# REFUSES TO RUN

**E. V. Bodwell Declines to Become an Opposition Candidate.**

# SEMLIN IS VERY WEAK

**The Opponents of the Turner Government Are Evidently in Great Straits, as They Seem to Be Short of Leaders of Force and Ability.**

VICTORIA, Feb. 11.—[Special.]—E. V. Bodwell has definitely decided not to become a candidate in the interests of the opposition at the forthcoming provincial elections.

Your correspondent is enabled, from information he has received from an authorative source, to make the above announcement, which will cause a mild sensation in political circles throughout the province.

Notwithstanding the urgent requests which have been pouring in upon him from day to day, to consent to enter the provincial arena and labor in the interests of the foes of the Turner government, Mr. Bodwell has finally announced his determination not to enter politics. While it was known that Mr. Bodwell was, for some time back, somewhat uncertain as to what his attitude would be in the approaching provincial campaign, his friends still had every hope of being able to induce him to consent to become a candidate, and his refusal has been a heavy blow to the hopes and aspirations of party managers here. Just what reasons induced Mr. Bodwell to arrive at this decision it would be interesting to know.

Mr. Bodwell's refusal to enter the field puts the party with whose political principles he is in sympathy in a bad plight. No man of intelligence who has any knowledge of the political situation in this province today believes for one moment that Mr. Semlin, the present leader of the opposition, is capable of carrying his party to victory. His warmest friends readily acknowledge that he possesses none of the qualities which fit a man for the successful leadership of a political party. No one doubts his sterling honesty; no one questions his integrity; but that is all. He is a "nice old gentleman," nothing more. He has but little ability and force.

**What Will the Party Do?**

What, then, is his party going to do if they hope to be successful at the polls? Echo answers What? There is not one man whose presence is visible on the political horizon today in sympathy with the anti-Turnerites who may be looked to render adequate assistance at this trying hour; and if it were ever wise to venture a prophecy, a knowledge of the situation as it is today justifies one in saying that the opposition is out of the running, that the Turner government are certain of being returned to power.

The opposition party are not only weak—they are continually showing it, which adds to the sadness of their position. Take the "platform" fiasco. Were ever voters in this manner wooed; were ever voters in this manner won? Some time previous to the assembling of the Westminster Liberal convention, Mr. Semlin and other members of the opposition in the house promulgated and issued a "platform," upon which, they declared, the opposition party would stand or fall. This action was legitimate and to be expected, leaving to one side the question as to the merits of the platform; but the platform did not meet with the approval of the Liberal element in the party, and what did the Liberals do? Did they do what men understanding the mere rudiments of the game would have done?—call a meeting of Liberals and suggest certain amendments to the Semlin platform, with the request that these amendments be embodied in the original manifesto, to be afterwards ratified by a convention of the opposition party, not by Liberals. No; they called a Liberal convention and prepared another platform!

**Confronted by Two Platforms.**

As the matter stands today, then, the opponents of the Turner government throughout the country are confronted by two "platforms"; one the work of Mr. Semlin, the acknowledged leader of the party, and one the handiwork of the Liberals. Could anything be more ridiculous? And the most amusing part of the matter is that the Liberals themselves have never had an opportunity to ratify or endorse the "platform" prepared by their committee? Surely it is unnecessary to say anything further to show that the opposition party, the party which is going to "sweep the Turner government from power, and inaugurate a system of government of the people for the people and by the people," etc., etc., is in a hopelessly disorganized condition.

To make a bad matter worse—to drive, apparently, the party managers to the very verge of desperation, comes The Province, with its weekly edition of disgraceful comment. Your correspondent is in a position to state that very many of the strongest opponents of the Turner administration deplore most deeply the asinine attacks of The Province upon provincial ministers, attacks calculated, as they are as a matter of fact doing, to cause many defections from the ranks of the opposition. The Province the other day announced that Messrs. Turner and Pooley were dead, encasing this "funny" article in a deep black border. The publication of this "stuff" engendered a feeling of the deepest disgust in the minds of all respectable men; and nothing is more calculated to gain sympathizers and friends for the government than the continuation of such contemptible tactics.

Allusion has been made before in this correspondence to the fact that a determined effort would be made shortly after the opening of the house to defeat the government on a want of confidence motion. Why the opposition should entertain this hope with such persistency it is difficult to conceive; but it is known that assistance is looked for in this effort from Messrs. Huff and Stoddart, members for Alberni and Lillooet, respectively. Just what reasons the opposition have for believing that these two gentlemen will aid them, is not known at present; but a prominent member of the government when spoken to on the subject expressed derision at the statement that Messrs. Huff and Stoddart were likely to "flop."

**A Subject For Discussion.**

A matter that is likely to be the subject of considerable discussion on the floor of the house during this session is the despicable action of the United States government in interfering to the extent they have done with Canadian trade operations in the Yukon district. While the much-talked-of Klondike goldfields are outside the jurisdiction of the British Columbia government, yet a large portion of the rich Canadian northwest comes within the confines of the province, and it is said to be extremely probable that measures will be enacted during the coming session looking to the preservation of Canadian interests for Canadians. Such a step, or even the evincing of a desire to take such a step, would be an extremely popular move to make at this time. The cry "Canada for the Canadians" is heard on all sides from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

# AN IMPOSING OPENING

**Provincial Legislature Began at Victoria Yesterday.**

**House Warming of the Parliament Buildings Was Marked by Considerable Pomp and Ceremony.**

VICTORIA, Feb. 10.—[Special.]—The new parliament buildings opened today with the grandest and most imposing ceremonies ever seen at the commencement of this legislature. The new lieutenant-governor, Mr. McInnes, who was accompanied by a staff of nearly 40 military and naval officers, was presented with a golden key on his arrival at the gates of the main stair case. The Arion club enlivened the occasion with patriotic songs. Many thousands crowded around the buildings, but the chamber could only seat 600 people. At the opening of the proceedings prayer was offered by Bishop Perrin, after which Lieutenant-Governor McInnes and staff withdrew.

Mr. Semlin, leader of the opposition, will have the first notice of question, and he will ask if application has been made to the privy council for leave to appeal against the judgment of the supreme court in the case of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway vs. Madden.

The house adjourned till Monday, at which time the session speech from the throne will be debated.

There are chances of a fight against the grant to the railway from Telegraph creek to Teslin lake.

# SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

**Legislators Congratulated on Completion of Parliament Buildings.**

**The Revenues of the Country Expanding to Such Dimensions as to Indicate a Rapid Development.**

VICTORIA, Feb. 11.—[Special.]—At the opening of the legislative assembly yesterday, Lieutenant-Governor McInnes delivered the speech from the throne. It was as follows:

"Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

"Gentlemen,

"It is a source of much pleasure to meet you in this, the first year of my office as lieutenant-governor, and to congratulate you on the completion of these stately government buildings, so worthy of the province, so admirably adapted for the purposes for which they were designed, and in which you are now assembled for the first time.

"I am gratified to find that the revenue of the country is expanding to such dimensions as to indicate the rapid development of our undoubted resources in minerals and other natural products.

"The vast discoveries of gold in the Yukon country will give a great stimulus to commercial enterprise throughout the province, and in view of the urgent necessity of securing an all-Canadian route to the Yukon, a measure will be laid before you for furthering that object as expeditiously as possible.

"The widespread discoveries of mineral wealth in the province indicates the importance of affording increased transportation facilities for development and I commend your careful consideration on certain measures which will be introduced, tending to that desirable end.

"I have much pleasure in informing you that the efforts you made on former occasions to assist the Crow's Nest railway have in conjunction with the aid from the dominion government resulted in the construction of that railway, and there is every prospect of its completion as far as Nelson during the present year. By this means the extensive coalfields in the Crow's Nest pass will be made available and the importance to the mining industry of a good and cheap fuel cannot be exaggerated.

"I am happy to inform you that negotiations are in progress for insuring the early construction of the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern railway, which will open the rich mining camps and agricultural lands along the route.

"I am sure you will have introduced to you a bill, having for its object a redistribution in connection with the electoral districts.

"It is satisfactory to learn that the abundant harvest of last year has relieved the depression which formerly existed in our agricultural industry.

"In view of the adaptibility of our province for dairy farming, steps will be taken for promoting its development.

"Our fisheries have maintained their high reputation, and offer a wide range for further expansion.

"The timber industry has shown marked improvement during the past year."

"The revision of the statute has been completed and legislation will be introduced to give effect to the work of the commissioners.

"The estimates of the revenue and expenditure for the ensuing year will shortly be laid before you.

"With every confidence that your labors will be directed to the honor and advantage of the province and to the proper development of its resources, I now leave you to your deliberations, trusting that Divine providence will guide and assist your efforts."

**WANT A SPECIAL ACT.**

**Council Asks the Local Legislature to Provide For Another Election.**

GRAND FORKS, Feb. 9.—[Special.]—A special session of the city council was held yesterday, when it was decided to petition the local legislature to make provision for the holding of another municipal election here. The property qualification for mayor and aldermen at this election will be the same as were required by the speedy incorporation act of 1897.

Two carloads of high grade ore, loaded on five of Mitchell Bros.' big freight wagons, passed through Grand Forks yesterday on the way to Marcus, where it will be shipped to a Denver smelter for treatment.

The opposition to the present city council are petitioning the local legislature to legalize the recent election held here, which would place Peter T. McCallum in as mayor and a council composed of six anti-Manly men.

Editor Ross of the Boundary Creek Times at Greenwood, passed through town today on his way east to Ottawa, Ont., where he goes as a delegate from the Boundary country to aid in securing the charter for the Kettle River Valley railway.

F. C. Roberts of Eureka camp has been granted a saloon license, by the commissioners of Stephens county, Wash., who claim jurisdiction on the Colville reservation. Mr. Roberts will be required to give a bond in the sum of $4,000. This act of the license commissioners has created much excitement at Eureka, as the idea of having a saloon on an Indian reservation is quite a novelty.

Work is progressing rapidly on the big bridge across the main Kettle river at the head of First street.

**A NEW COMPANY.**

**Lardeau-Goldsmith Mines, Limited, Is the Name of the Corporation.**

The Lardeau-Goldsmith Mines, limited, is the name adopted for the company now being formed to take over the Ophir and Oregon mineral claims from George Goldsmith, the locator, through S. Thornton Langley, mining broker, who, hearing of their extraordinary richness when on a recent trip to the Arrow lakes, lost no time in seeing Mr. Goldsmith and obtaining the handling of them. They are situated on Pool creek, about 14 miles by wagon road and trail from Thompson's landing, at the head of Upper Arrow lake. Being within easy reach of navigation, and the ore being very high grade, the cost of transportation will be a comparatively small item. The ore is mostly gray copper, carrying gold and silver and some lead.

Mr. Griffith, late of the Trail smelter, visited these properties last October and made a very flattering report in regard to them. He states that the largest lead on the Oregon is to be seen for 1,000 feet, with a width of 50 feet in solid slate and lime formation, well mineralized with seams of solid mineral. He adds: "Taking all things into consideration, I do not hesitate to say that the property is among the best in the country, and if properly managed is destined to become a valuable mine." Mr. Griffith had two average assays made at the Trail smelter, one gave 2.8 oz. gold, 1,008 oz. silver and 18.9 per cent copper; total, $600. The other gave 1.28 oz. gold, 346 oz. silver and 11.8 per cent copper; total, $235.

The company is to be capitalized for $200,000 in 2,000,000 shares at 10 cents each, and one half of these are put in the treasury to provide ample working capital. Already quite a number of the promoting shares have been applied for, and the successful floation of the company is assured. These latter shares are all subject to a strict pool. It is gratifying to know that these rich properties will be owned by a company controlled by Rossland residents, and that the big mining interests of Kootenay are being more and more centered in Rossland.

**A FINE PROPERTY.**

**Griswold Brings a Good Account From the Chrysolite Mining Company.**

S. F. Griswold, the manager for the Chrysolite Gold Mining company, came in Saturday from the company's claim, the Chrysolite, on Norway mountain. The property lies near the head waters of Big Sheep creek. Mr. Griswold has been working a small force of men all winter, and the crosscut tunnel is now in 170 feet. For the last 60 feet the workings have been in the ledge and the foot wall has not yet been discovered. Mr. Griswold brought with him some handsome specimens of ore from the vein. It is a fine white quartz, carrying much white iron, and stained in places with copper. Mr. Griswold is well pleased with the showing. He intends to continue the crosscut until the foot wall is reached, and will then sink on the hanging wall, which is a porphyry formation.

The officers of the Chrysolite company are prominent people of Waitsburg, Wash., and Mr. Griswold says the company is well situated to continue operations.

The C. P. R. surveyors who are engaged in running a line between Robson and Penticton, are actively at work, says Mr. Griswold. He camped while on his way to town with one party of about 20 surveyors, near the lower end of Sheep lake. Their territory comprises the ground between the Columbia river and the summit between Big Sheep and McCrae creeks. Another party is in the field between the summit and Grand Forks, down the east shore of Christina lake. Mr. Griswold says that the party with which he camped will survey a route through Burnt pass, down Blueberry creek to the Columbia, which will be met at a point about six miles below Robson.

**A SERIOUS SLIDE.**

**It Interrupted Traffic on the Spokane & Northern Railway.**

There was a serious slide on the Spokane & Northern railway Saturday at the Seven Devils, in the vicinity of Marcus. It was so bad that no trains, either north or south bound, got through yesterday. Passengers who left on yesterday's noon train for Spokane got through no further than Northport, where most of them put up for the night. A few, however, returned to this city on a special that came in last evening over the Red Mountain road. The train that came from Nelson got in somewhat behind time, for the reason that the train was held at Northport in the hope that the northbound train would be able to get through the slide near Seven Devils.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.**

[In this column THE MINER is pleased to answer inquiries regarding mines and mining companies of the Rossland camp, but as in many cases some time and no little correspondence are required to obtain the information requested, inquirers should not be disappointed if their letters do not receive an immediate answer. THE MINER can not undertake to reply by letter to inquirers.—ED.]

**Silver into Gold.**

SPOKANE, Wash, Feb. 8, 1898.

EDITOR MINER.—Sir, My attention having been called to the remarks of some of the Rossland assayers in your issue of the 4th, and to your editorial in your issue of the 6th instant, regarding Dr. Emmens' changing of silver into gold, I would like just to say a few words, if you will permit me.

Your editorial deals very fairly with the matter; but you are under a misapprehension or have been misinformed when you say that Dr. Emmens applied for a patent and was refused. I happen to know that Dr. Emmens has never done any such thing. You are evidently confounding Dr. Emmens with an E. C. Brice, who some time ago claimed that he could get gold from autimony, and applied for a patent. He was of course refused, and very justly too, because there was nothing in his claim, though by the way the assay department did discover one thing as a result of investigation into his claim, viz.: that there is a certain amount of gold in what has hitherto been considered the purest antimony. Dr. Emmens has never applied for a patent, nor does he intend to do so.

I would like to correct a statement in your editorial. You say that the minority allege that the elements have originated from more primal elements, or from one primal element. You should have said that the majority allege this. All recent standard authorities state this. They all believe in the evolution of the elements; they believe this because all the evidence, both direct and indirect, points this way. I need not fill the columns of your paper with quotations to this effect from all the standard works; but if you wish for them I can send them to you. My lecture on this subject includes a good many of them. I quote Crookes, Dewar, Thomson, Fitzgerald, Remsen, Lockyer, Clark, Roscoe and the Encyclopedic Dictionary. This change has come about largely in the last 10 years.

Dr. Emmens does not, however, require me to defend him, but it is somewhat amusing to see some people, who, judging from their talk, got their chemical education 25 years ago, venturing their opinion on what is possible and impossible to the chemistry of today.

I am of course in possession of the proofs that Dr. Emmens does change silver into gold, and I had advise from him the other day that he has just deposited another large ingot of his manufactured gold at the assay office in New York.

This subject opens up vast, vital and fascinating questions, which would take up too much of you space to even touch upon. A new chemistry is dawning upon us; the application of the great doctrine of evolution to another department of nature. Yours, etc.,

JOHN MACKENZIE.

**The Yale.**

ROSSLAND, Feb. 10.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: What is the position of the Yale Mining company?

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[The company owns a crown granted property, the Yale, in the south belt, on which about $2,000 worth of work has been done, showing a ledge. The company is out of funds and is doing nothing.—ED.]

**The Paris Belle.**

TORONTO, Feb. 2.

EDITOR MINER,—SIR: Will you kindly give me some information regarding the present position of the Paris Belle company?—Very truly Yours, L. H. M.

[The title to the Paris Belle is in dispute, and the case has been appealed to privy council. Meanwhile nothing is being done. Smith Ely, of Spokane, is president of the company.—Ed.]

**The Exchequer.**

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Feb. 4.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I see your interesting paper occasionally, and many people in this town read it for its mining news. I would be glad of some information regarding the Exchequer mine; its present condition, value as an asset to its shareholders, and its prospects. Any information you can give will be welcome to many shareholders here, who have not heard anything from their mine for a long time. Your truly,

GARRETT O'CONNOR.

[The Exchequer company owns two properties on Toad mountain, near Nelson, on which about 700 feet of work has been done. The showing is said to be very satisfactory. The company has some money in the treasury, and is free from debt, but no work is being done. The property was recently bonded to an English syndicate for $60,000, and the officers say that if the bond is not taken they will resume development.—ED.]

**From a Berlin Inquirer.**

BERLIN, Ont., Jan. 30.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: As I am interested in some British Columbia mines, I take the liberty of addressing you a few lines asking you to favor me with any information you may have regarding the following mines: Silver Bell, Wild Horse St. Paul, British Canadian Mining company, Slocan-Cariboo, and especially Germania. I also desire to know whether or not the Crow's Nest railroad, when built from Robson to Rossland, will strike the property of the Germania company. Your favorable consideration would greatly oblige,

Yours truly,

GEO. DEPPISH.

[The St. Paul company is out of funds and has suspended work. The Silver Bell company is in a similar position, and the directors are unable to get a company meeting since the addresses of the shareholders are unobtainable. All stockholders in Silver Bell are particularly requested to forward their addresses, together with the number of shares they hold, to John Harris, manager, Rossland. A bond and lease on the property was given to Messrs. Harris & Connolly by the company last September, under the terms of which the former were to continue active operations, but nothing has been done towards starting work, and it is uncertain whether or not the contractors will do any work. The Wild Horse company is working its property vigorously, and the showing is good. There is sufficient money on hand to carry on work for the next 10 months, so the officers say, and the sale of treasury stock is continuing. THE MINER can give no information regarding the Slocan-Cariboo, nor does it know of any such concern as the British Canadian Mining company, but the British Canadian Gold Fields Exploration, Development & Investment company, limited, is vigorously working its properties, the Athabasca group, are the Sunset group, near Nelson, and the Howard Fraction near Slocan City.

The Germania company has been doing nothing for some time, as it is out of treasury funds, but negotiations have been pending for some time for a deal with Seattle people, whereby means will be provided for installing a power plant and resuming work. The deal has not yet gone through. As the route to be traversed by the C. P. R. between Robson and Rossland has not yet been announced, it is impossible to say whether or not the line will traverse the Germania's property.—ED.]

**The Reindeer Secured.**

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Lieutenant Devorce, military secretary of the United States secretary of war, who has been purchasing reindeer, arrived from Norway on the way to the United States. The United States consul at Christiania assumed the settlement of the 30,000 crowns due for 300 or 400 reindeer purchased, but unpaid for by Lieutenant Devorce, until he could furnish the security. He said the promoters of a private reindeer expedition to Klondike tried to frustrate the government's project and greatly increased the expense.


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