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"RESULT WILL BE BENEFICIAL."

The Rossland Miner, a newspaper independent in politics, makes the following editorial reference to the visit of the Minister of Mines and the Director of the Geological Survey to the mining regions of British Columbia: "The visit of Hon. Wm. Templeman, Dominion Minister of Mines, and R. W. Brock, director of the Geological Survey, to this province for the purpose of informing themselves as to the extent, value and needs of the mining and smelting industries, so that the affairs of the mining department may be better administered, shows that the Federal authorities realize their importance and are determined to keep in close touch with them. It is evidently the desire of the Federal authorities to do all that they properly can to foster and build up the mining and smelting interests."

"In order that things may be properly and intelligently done, the Minister of Mines, accompanied by the chief geologist, are here and as they in the course of their tour will come in contact with men of all shades and sorts of opinion, will hear their complaints, if they have any to make, and will listen to praise, if any is due, of the government's action and will be given a multitude of suggestions for betterment of conditions. Out of so many of councillors, good, bad and indifferent, they will be able to extract the kernel of wisdom, and will learn just what is needed to foster and advance the twin industries and they will see to it that, so far as it is in the power of the Federal government to benefit the miners, that it will be done."

"Two better equipped men than the task assigned them could not have been selected. Mr. Templeman is a pioneer of British Columbia and has watched it grow from a few thousand population, with several small towns, into the opulent province that it is today, with many large centres and hundreds of smaller towns. During the many years that Mr. Templeman has been in the province he has kept in close touch with its growth and development through being proprietor and editor of the Victoria Times, one of the best evening papers in the province. He is a trained and close observer of affairs and knows this province as well as the average man knows his own house. His rejoicing to see the province, of which he has so long been a worthy and enterprising citizen, advance in wealth and greatness. Mr. Templeman, while quiet in his methods, is a man of extraordinary ability and is more of a statesman than a politician."

"R. W. Brock's knowledge of the province, while less broad, is certainly larger in one direction than Mr. Templeman's, as he knows the geology and mineral resources perhaps better than any man in it. There are none more enthusiastic than he is so far as geology is concerned and nothing pleases him better than to see our mining and mining interests flourishing. Mr. Brock has a brilliant future before him in his chosen profession."

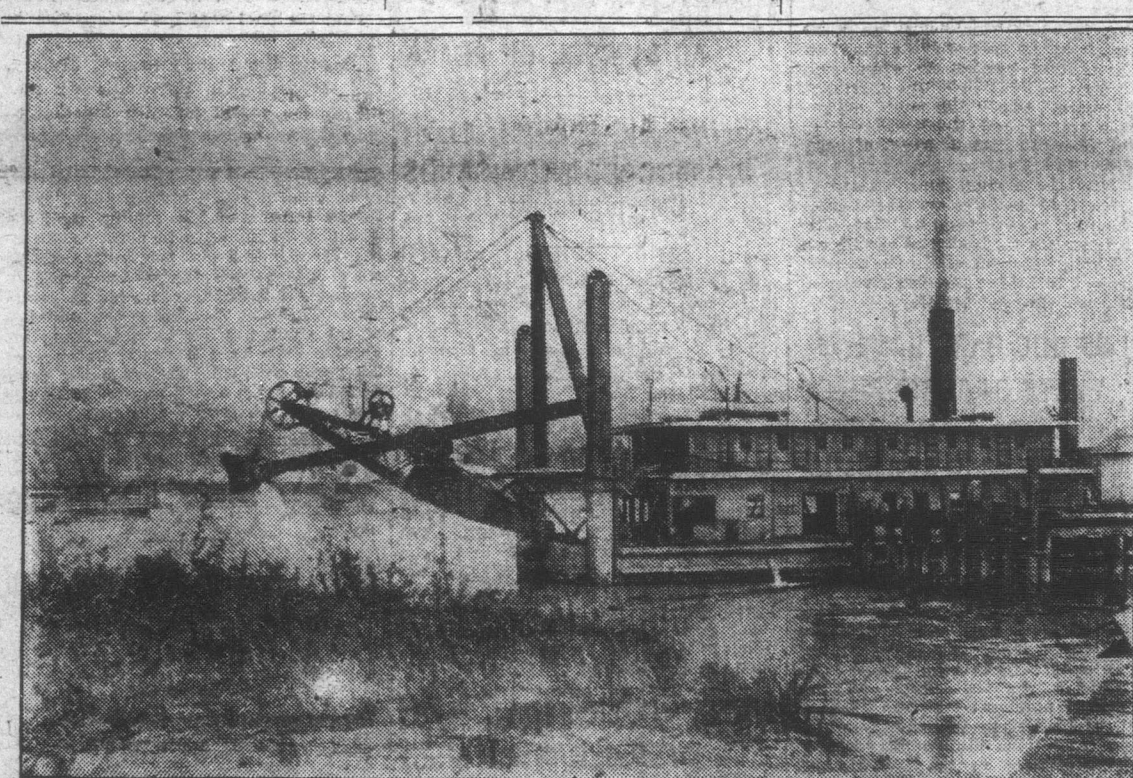
TAXATION AND REVENUE.

We do not know that the issue raised, or attempted to be raised, with respect to the rate of taxation under the present government of Canada as compared with the rate under a previous government, is worthy of serious consideration. The people who pay the taxes understand the matter thoroughly, and it will be exceedingly difficult to convince them, in the light of experience, that the increase of revenue is due to an increased rate of taxation. They know, and the critics of the government know, although they profess ignorance, that the treasury of the Dominion is overflowing to-day, as it has been for ten years, because business is buoyant, because trade has grown beyond precedent in the history of this or any other country. And the reason for the growth of trade is to be found in the all-around reduction of taxation. Expanding trade, under our fiscal system, necessarily results in increased revenue. During the past year trade has declined and revenue has fallen correspondingly, but no one with any regard for the intelligence of the public dare argue that because business has fallen off, and the decline is reflected in the receipts at the public treasury, that the people are better off or the country in a more desirable position than they were, or it was, during the period of greatest buoyancy in business. If any one attempted to maintain such a proposition he would be regarded as either a dishonest man or an imbecile. The Colonist and its friends seeking a nomination for Parliamentary honors may accept which horn of the dilemma they please. The burden of taxation in 1908 as compared with 1896 is lighter

not only by the difference between the amount that is paid under the present rate of duty as compared with what would have been paid under the rate prevailing before 1896, but by the additional amount which former higher duties enabled the industries affected by the higher duties to take from the Canadian consumers of their products.

But do the persons who affect to be concerned about the excessive revenue alleged to be "extracted from the people" proposed to reduce the duties? Do they suggest that because the rate of taxation is too high that the tariff exactions be cut down as the only means of giving relief? Not at all. Those who speak with authority as leaders of the Conservative party claim that the duties are too low. One says the tariff ought to be elevated "as high as Haman's gallows." Another claims that eastern manufacturers enjoying protection ranging from twenty per cent. as against British goods to fifty per cent. as against German goods are being ruined by the competition of the manufacturers of the two countries named. If the demands of these manufacturing interests were acceded to, and the Conservative party is pledged to such "accession," would such a policy have the result of lessening the burdens of taxation? It might have that apparent effect, because it would check importations and decrease the amount of duties paid into the treasury. But it would also increase the price of goods to consumers by an amount corresponding to the rate of tariff increase, and the manufacturers would wax fat at the public expense, but, like their neighbors in the United States and Jeshurun of old, they would probably not cease to kick.

The return of the Conservative party to power in the year 1908 would probably have the effect of reducing Canada to a position analogous to the position she occupied in 1896. The revival of the National Policy would unquestionably check the flow of revenue into the Dominion treasury. But it does not necessarily follow that a reversion to the old order is desirable except from the point of view of a very small portion of the population of the country. If Canada is to continue to prosper she must have an expanding revenue. There are many mighty national works yet to be accomplished. They cannot be undertaken unless a government be maintained in power which is endowed with all the qualities necessary to the situation—statesmanlike sagacity, courage and enterprise.



Dredge Ajax, for Marine and Fisheries Work.

The above reproduction from a photograph shows the dipper dredge at work while undergoing trials in New Westminster. The Ajax, which arrived here this morning and will shortly commence work in Victoria harbor, is one of the biggest and best-equipped dredges of her class afloat. She can lift 400 cubic yards of mud in an hour.

HOUSE ON DALLAS ROAD BURGLARIZED

Residence of William Meed is Entered and Various Articles Taken.

(From Friday's Daily.)
The residence of William Meed, "Grandview," 664 Dallas road, was broken into last night and quite a lot of valuables taken, the exact amount and description of which the owner was not prepared to say when questioned by a reporter for the Times.
Mr. Meed left his house yesterday and did not return to it until noon today, when he found every evidence of the place having been burglarized. Drawers, etc., had been rifled and their contents scattered about the floors and generally the appearance of the house showed that it had been ransacked. How entrance was effected is not plain, but the police are investigating the matter this afternoon, having been notified of his loss by Mr. Meed shortly after 1 o'clock. The detective department has taken up the matter, but in the meantime have nothing to give out concerning the occurrence.

—Maurice Thompson, who has just resigned his position as operator of the Pacific Wireless Company's office in this city to accept the management of the station to be opened in the Driedland a few days, was for two years in the employ of the President Wireless Company at the Old Point Comfort government station, and has been with the Pacific company two years.

DREDGE AJAX HAS ARRIVED

BIG MUD-THROWER IS READY FOR BUSINESS

New Dominion Government Dipper is One of Most Powerful Afloat.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
After an uneventful trip from New Westminster the tug Fearless arrived in port this morning with the big new Dominion government dipper dredge Ajax. The dredge, which completed a series of successful trials before leaving New Westminster, is one of the finest dipper dredges in existence and has a capacity of 450 cubic yards an hour.

The hull of the Ajax is built of steel throughout and its dimensions are: Length, 115 feet; beam, 33 feet, and 11.5 feet moulded depth. The machinery is enclosed in a main deck-house and a cabin deck-house is comfortably fitted for the accommodation of the officers and crew.

From the standpoint of power it is doubtful if there is another dredge of the dipper class in use on this continent which exceeds the Ajax. A Scotch marine boiler, fitted with corrugated furnaces 40 inches in diameter, supplies steam and has working pressure of 150 pounds. The main engine is double cylindered and works at high speed. It is double-geared to the main hoisting drum and is capable of lifting 50 tons with a steam pressure of 125 pounds. The main hoisting drum is geared to take a 3 by 2-inch wire cable and is 44 inches by 50 inches.

The two forward spuds are most substantial, being 66 feet long and 36 inches by 28 inches wide. They are operated by a 2½-inch wire cable, the drums for which are driven from the main engine by means of a friction gear which is operated by a steam cylinder. The single stern spud is also 66 feet long and 30 inches by 30 inches wide and is operated by a wire cable 1½ inches in diameter, running on a 24-inch drum, operated by a 3 by 3 double-cylinder, double-geared hoisting engine. All spuds are secured in place by heavy cast-steel keepers.

The swinging engine which operates the boom or dipper, is 8 by 12 and is placed on the main deck, being connected with the boom by a cable 1½ inches in diameter.

The Ajax is also fitted with a con-

HEADACHES ARE DANGER SIGNALS

THEY TELL US PLAINLY THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG INSIDE.

There are tablets and powders that will stop a headache promptly—but removing a danger signal does not take away the danger.

In nearly every case a headache—of whatever kind—is a symptom of poisoned blood, due to Bowels, Kidneys and Skin failing to thoroughly remove indigestible food and waste, worn-out tissue from the body. Then digestion is poor, causing sick headaches, or uric acid is formed and deposited on the nerves, causing neuralgia.

Not only the danger signal, but the danger itself as well, is quickly removed by "Fruit-a-tives."
"Fruit-a-tives" are tablets made of the combined juices of oranges, apples, figs and prunes, containing all their medicinal properties, concentrated and intensified. They cause the liver to secrete more bile, which moves the bowels freely and regularly, and cures the most obstinate cases of Constipation. They stir up kidneys and skin to throw off all the urea, or dead tissue, which has been poisoning the system. They sweeten the stomach, improve digestion and tone up the whole body. The headaches disappear—because the source is removed. 50c. a box—for \$2.50. Trial size, 25c. Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

MUSICIANS ADVANCE PRICES FOR SERVICES

Victoria Musical Society Confronted With Difficulties in Getting Attractions.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The Victoria Musical Society, which has for a number of years been the medium for bringing to this city a series of high class musical entertainments, is confronted this year, it is said, by a serious difficulty. The aim of the society has not been to make money, but to provide about four of the best musical attractions available at a price that would clear expense. Only those artists who otherwise would not come here have been brought by the society, guaranteeing the prices asked by the managers of the attractions.

Last year the society was able to carry a fair surplus over, and was preparing to bring some of the very top

THE SATURDAY SPECIALS ARE GOOD

Extra Specials for To-day

A big lot of Woodenware will be offered to-day in the annex at prices that are sure to appeal to thrifty people. These articles are all priced considerably under the regular figures and are exceptional values at these prices.

EXTENSION CLOTHES HORSES, 5 feet high. To-day, special **75c**
SALT BOXES, for kitchen use. To-day, special **15c**
WOOD TOWEL RINGS, polished, 6-in. size. To-day, special **15c**
CLOTHES WRINGERS, iron frames. To-day, special **\$3.25**
CLOTHES WRINGERS, iron frames, new style universal spring. To-day's special price **\$3.75**
CLOTHES WRINGERS, wood frame. Cane clamping attachment. To-day's special price **\$3.90**
MOP WRINGER PAILS, held together by strong wire laid in grooves. To-day, special **\$1.50**
BRASS RING WASH BOARDS, only metal that has stood the test of Elk Lake. To-day, special **35c**
FOLDING WOOD HORSES, very strong. To-day, special **75c**
FOLDING CLOTHES DRYERS, special 75c
SKIRT IRONING BOARDS, 12-in. width. To-day, special **65c**
SKIRT IRONING BOARDS, 10-in. width. To-day, special **45c**
SLEEVE IRONING BOARDS. To-day, special **35c**
WOOD KNIFE BOXES, two compartments. To-day, special **35c**
WOOD TOWEL ROLLERS, plain finish. To-day, special **10c**

WOOD TOWEL ROLLERS, varnished, and has metal ends. To-day, special **15c**
WOOL TOWEL ROLLER, swell finish, large roller, easy to operate. To-day, special **20c**
HEAVY AXES, to-day, special **65c**
SPICE CABINETS, 8 compartments, a kitchen treasure. To-day, special **\$1.25**
STEP LADDERS, assorted sizes. To-day, special, per step **25c**
CROQUET SETS, 8 ball, 6 mallet. To-day, special **\$1.00**
CROQUET SETS, 6 ball, 7 mallet. To-day, special **\$1.25**
CROQUET SETS, 8 ball, 7 mallet. To-day, special **\$1.25**
CROQUET SETS, 8 ball, 8 mallet. To-day, special **\$1.50**
FOLDING CLOTHES DRYERS. To-day, special **75c**
PASTRY BOARDS, with 2 1/2 rim. To-day, special **45c**
PASTRY BOARDS, plain style. To-day, special **35c**
PASTRY BOARDS, plain style. To-day, special **25c**
PASTRY BOARDS, plain style. To-day, special **15c**
WOOD GARMENT HANGERS. To-day, special **10c**
WOOD TUBS, improved style, four sizes. To-day, special, \$1.50 and **\$1.25**

Saturday's Shoe Specials

If you go down to the bottom of any great business, you will find that the whole secret OF LOW PRICES LIES IN ONE FACT: THE MAGNITUDE OF THE BUSINESS. It is our big turnover which enables us to cut out the middle-man and small manufacturer and buy at Rock Bottom Prices. That is why we are able to sell at prices as low as many shoe dealers pay. Of the many new lines received for Fall, the following command special attention:

BOYS' STOUT GRAIN LACED BOOTS, solid leather soles, inner soles and counter. Sizes 1 to 5, **\$1.75**; sizes 11 to 13 **\$1.50**
MEN'S FINE DONGOLA BARMOLAL LACED BOOTS, extension edge, sewn soles. Price **\$3.00**
MEN'S SUPERIOR SATIN CALF BLUCHER CUT BOOTS, stout Goodyear welted soles, medium toe. Price **\$4.00**

WOMEN'S FINE DONGOLA KID LACED BOOTS, self tips, extension edge, sewn soles, a line of superior quality **\$2.50**
CHILDREN'S AND MISSES' FINE DONGOLA KID LACED BOOTS, sizes 8 to 10½, spring heels, **\$1.50**; sizes 11 to 2, low heels **\$1.75**
A special line of MISSES' OIL PEBBLE GRAIN LEATHER LACED BOOTS, Sizes 11 to 2. Price **\$1.75**

Our Hosiery Department Specials

WOMEN'S BLACK CASHMERE HOSE, a new number and the best quality we have yet had at this price. Special at **35c**
WOMEN'S BLACK CASHMERE HOSE, an extra good quality. Special at **25c**
WOMEN'S COTTON HOSE, fine, smooth quality. Special at **25c**
WOMEN'S DROP STITCH HOSE, nice quality and extra special value at **35c**
CHILDREN'S RIBBED LISLE HOSE, very serviceable and extra value, all sizes **25c**

Some Notion Items Just Received

FANCY JEWELLED AND PLAIN LACE COLLAR SPREADERS, special at **50c**
BELT BUCKLES, in gun metal, gilt and pearl. Special values at 75c, 50c and **25c**
SHELL SIDE COMBS, special at 75c, 50c and **25c**
SHELL BACK COMBS, special at 50c and **25c**
SHELL HAIR BARRETTEES, special at 15c and **10c**
TOLMAN'S TRANSLUCENT COLLAR SUPPORTERS, flexible and will not break; sizes 1½ to 3¼. Per card of 5 **5c**
LEATHER SHOPPING BAGS, some very special values, with draw string and leather handles, colors, brown, black and tan. Extra values at \$2.00, \$1.75 and **\$1.25**
TOLMAN'S PEARLBONE VELVET FINISH COLLAR, supports for black or white lace collars, will not glister or show through. Per card of 6 **10c**
HAIR PADS, in light, red and dark brown. Each **65c**
HAIR NETS, all shades, small and large sizes, 15c and **10c**

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

ANOTHER ERA OF GENERAL PROSPERITY

Dominion Bank Manager Prophesies What Future Holds in Store.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 2.—The Dominion is slowly but surely recovering from the financial depression that set in last year. Already the tide has turned in the other direction. Conditions are shaping for another era of general development and industrial expansion, a movement which promises in view of the lessons of the past, not to assume undue proportions or possess elements of weakness.
This is the view expressed to-day by C. A. Bogart, general manager of the Dominion Bank, which established a branch in Vancouver nearly a year ago. Mr. Bogart has just concluded a thorough investigation of the situation in Manitoba and the new provinces,

FIRE DESTROYS FOUR THOUSAND HOUSES

Japanese Town is Laid Waste—Fearful Scene of Destruction.

Tokio, Sept. 4.—Dispatches from the City of Niigata, in the Ichigo province, eighteen miles northwest of this city, tell of a fire which occurred yesterday in which four thousand houses were destroyed by the flames.
Fearful scenes of destitution and suffering are reported as a result of the disaster and the government is rendering every possible assistance to the inhabitants of the stricken city.
Niigata is a city of over 40,000 inhabitants and is an open port on the west coast of the Island of Honshu.

MEN'S SHIRTS \$1.25 to \$3.00

We haven't said much lately about Men's Shirts, because we have been so busy with Fall Suits. In the meantime, some of the prettiest patterns in English Zephyr Shirts that the season has produced have arrived, and are now on sale.
Now Hats, too, have been added to our stock, and we now have a fine
COLLECTION OF MEN'S HATS FROM \$3.00 TO \$5.00.

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WILL HOLD RECEPTION FOR MINING

Premier McBride Request of the Committee

The provincial government will hold a reception in honor of the Canadian Mining the European mining are accompanying the British Columbia at the buildings on the evening, Sept. 23. This was given by Premier McBride in charge of arrangements for the visit stay in Victoria. The on the lines of that the American Institute of Engineers and the Canadian a few years ago and the public generally.
The delegation from Leiser, president of the T. Jacobs, secretary of the branch of the Canadian tute, and W. H. T. William Blakely, J. W. McCurdy, Charles W. Peterson, Louis H. Eberts, speaker of the J. A. Turner. It was Premier McBride and his After the delegation itself the premier asked that the government ception on Wednesday 23rd in the parliament addition to this there party for the visit afternoon, Sept. 22nd, House and is probably business men and board at the board on Tuesday night. They need to Nanaimo on they will be in the council and Western Friday morning they Vancouver on the stea

INDIAN MURDER

SHUSWAP (From Saturday

A murder has taken wap, an Indian named ing his life in a shoot yesterday. His assailant, Martin Andrew, only in meagre information received by Supt. Husvical police. Andrew, ting the crime, made a mountain and is being police authorities under Chief Constable Fern was committed yesterday. It is hoped that by of the Indians of the trib in the search for And will be apprehended. general's department ward of \$100 in the ho result in his appreh. Hussey has instructed spare no pains in sander and bringing him

—John Henry, a slim fishman, who was arrested at the time of the rec which another man is term in penitentiary. been held on account of his intellect, is to be Milne, Dominion imm With him will go Jo who is also being sent in England as being a health being poor and weak.

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