald, was published by Sylvester Tiffany in 1804, and if I mistake not, the Gleaner, by Mr. Heron, followed immediately afterwards.

Since writing the above a friend has shown me the magnificent anniversary number of the WIRE. It is a most creditable specimen of journalism and typography.—PUBLISHER.

KINGSTON IN BRIEF.

What is Going On in the Staid but Good Old City.

BOOMING guns will be heard at Barriefield in September. The various field batteries of Ontario and Quebec have been ordered to prepare for annual drill here about that month.

On July 24th about a thousand members of the A.O.H., Syracuse, will visit Kingston and later picnic at Long Island park.

Five bicycle riders from Marlbank came in to attend the Free Methodists' campaign.

Lieut.-Gov. Howland and wife, of Prince Edward Island, are in the city to spend a few weeks.

Lady cyclists are getting a little more confident. It is not an unusual thing in the evening to notice them out in bloomers.

The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the land. But the leg that wears the bloomer seems to be in great demand.

The Sir John monument has been shipped from London for Kingston. The casting is still better than that done for Montreal.

A prisoner being conveyed from Brantford to Kingston penitentiary, to serve a term for two years for horse-stealing, made an attempt to escape at the Union station, Toronto, but was speedily recaptured.

Word has been received here that a student of Queen's eloped from Smith's Falls with a damsel. The girl's relatives are said to have caught up with the pair at Seely's Bay and taken the girl back home.

On Friday, June 28th, Master James Walsh, son of James P. Walsh, formerly of Kingston, graduated from Holy Angels' academy, Chicago. He was the youngest graduate in the class.

Moore A. Higgins is having a monument erected in St. Mary's cemetery to the memory of John Monahan, Kingston's first member of parliament, defeated by the late Sir John Macdonald.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

What the Lovers of Games and General Sports Are Doing.

Peterboro wants the C.W.A. bicycle meet for 1896. It will get it.

Sandhurst beat Crossy at baseball the other day.

The directors of the Hamilton jockey club are said to be out about \$1,200 on the trotting meet. The races were good, the track fast, but the attendance small.

The Crescent lacrosse club will go to Gananoque on July 12th and contest with the team of that place. The difficulty regarding the prize has been settled.

John Donnelly, Harrowsmith, has just returned from Buffalo, N.Y., where he purchased a two year old stallion from Henry C. Jewett, a well known breeder.

Miss Florence Rice, now Mrs. Currie, of Duluth, was the first woman in Oswego to own a bicycle. That was in 1892, and now about one hundred women are devoted to the pleasure of wheeling.

In the first race of the series for the New York canoe club international challenge cup, on Gravesend Bay, Paul Butler, the American defender, selected by the New York canoe club, defeated Charles Archibald, Montreal, the Canadian challenger, by 3:12 min.

At Napanee, on Tuesday, Aileen of Rideau was set back for running in the third heat of the 2-40 class and her time (2:36) given to the mare Miss Strader, which finished second.

The Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., are doing such a large business that they find they have not a sufficient number of boats. The monthly statement for June surpasses everything in the history of the company.

Ran The Rapids. "Big John," the well known pilot of Caughnawaga, ran the Lachine rapids on Monday in a manner never before known.

Now This Is Unity. On Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Shore, Anglican clergyman, Vienna, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church, preaching with great acceptance to a good congregation.

THE NEWS OF THE DISTRICT.

SPICE OF THE ARTICLES IN THE VICINITY NEWSPAPERS.

The News Put into Condensed Shape—The Episodes That Create Talk in the Country and Hereabouts—A Column of Interesting Items.

No cheese was sold at Picton on Wednesday; 8 1-8c was offered.

The treasurer of the "Women's Sun," Belleville, reported receipts over \$500.

B. F. Wilson, Northport, was married to Miss H. Cryan, Demorestville, on June 27th.

W. H. Clark, formerly of Watertown, N.Y., was killed at Howard, S. D., by a boiler explosion.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Rathbun and family, Deseronto, are at Falmouth Heights, on the sea coast, near Boston.

William Arnott, drowned at Manistique, Mich., on Sunday, is supposed to be a son of James Arnott, Belleville.

The sawlog drive down the Moira river this season consists of 300,000 pieces. The tail of the drive will reach Belleville next week.

About forty candidates wrote at Deseronto at the recent examinations for high school entrance. Nearly all will probably pass.

Harold McM. Rathbun, Deseronto, passed a very successful examination for entrance as a cadet to the Royal military college.

No cheese sold on the Brockville board, although 3,567 boxes were boarded. Eight cents was offered for white and 8 1-16c for colored.

Christina Kippen, eighty years of age, housekeeper for Henry Cunningham, Brockville, died on Tuesday. She came originally from Perth.

Eighty-eight candidates wrote in Renfrew at the high school entrance examination last week and six for the public school leaving examination.

During the storm of Wednesday a falling pine in the Arnprior cemetery smashed the monument to the late Daniel McLachlin, founder of the town, to atoms.

Dr. A. E. Arber, Mishawaka, Indiana, formerly of Athens, was wedded on June 26th, to Grace May, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Greene, of Mishawaka, Ind.

Mrs. Helen M. Jaques, widow of Dr. Jaques, a former president of Albert college, Belleville, was married in Chicago on June 25th to Rev. John Cline, of Victor, N.Y.

Miss S. E. Marty, B.A., modern language teacher in Peterboro collegiate institute, has resigned. She will return to Queen's to secure the degree of master of arts.

Dr. Newton has commenced the alteration and improvements on the large house on Centre street, Deseronto, purchased from the Rathbun company, as an office and residence.

The sale of the bonds for the Clayton, N.Y., school house addition, amounting to \$12,000, were bid in by C. G. Emery. The bonds were sold at par and draw an interest of only three per cent.

Mrs. Jane Cronk and Miss Rachael Oliver, Bloomfield, were driving, last Thursday, when the horse became frightened and threw them from the carriage, hurting Miss Oliver quite badly.

Wm. Archibald McDonald, a farmer who lived in Thurlow, on the borders of the city, died on Tuesday night in his eightieth year. Deceased is survived by his widow and a family of three sons and one daughter.

In Ashmont, Mass., on June 26th, the marriage of Atwood H. Cameron, only son of Rev. J. J. Cameron, Athens, Ont., to Miss Lizzie Groat, Boston, occurred. The happy couple are on their way to Athens.

Thomas Herron, Forester's Falls, was united in matrimony to Miss Mary Enright, daughter of Patrick Enright, of Adamston, on June 19th. Mr. Herron holds a position with the Rathbun Lumber Co., Mattawa.

Last Thursday night the premises of Sylvester Andress, Caintown, a carriage shop, together with tools, lumber and several new carriages, were consumed by fire. No insurance. Loss \$2,000. Mr. Andress is left a poor man.

On Tuesday, death claimed Mary E., eldest daughter of Peter Noonan, Bathurst. The deceased, in her thirtieth year, was a young lady of a most amiable disposition, and was but a few days ago, apparently, in the best of health, but early on Sunday morning was seized with inflammation of the heart, from which she never rallied.

J. P. Bowers, Hungerford, is dead, aged ninety-four. He was born at Picton, located at Shannonville, and in 1849 moved to Hungerford. In 1857 he did military duty in Kingston. He leaves a widow, now eighty-five years of age, nine children in Canada and the United States, thirty-five grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren.

Mrs. R. G. Murphy, Elgin, has a well preserved relic in the shape of samples of handwriting of the late John Ketchum. The book bears date "Anno, Que., Dom., MDCLXXIV." The writing is exceptionally good and would serve as a copy for some of the pen-handlers of to-day, and the scroll work is very neat. It is indeed a valuable relic and is highly prized by its owner, who is a great niece of the gentleman whose property this was.

FOR FOURTEEN YEARS.

This Was the Sentence Put Upon Bishop the Firebug.

Ernest Bishop, a former penitentiary bird, who set Orlando Johnston's barn on fire the other night in order to get back to prison, was up for sentence before the police magistrate. When asked his age Bishop stated that he was only twenty-one, but by turning up the records the chief found that he was twenty-five.

When asked if he had set the barn on fire so as to get back to prison Bishop said not exactly so, that the fire was accidental. He half-heartedly tried to give the impression that he had lighted a match to find the hay to lie down on and that it had ignited the barn. He took the precaution to let the horses out as he did not wish to see them burned alive.

Bishop had served six years and three months on an eight year sentence for larceny, committed in Nova Scotia. The magistrate sentenced him to fourteen years in the penitentiary.

The cases of larceny against Francis Gallagher, John Darragh, James McEwen and James O'Neil, alleged to have broken into John Kehoe's shed, near the old hay market, stole a leghorn hen, pots and cooking utensils for a dominion day feast, occupied the attention of the court for over an hour.

The evidence of officers McCullough, Kennedy and Lawson was pretty straight and Mr. Kehoe testified to the loss of the hen and had no trouble in identifying the pots and pans as his. The colonel considered the evidence sufficient to commit all four for trial. Gallagher and O'Neil would not elect.

CITY AND VICINITY.

Will Cut the Hay. The G.T.R. section men have received word to cut the hay along the track. There will not be much of a crop this year. The proceeds of the hay go to the company.

Damaged By Fire. Booth's woolen mill, Odessa, caught fire on Friday afternoon, burning the roof and floor. By the heroic work of citizens the southwest part of the building was saved; also the sawmill escaped. Cause spontaneous combustion or a hot box.

Adopted With Amendments. The bill authorizing the Kingston & Pembroke railway company to reduce its ordinary capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$2,000,000 and to issue preference bonds, was passed at the Ottawa railway committee after several amendments had been made to meet objections raised on behalf of certain creditors of the company.

Calf Poisoned. A calf belonging to James Wiltso, North Elmsley, by wading through the lake, got into a potato patch, where the boy was using paris green. A half pound package was lying on the ground, and the calf, which had a liking for picking up old paper and chewing it, picked up this package, and ate a quantity of the deadly poison before it was detected. It died from the effects.

A Suit For Value of Stone. The case of Tappan et al. vs. C. G. Emery, an action to foreclose a mechanic's lien upon the defendant's property in the St. Lawrence river, was argued in Watertown on Tuesday. The judge reserved his decision.

A Painful Accident. W. R. Smith, Fredericksburg, met with an accident on June 25th by which he has been confined to his bed with the doctor in daily attendance. He was mowing and the knives caught fast on a root throwing him suddenly from his seat to the ground, striking his back on one of the mower wheels, the result of which is a severe attack of congestion of the kidneys.

Evidence of Lawless Conduct. It was lately stated that Frontenac park was not a centre of rowdiness and idleness, but the appearance of the monument over the grave of the wife of Dr. Williamson does not bear out this statement. The cap has been knocked off and the monument badly injured. Kingston undoubtedly is one of the most lawless of cities in regard to the destruction of property.

Guaranteed Whiskey. "The government never guarantees the quality of a farmer's butter or cheese or wheat," says the Canada Farmer's Sun. "It never guarantees the perfection of a chair, a carriage or a plough when the workmen who have made them have completed their labors. But the government does guarantee whiskey. In the Advocate, the organ of the liquor men, 'Wiser's Canada Whiskey' is 'guaranteed by the government.' Perhaps they are better judges of whiskey than of wheat or a plough."

Wedded in Hillier. Rev. C. H. Daly, B.A., Oil Springs, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Calnan, daughter of James Calnan, Hillier, on Tuesday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James Cumberland, Amherst Island, assisted by Rev. D. McPhail, Picton, and Rev. Mr. Sing. The groom was supported by E.-C. Gallup, Ottawa, and Miss Wright, Napanee, assisted the bride. The happy couple left for Oil Springs, where Mr. Daly has charge of the Presbyterian congregation. He is a Queen's graduate.

The Crop In The Country. Several farmers were spoken to this morning and all agreed that the crops this season would be necessarily light because of the continued drought. The hay crop is a failure and cannot recover itself no matter how soon rain comes. The wheat, barley, oats, in fact all other kinds of grain will be greatly affected.

The Clayton Races. The Kingston boats did very well at the Clayton races Thursday. In the sloop class Henry Cunningham's yacht, Hustler, captured first place while Fisher's cat boat, Deliance, took an easy first in the cat boat race. The Lavolta, however, was not in it in the skiff race. She had to quit before the conclusion. The St. Lawrence got first but was ruled out on account of fouling.

Kingston's "Up To Date" Fair. The management of this year's Midland Central Fair will do their utmost to give the people such an advanced and novel exhibition as yet has never been witnessed upon the grounds. It will be their aim to so change everything that the Fair will not appear to be a stale and worn-out repetition of the efforts of former years, but a live and progressive show, abounding in fresh and novel sights and pregnant with features that are strong and interesting because new and strange to the observer.

Frontenac Cheese Board. The cheese board was very slow Thursday, July 4th. Last week's boom to 8 1/2c and this week's drop of half a cent did not agree with the factorymen. The board opened at 8c and rose to 8 1/2c and remained there. B. W. Robertson got one factory, Rose Hill, for this figure, only forty boxes. L. Murphy captured Harlowe at 8c, a surprise party to everyone. These were the only factories that sold.

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PEACEFUL SABBATH BELLS.

THEY CALL KINGSTONIANS TO WORSHIP THEIR MAKER.

The Services in the Various Sanctuaries—A Venerable Clergyman—The Young Men Who Seek Ordination as Deacons—Objecting to W. W. Carson's Statement.

NTIMATION is made that it is likely that the Presbyterian congregation of Douglas and Barr's Settlement will give a call to Rev. D. J. McLean, Armprior.

The district committee of the provincial Sunday school association meets in Tweed on July 10th. The work will be discussed at a public meeting with addresses by Rev. Samuel Houston, Kingston; G. M. Elliott, Napanee, and H. C. McMullen, Picton.

The congregation of the Victoria avenue Baptist church, Hamilton, has decided to extend a call to the Rev. G. F. Barker, of Ingersoll.

The Horner camp meeting at Athens closed on Monday. Meetings are still being held in the Friends' meeting house and a house is being looked up for a minister to occupy. A church will be established.

A picnic was held, Friday, at Solomon Loft's grove, Tyendinaga reserve, in celebration of the seventieth birthday of Rev. G. A. Anderson, rector. For about forty-five years Mr. Anderson has performed the arduous duties of his extensive parish. In a few days he will celebrate the forty-eighth anniversary of his entrance into the ministry.

Has the reader counted the number of clergymen now spending a vacation in Europe? Nearly every minister in Kingston has made the trip. How many merchants or master mechanics have been able to do so? Let us hear less, at least until the autumn has thrown its shades upon travelling customs, about the virtue of generous contributions.

A correspondent of the Ottawa Free Press rebukes Rev. W. W. Carson for saying in his sermon, last Sunday evening, that a censorious person was worse than a libertine, as the former sinned against the soul and affected others in the community; the latter against the body. Though there may be a growing tendency, the correspondent adds, to regard the latter class of sinners with more leniency than in Puritan times, yet as long as the pulpit pretends to continue to inculcate the principles of morality, it was, to say the least, a very loose statement, and one that can be disproved without very deep reasoning.

A DEATH AT PORTSMOUTH. A Deseronto Man Passed Away While Visiting Friends.

Deseronto Tribune. It is with no ordinary feelings of regret that we chronicle the lamented death of Frank Daniel Clement, one of the most respected residents of the town. The deceased had suffered during the winter from an attack of a grippé, which, although it left some traces, was in time overcome. Nine or ten weeks ago he caught cold, which was followed by an attack of mild malarial or typhoid fever. From this he did not recover as rapidly as expected and although able to be about he was very weak. It was thought a change would be beneficial and he went down to spend a few weeks at Portsmouth where Mrs. Clement's people reside. While there he suffered a relapse and in spite of everything that medical skill could suggest he gradually grew weaker and finally succumbed to the disease about one o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, 2nd inst. It is needless to state that the news was heard with the deepest regret in Deseronto.

Mr. Clement had always been a strong, powerful looking man and that such a person should have been cut off was a painful surprise. Deceased, who was thirty-seven years of age, was the son of the late Cor. Clement, and was born in Camden, N. S., not far from Napanee. When eight years of age he moved with his father's family to their farm on the Napanee road, about a mile from Deseronto. Here he remained until about ten or twelve years ago he joined his brother George in the building business. He was a quiet, industrious and much esteemed citizen. He married Miss Janet Croft, of Portsmouth, by whom and one son he is survived. The remains were brought to Deseronto on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, religious services being conducted at the house by Rev. R. Taylor, assisted by Rev. W. S. McTavish. A large concourse of friends had assembled to pay the last tribute of respect. The bearers were James E. Richardson, Thomas Gault, Geo. Gunyou, A. S. Velleau, R. N. Irvine and E. W. Scott. The remains were interred in the family plot in the Van de Bogart cemetery.

Churches And Infidel-makers. Toronto News. Charges of fraud, hypocrisy and falsehood against members and officers of the Elm street Methodist congregation were publicly made by Rev. Dr. Galbraith on Wednesday night.

The language used by the reverend doctor was strong, but it did not surpass in vigor expressions lately heard during the discussion of church matters in other quarters. None the less it is cause for regret that it was used. Such epithets as liar and fraud may be hurled about a civic council chamber without doing any serious harm, but what must be the effect of the use of these same epithets among members of a church congregation, where all are supposed to dwell together in love and to follow the example of forbearance and forgiveness set by the Nazarene?

There can be but one result from scenes such as that witnessed in Elm street—a weakening of the faith of the masses in all things spiritual. One exhibition of this kind does more to spread infidelity among the people than the work of a dozen secular societies, and this fact ought to be borne in mind by ministers and congregations when the temptation to use harsh words comes upon them.

Saturday's Market. This morning's market was well attended by citizens, but the farmers did not come in very large numbers. Prices: Beef, fore quarter, 5c; hind, 7c; mutton and lamb the same; pork, 10c; butter, 18c to 20c; pound prime, 16c to 18c for rolls; fowl, 50c to 60c; spring chickens, 60c to 70c; turkeys, 15c to 18c per doz.

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