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## CROFTON GOING AHEAD.

OUR illustrations show a large consignment of machinery on the wharf for the Northwestern Smelting & Refining Company, also a view of the smelter buildings seen from Joan Avenue; but as a matter of fact, photographs cannot be taken and reproduced quickly enough to give an idea of the rapid developments to date. The smelter works are of course the main feature of the town. These are now nearing completion, but all the time the town is itself itself growing rapidly. It has its streets and its sidewalks, and you may meet nearly as many ladies while walking up Joan Avenue, Crofton, as you can in Government Street, Victoria. Dances and surprise parties have so far been the social gaiety, and baseball on the Recreation Grounds behind the smelter reserve has been the sporting feature. The Northwestern Smelting & Refining Company have started in to make a tennis ground, and have already a floating bathing establishment. Another public bathing establishment, for both ladies

But a month or two ago the site of the present town was a muddy waste. To-day some forty dwellings may be counted from any one spot. The streets are being tidied up gradually, and lots are being built over. Still, there is room for further building activity. House room is not yet supplied for even the ordinary officials of the smelting company and their families. The hotels are all at present crowded.

There is room in Crofton also for other industries. No doubt in a short time it will have its paper pulp mills and its manufactures. Floreat Croftonia!

## COPPER MINING ON THE WEST COAST.

D R. MARSHALL, the well-known mineralogist, who has devoted some years to the systematic and experimental development of copper claims at Sidney Inlet, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, thus gives his views of the copper mining industry of this part of the Island:



WHARF AT CROFTON WITH SMELTER MACHINERY UNLOADED FROM FERRY.

and gentlemen, on a much larger scale, will shortly be completed, and then Crofton should be a favorite bathing resort. For yachting and bathing the bay is probably unrivalled.

There are, of course, inconveniences in every young town, but these are being rapidly overcome by Mr. Croft's energy and enterprise. The water supply is in process of being made as good as any available in any town.

But, of course, it is upon its smelting enterprise that Crofton is to rely for the foundations of its greatness. The smelter will be completed in a few weeks, and then ships from all parts of the Coast may be expected to put in at the new smelting town, bringing ores for reduction. The completion of the smelter cannot be delayed for long, and then Crofton will surely forge ahead.

"There are many causes which affect copper mining, but limiting ourselves to internal conditions, we must remember that copper mining is the most difficult branch of the mining industry, because copper very rarely occurs in well defined and easily traced ledges. Again, heretofore the greater part of copper mining has been carried on in countries where the deposition of copper was caused by regional metamorphism, and not, as here, by contact metamorphism, and those who have worked in regular deep-fissure veins would be hopelessly at sea on the West Coast. The West Coast is, therefore, not the place for the empirical miner. Mining there requires the direction of the modern, scientific miner, who will treat the development of each property as he would a piece of scientific research.

"There is one interesting point which I might mention in connection with the West Coast, and that is that the deposits of economic minerals are of comparatively recent origin, and in some places mineralization is still going on. Where that is the case the surface denudation cannot have taken place to a great extent since the formation of the ore bodies, which explains why oxides such as magnetite are found as outcrops to sulphide ores.

"I think the people of Victoria should do all in their power to secure the development of this enormous and no doubt valuable copper area behind the city. Perhaps they may be surprised to hear that a good copper mine is worth many gold mines, and that in California to-day the product of two copper mines outweighs in value the produce of all the gold mines in the so-called Golden State."

#### NEW STRIKE ON THE COPPER CANYON.

A new reef has been discovered near the main ledge running through the Copper Canyon property. The ore body is well defined and solid, and the quality of the ore is very similar to that found on the Lenora and Tyee properties. The Mount Sicker & Mount Brenton Mines, Limited, is proceeding

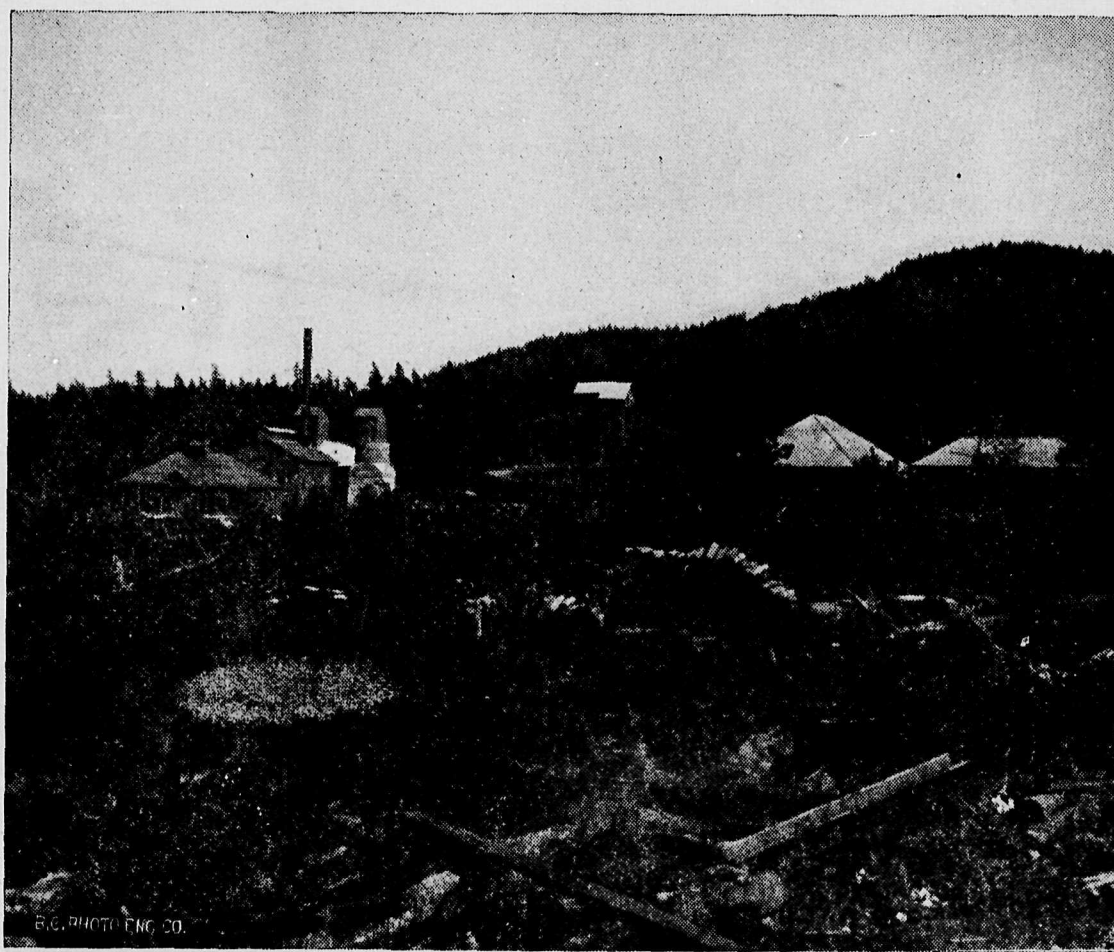
once again the busy scene it was a few months ago. The new ore conveyor and sorting plant specially designed by Mr. Henry Croft is now in working order. Developments in the mine are exceedingly satisfactory.

#### MINING IN THE KOKSILAH VALLEY.

Messrs. Macleay and Ryne have struck a ledge in the Koksilah hills. It is about 18 inches wide so far, and has been met in two places. Assay values are \$3 to \$4 in gold and silver, and a very high percentage of copper. The prospectors have constructed a road 1½ miles to their claims, and are very hopeful of the outcome.

#### THE TYEE MINING CO.

The Tyee Mining Company are extending their works generally. The new double-drum hoist is working very well indeed, and the double-compartment shaft is used for both raising ore and sinking operations. Drifting has now been done in this mine through 700 feet of ore bodies, and approxi-



SMELTER BUILDINGS VIEWED FROM JOAN AVENUE.

with its development. Five electrical drills will be installed, and if prospects continue as bright as they are at present, a much larger plant will be installed.

#### THE KEY CITY.

A new body of ore has been struck in sinking the shaft on the Key City mine. The company have a full force of men working three shifts a day.

#### THE YREKA COPPER COMPANY.

The Yreka Copper Company are offering 50,000 shares in their properties, at \$1 per share. The next 50,000 shares put on the market will be offered at double this price. The capital stock is \$2,000,000, in shares of a par value of \$1; but with the promise of the Yreka group on Mount Richards, and the extraordinary developments of the Comstock and Superior groups of claims at Quatsino Sound, on the west coast, the prospect for investment seems to be a hopeful one.

#### THE LENORA-MOUNT SICKER MINE.

The new five-drill Holman compressor plant has been installed on the Lenora mine, and is working very satisfactorily indeed. This well-known pioneer mine of the district is now

mately 100,000 tons of ore are in sight. The aerial tramway that is to convey ore from the mine to the E. & N. Railway siding near Somenos is about two-thirds of the way through, Mr. Riblet personally superintending the work. The grading and foundations for the smelter at Ladysmith are already completed, and the erection of buildings will commence immediately. The company are now starting a sawmill of their own at Mount Sicker.

#### THE RICHARD III. BONDED.

The Richard III. claim, with the Alice, Golden Queen, and Golden Rod, adjoining the Tyee mine, have been bonded, through the agency of Mr. E. W. Molander, to a strong syndicate, and there is not a little speculation at Mount Sicker as to the members who form it. The main fact, however, is that development work is to be immediately proceeded with, and a steam hoist is being installed. A shaft is already sunk for 100 feet.

#### THE STRIKE NEAR CROFTON.

Particulars are gradually coming to hand of the strike near Crofton. Mr. C. Brown, of Nicola, B. C., is the lucky prospector who has staked several claims in the vicinity, mostly adjoining the Mount Sicker railway line. Mr. Brown has now sold the Tidal Wave claim to a local company, of which Messrs. J. T. Pearce, of Crofton, and Howe, of Chemainus, are prominent members. Assay values of the ore on the Tidal Wave go to \$13 in gold, with 20 per cent. of copper.

## CONDITIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

The following copy of a letter from Mr. E. Hutcherson to the Deputy Minister of Agriculture is published for general information:

Claremont, Western Australia,  
J. R. Anderson, Esq., Victoria, B. C.: May 3, 1902.

I have often thought of writing to you, and regret not having seen you before leaving British Columbia.

I have now had a year's experience in the Australian Commonwealth, having in turn visited each of the states—Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. I made notes at the time, intending to write, giving you a description of the fruit and other pests found affecting fruit, and other trees and plants as well.

I would be pleased, should you care to have them, of extending the same and giving you a description of a number of insects, as well as fungus diseases, that are prevalent here and that were quite new to me, and may be so to you, and from the tone of the press, as well as the feeling of the people, there is no doubt that Australia is going to make an effort to increase her trade with Canada, and more especially her fruit trade. And at the same time I would call your attention to the fact that there is a good opening here for some of the upper country apples of British Columbia, to reach here in October, November and December, and even as late as January. Of course, I can only speak personally of last season; during those months good sound apples were worth 20 shillings per 50-lb. case, and even now at this early date imported Tasmanians are selling for 15 shillings, while good locals, good in color and well packed, at auction go as high as 17 shillings. I certainly would advise some of your best shippers to make a trial shipment here this winter. On account of the position I hold here it would be impossible for me to have anything to do with them, more than I would be able to know what they brought, and the charges. There are several good reliable firms here, and I enclose the names of two, and if you were to make shipments of say 50 cases each per month, would give them a good trial. It would be necessary to get a through rate to Fremantle, as the Canadian-Australian seteamers only come as far as Sydney. It is hardly necessary for me to say that only good apples need be sent, and of good shipping quality, in good strong cases, the apples wrapped in light paper and the case bound with light hoop, iron or wire. Quite a number of Californian apples reached here last December, beautiful fruit, and would have brought at least 30 shillings per case, but they would not stand the inspection test for codlin moth, as they condemn on traces, though the grub may have left the fruit before leaving California. The whole lot was burned. The names of the firms are as follows: Gilbert J. Sharpe, Fremantle, W. A.; N. J. Simper, Fremantle, W. A. The latter is wholesale only, while the former are the largest dealers in the state, and have retail stores in all the mining centres. As regards the inspection in this state, I have been on the staff for the last eight months, and have been fortunate in being placed on the staff at Fremantle, where we have the most up-to-date buildings and plant for fumigating and inspecting fruit and fruit trees there is in existence. The main building is 150 feet long by 50 feet wide, with boiler buildings on the end and two large incinerators in the yard for the destroying of infected fruit and cases. To give you some idea of the system adopted, all fruit trees, plants, nuts, etc., on reaching this port are placed on board trucks and run down to the fruit sheds; apples, pears and quinces are at once placed in the fumigating rooms, to destroy any codlin grubs that might be on the cases; the cases are then opened and the fruit placed on tables, each case separately, and all rotten fruit and wrappings removed and burned; they are then examined, and should codlin grubs or traces of the same be found, the whole case is at once returned to the case it was taken from, and burned. In the case of oranges and lemons, the wrappings are first removed and the fruit put into fresh cases before being fumigated. All cases are first put into steam rooms (of which there are three) before being used again; there is also a large tank in the yard, containing a solution of caustic soda, which is kept at boiling heat, that can be used for dipping cases and lids, but most importers prefer the steaming. All work in the sheds, with the exception of the inspection, is done by the importers or their employees. The Government makes a charge for inspecting. The revenue for 1901 was something over \$10,000, and 78,175 cases of fruit and 116,760 trees and plants were treated. So far there have been no codlin moths in this state, and every effort is being made to keep them out. Up to September, 1901, the importation of apples, pears and quinces was prohibited from countries where codlin moths were known to exist, and apples went up to one shilling per pound, and those who had bearing orchards here made small fortunes, but while they have kept out the codlin they have allowed the Mediterranean fruit fly to get in, and it has now quite a hold on what is known as the suburban district, in and around Perth, probably 25 miles long by 12 wide. The Government is using every means to keep it from spreading and to stamp it out. I would certainly advise you in British Columbia to be on your guard against this most destructive insect pest, and would be pleased to write you again concerning it.

Yours truly,  
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### TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

**T**HE Editor regrets exceedingly that owing to a sudden illness he was unable to make arrangements to have the Crofton Gazette and Cowichan News adequately issued last week, and for the same reason its issue is a day late this week.

### A RECREATION GROUND.

We hope that Croftonians will be able to get their recreation ground. Their sporting proclivities, led by those of the smelting company, are very keen, and it would not take very many dollars to make the field in which the present baseball games are held a very good ground.

### THE STEAMER SERVICE.

A great many complaints have reached us about the steamer service from Sidney. Undoubtedly this has been very irregular, and great inconveniences have been incurred; but we understand that the steamer Strathcona will be permanently on the service from to-morrow. It was owing to leakage in her water tubes that she had to be taken off for repairs. Now, however, these have been renewed and amply tested, and further delays need not be feared.

### IS IT TRACY ?

A rumour reaches us that a man answering to the description of Tracy, the notorious convict, has been seen in the neighbourhood, though he has not yet held anybody up. It is surmised that this highwayman may have been smuggled across from Seattle amongst the consignment of machinery that has just arrived for the smelter company.

### THE WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply has not been all it ought to be of late, but there are various causes to account for this. The smelter contractors have been using a great deal of water, and have drawn off a large part of the supply. On Saturday next, however, their pipe will be cut off, and then Croftonians in all parts of the town may rely on a constant supply. Mr. Jeffrey, the townsite agent, is indefatigable in his efforts, as all know, to perfect the system, and has already earned golden opinions.

### THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The public schools are all breaking up for the summer holidays. These after all are only of a few weeks' duration, and come at a time when people forsake their business for

pleasure as much as possible. The Government is no exception to this rule, and we would like to have heard of something definite having been done towards the establishment of a public school at Crofton before the prorogation of Parliament. A public school at Crofton is now an absolute necessity, and if families continue to pour into the town as they are doing at present, the necessity for some means of education for the children will be a crying need, and the neglect of its fulfilment a crying disgrace to the governing powers.

We note that there are no less than 22 applicants for foreshore rights in the Cowichan district.

The B. C. Mining Exchange, of Vancouver, in starting a new and enlarged series, has a lengthy article on Crofton and its progress. Our contemporary is evidently alive to the importance of the Mount Sicker Mining district.

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**Crofton Up to Date.**

**PROGRESS OF THE SMELTER.**

**G**REAT activity is apparent at present on the work of smelter construction, and every day sees the completion of some portion of the work. The big stack is built up to its height of 125 feet, and towers over the rest of the buildings. The large dust chamber at its base is nearly finished, the flue to connect with the furnaces having been completed some time ago. The furnace and converter houses are in an advanced stage of construction, and a few days more should see their completion. A new converter stack has already been erected. A cupola furnace has arrived and will be ready for its work almost immediately. Most of the sampling machinery has been placed in the sampling house. The Connesville blowers and the engine are in place. Several new lines of rails have been laid, connecting the different portions of the works, and the trestle work over the ore bins will be run out 60 feet further, to allow of a whole trainload of cars being unloaded at once. The assay office is completed, with the necessary furnaces built in brick-work, and contains also a laboratory fully equipped, and giving evidences of assay work already having been done. The end of the month will certainly see the last of the contractors, Messrs. Smith & Sherbourne, and not unlikely may see the commencement of the first smelting operations on Vancouver Island.

**LONG - DISTANCE TELEPHONE.**

The long-distance telephone was inaugurated last week, and now at Mr. Dyke's store anybody can talk with his friends in Victoria or Nanaimo, or elsewhere, direct. This is an advantage inestimable to business men.

**BUILDING.**

A great deal of building is going on, and the town is beginning to assume quite an urban aspect, with well-defined streets. Messrs. Mackintosh & Craig are putting up four new houses on Arthur Street for the estate. Of the five houses erected on King and Robert streets, four have already been let. The fifth is not yet completed. Several other lot-holders are also contemplating the erection of new houses.

**MOUNT SICKER NOTES.**

We have to offer our felicitations to Mrs. Andrew McNeil, of Mount Sicker, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Bebeau's new hotel at Mount Sicker, the "Brenton," was opened last week with appropriate celebrations. Mr. Edward Kierstead, who has left the Lenora mine boarding house, has, we believe, undertaken the management of the new hotel.

Dwelling houses for miners' families are very badly wanted in the townsite—dozens of them—and there is a splendid opportunity here for an enterprising builder.

Dr. O. M. Jones has been visiting Mount Sicker.

**OUTSIDE OPINION.**

Mr. E. P. Gilman, of the eminent mining firm of Pellew-Harvey, Bryant & Gilman, thus expresses his opinion of the smelter now being built by the Northwestern Smelting & Refining Company at Crofton:

"There can be no doubt," said Mr. Gilman, "that the Crofton smelter is one of the best appointed plants in the world. Messrs. Bellinger and Breen have, of course, built other smelters, and that at Crofton is the result of their experience in the past. It must not be forgotten that the smelter is strong evidence that those gentlemen have every confidence in the wealth and permanency of the mines at Mount Sicker, which are splendidly situated for the cheap transportation of ore."

**LOCAL NOTES.**

Miss Macfarlane has left for Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Tozier have taken one of Mr. Dunne's houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Mr. and Mrs. Baker are now occupying Mrs. Greaves' two houses.

Mr. Davitt has arrived in town. He has been appointed furnace master to the smelter company. He and Miss Genevieve Davitt have been staying at the Crofton Hotel.

Mr. M. J. Conlin, of the Crofton Hotel, has been obliged to rent a six-roomed house at the back of his hotel to accommodate his visitors.

All the hotels are overflowing.

Mr. J. Davitt has taken one of the new houses on Robert Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Rombauer and family will shortly move into their new house on Robert Street.

Mrs. Parker Clark, wife of the popular foreman of the contractors, Messrs. Smith & Sherbourne, has lately arrived. She and her husband and family are staying at the Osborne Hotel.

Amongst the arrivals at the Osborne Hotel have been: Mrs. Parker Clark; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith; Miss Olive Smith; Miss Edna McKeown; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. De Foe, of Victoria; and Messrs. D. McLeod, from Trail; Anthony Anderson, Nanaimo; J. Swan, Seattle; L. G. McKenzie; W. J. Hanna; and W. W. Duncan, of the Flour and Spice Mills, Victoria.

At the Crofton Hotel have been registered: Mr. J. Davitt and Miss Genevieve Davitt; Mr. and Mrs. Dixon and family; Mrs. Kirkwood and daughter; Mr. Walter J. Ball, of Tacoma; and Messrs. J. H. Frank, W. W. Thomas and H. E. Campbell.

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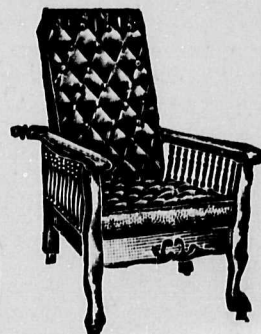
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### MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the North Cowichan Municipal Council on the 28th ultimo, the minutes were read and confirmed. Mr. W. A. Woods asked for advice re draining his land. He was referred to fence-viewers.

Mr. E. M. Yarwood, on behalf of Mr. Thompson, applied for a wholesale liquor license at Somenos station. This was refused, pending legal advice as to powers.

Messrs. T. A. Wood, F. Price, H. Keast, T. Pitt and H. Smith, directors of the Duncans Waterworks Company, joined the Council in going seriatim through points taken by Messrs. Crease & Crease to amend by-law in interests of municipality. Some amendments were made, and these with the by-law were sent to the solicitors to be re-drafted, and as soon as in shape will be submitted to the taxpayers.

Accounts to the amount of \$164 were passed by the Finance Committee.

The Reeve presented a report of the Roads Committee on proposed Speck's road.

The amendment to Schedule "A," By-Law No. XIV., raising hawkers' license to \$25 for six months, was finally passed. Council adjourned to call of Reeve.

### LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

At a committee meeting of the Cowichan Lawn Tennis Club on Saturday last, it was decided that the tournament should be held on the 25th and 26th of July this year, the events to be as follows: Ladies' singles (open), gentlemen's singles (open), ladies' doubles (open), gentlemen's doubles (open), ladies' singles (handicap), gentlemen's singles (handicap), ladies' doubles (handicap), gentlemen's doubles (handicap), mixed doubles (handicap). The entrance fee for open events is \$1 per head. In the club events no member will be allowed to play who has not paid his subscription for this season. Entries for all events to be made to the Secretary not later than Saturday, July 19.

### TRANSFER OF LICENSE.

The Licensing Commissioners met on Wednesday and granted transfer of the license held by the late George Koenig, of the Shawnigan Lake Hotel, to his widow, Mrs. Koenig, by whom the hotel business will be carried on.

### CASES IN COURT.

Before J. Maitland-Dougall, Esq., as magistrate, sitting at the Court at Duncans, four Indians were last week charged by the provincial constable, Mr. A. H. Lomas, with drunkenness, and fined \$5 each. On the 5th instant another Indian was also fined \$5 for the same offence. On the same date Mr. F. Beaumont was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs for supplying liquor to Indians. Several other cases of drunks amongst Siwash and Chinamen are pending.

### PING-PONG TOURNAMENT AND SALE OF WORK.

The ladies of St. Peter's Church, Quamichan, are holding a sale of work at the Agricultural Hall, Duncans, on Wednesday, the 16th instant.

Stalls will be held by several ladies for the sale of tea, ice cream, fruits and other refreshments.

Mr. E. Pimbury, the president, and Mr. S. Harrison, secretary, announce that gifts of fruits, etc., will be thankfully received.

Doors open free from 3 p. m. to 8 p. m., and the proceeds of the sale will be devoted to the funds of the church.

In connection with the above a ping-pong tournament will be held, commencing at 2 p. m. The events will be women's singles, women's doubles, men's singles, men's doubles, and mixed doubles. Prizes will be given. Entrance fee for single events, 25c.; for double events, 50c. Persons wishing to enter must communicate with Mrs. F. H. Maitland-Dougall, Corfield. The admission to view the play will be 25c., afternoon and evening.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL ROLLS OF HONOR.

The public school at Duncans broke up for the summer holidays last week. The rolls of honour were awarded as follows:

In Mr. Clark's section: Master Alan B. Ford, awarded as best scholar in the school; Miss Kate Robertson, Master Martin Smith, awarded for punctuality and regularity of attendance; Miss Maggie Duncan, Miss Jennie Lomas, Miss Hattie Whidden, awarded for deportment. We note that Miss

Hattie Whidden has thus repeated her success of last year, in which she also gained the roll of honour for deportment.

In Miss Lovell's section the winners are: Miss Annie Robertson, awarded for proficiency; Master Willie Truesdal, awarded for punctuality; Miss Nona Smith, Miss Blanche Truesdal, Miss Fern Harris, awarded for deportment.

### CLOSING OF MISS WILSON'S SCHOOL.

Miss Wilson's school at The Cliffs, Duncans, closed for the summer holidays on Friday last. The prizes were given some days before, but on Friday the school broke up, after a most successful term. Breaking-up day was celebrated by an entertainment, at which a large number of guests were assembled and filled the beautiful grounds. The scholars went through drill exercises, and gave a charming performance of a pastoral cantata, which was executed very prettily and with much ability. The occasion will be a pleasant memory to all who were present.

### LOCAL NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bazett and family are camping out at Mr. Dighton's place, Deepdene.

Miss Harrison is going to build a house at Duncans. We understand that Mr. J. Campbell has secured the contract for its erection.

Mrs. F. Price, of Duncans, has been visiting Victoria.

Capt. Barkley, R. N., of Westholme, went to Victoria on Wednesday to attend the Diocesan Synod.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blythe and family have returned from Shawnigan Lake.

Mr. Fred. Nelson, of the Quamichan Hotel, had his new bar installed on Wednesday last. This adds the finishing touch to his fine house. Mr. George Weiler in person superintended the placing of the bar, which was supplied by his firm and is a handsome piece of work, in solid oak with back mirrors. Mr. Nelson fitly celebrated the occasion with several bottles of wine.

The Cowichan Lake country is looking its best now, and the Lakeside Hotel, presided over by Mr. E. Price, generally has a full house of visitors.

A certain hotel proprietor this week thought he had Tracy and Merrill in the house for sure. He caught two men with a bottle of polishing oil, a packet of seidlitz powders, a dice-box and dice, and various other articles in their pockets—all belonging to him.

Mrs. H. R. Watson has joined her husband, our genial friend, "Harry," at the Quamichan Hotel.

Amongst the arrivals during the week at the Tzouhalem Hotel have been Miss E. Sellick and Miss K. Luff, of Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Oliver, nurse and child, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hearn, from London; Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Cowichan Lake; Mr. and Mrs. T. Haskell, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Irvine, Victoria; Messrs. F. M. Rattenbury, E. W. Molander; F. M. Wetherell, from Siam; E. C. Musgrave, of the Tyee, Mount Sicker; Charles Wilson, G. C. Howell, W. Peters; G. H. Barnard; J. B. H. Rickaby; W. H. Langley; H. A. Maclean, of Victoria; E. M. Skinner, of Mount Sicker; W. A. Aubin, of Vancouver; and G. Harris, from Toronto.

At the Quamichan Hotel during the week have been registered Mrs. J. W. Slaughter; Capt. A. Olsen; Capt. F. E. Ferris; Mr. and Mrs. H. Rhodes, of Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Creech; Mr. F. B. Smith, inspector of mines for the Northwest Territories; Mrs. E. Lee; Mrs. Johnson; Rev. W. N. Carr, of Crofton; Mrs. H. R. Watson; Miss Elise Huddard, of Nanaimo; Mr. and Mrs. Rhinehart and child; and Messrs. J. H. Good, of Nanaimo; George Kitchen, of Cowichan Lake; James Richards, of Victoria; Thomas Brooker; L. J. Pearce; William Hicks, of Victoria; Lambert Bond; and R. Barker, from Toronto.

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BASEBALL.

Duncans Diehards vs. Crofton Crushers.

This match was played at Duncans on the 26th ultimo, and resulted in a victory for the Duncans team by 19 runs to 6. The weather was showery, but a fair number of people turned up at the Recreation Grounds to watch the ball encounter. Wriglesworth, who pitched for Crofton, unfortunately pitched his arm out in the first innings, and Sword took his place. The game, however, all through went against the Croftonians, and their defeat was signal. A. Peterson, pitcher for the Duncanites, Dr. D. G. Perry, and indeed every member of the team worked together splendidly, and no Croftonian will begrudge them a tribute of praise for their success. C. H. Dickie, Esq., M. P. P., was umpire, and earned golden opinions from both sides.

The Crofton Hotel vs. the Osborne Hotel.

On the evening of Tuesday, the 8th instant, this match was played at Crofton, and was witnessed by over 100 persons. H. C. Bellinger, Esq., proved the sporting proclivities of the smelter company by acting as umpire. The game was really won in the first few innings by the Osbornites, to whom runs came very quickly. In the last two innings, however, the game was much more even. The result of the match was 20 to 7, in favour of the Osborne Hotel team, for whom Carter pitched. Sword and M. Conlin Jr. pitched for the Crofton.

Duncans vs. Cowichan Indians.

The Duncans team played a game against the Cowichan Indians on Tuesday, the 8th instant, and beat them, 14 to 7. Another match is being played as we go to press.

Duncans vs. Ladysmith.

On the 19th instant a match will be played at Ladysmith between the Duncans team and the Ladysmith team, and a good game will undoubtedly be witnessed; though the Ladysmith players have all the advantage of practice and training, as well as a considerable reputation.

MOUNT SICKER MINERAL FORMATIONS.

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