

THAT YUKON BUSINESS

How Eastern Liberals and Foreigners Received Public Contracts by Private Bargaining.

British Columbia Ports Completely Ignored and Strange Preference Given to Seattle

The Midway Advance is naturally and properly jubilant over the prospects of the immediate construction of the railway from Robson. It will have additional cause to feel pleased when it learns that the railway from Penticton will also be built at once. The fruits of the statesmanlike policy of the Hon. Mr. Turner are already beginning to be seen. More than one opposition paper has sarcastically said that the beginning of work on these railways might be looked for about this time, thereby intimating that if it is begun it will be simply an election dodge, but the public will be

deceived by no such absurd statement. There will be a railway from Robson to Pentiction by way of Midway within eighteen months and the whole enterprise from the Coast to the Kootenay will be an accomplished fact almost before the people realize it. We do not, however, disguise the fact that to secure the completion of the road through the Hope mountains it will be necessary for the Dominion government to give assistance. One of the features of the demand for fair play for British Columbia is that the Dominion shall bear its proportion of the cost of our development railways.

The Columbian quotes the Golden Era as authority for the proposition that Mackenzie & Mann have thrown up the Coast-Teslin subsidy and will go before the house next year, if the government is returned, and ask for a larger amount in aid. This is absolutely without foundation. So far from that firm having refused to accept the subsidy offered and build the road, they have signed a contract under which they will proceed with the work, the understanding being, of course, that the Dominion government

will carry out its promises, made during the session of parliament, to supplement the provincial subsidy by assistance of some nature. In the meantime, the wagon road to Lake Teslin will be completed in abundant time for use during the latter portion of the present season, and the railway enterprise will be placed in such shape by the completion of surveys and the inauguration of construction work that it can be completed within the time specified in the loan act.

The Times says it did not allege that Mr. Gordon Hunter sought a rural constituency in the interest of the opposition, but only that he discussed his inclination of becoming a candidate, etc. Mr. Hunter says that he did not even do that. Mr. Hunter says that on one occasion he mentioned to a gentleman that in his opinion it was better for a man not to have a constituency right at home, if he valued his own comfort, and that this is all he remembers to have said on any occasion that can be twisted into a discussion of his preference for a rural constituency, but that in making this observation he had no reference to his own intentions, for as a matter of fact he never had any intention of seeking any constituency in the opposition interest.

The Boundary district does not take

kindly to Mr. James Martin, the opposition nominee for the riding, and the Rossland Miner is authority for saying that the people of Grand Forks have put aside their political differences and enthusiastically united against the opposition candidate. The same authority says that the opposition will not get one vote out of five in Trail. Rossland riding seems safe for the government and the campaign has hardly been begun.

The Rosslander, which has been in sympathy with the opposition, takes a very unfavorable view of Mr. Martin's chances in Rossland riding. It says that the labor vote is not even under any moral obligation to go to Mr. Martin, and can be secured for a government candidate if there are any indications that the reasonable wishes of the labor unions will receive consideration.

Mr. Gregory, speaking at the Spring Ridge meeting on Friday, assured his hearers that the government would be defeated "as sure as the Lord made little apples." It is understood that a court-martial will be asked for by some of the men of the Fifth regiment to ascertain if the particular brand of apples is the same as that which Col. Gregory distributed to the men on a memorable occasion.

A young man, who has been annoying the E. & N. railway train engineers by signalling the train to stop, was taken to the police station yesterday. He is not responsible for his actions, but his conduct has been a nuisance to the crowd being a nuisance in the future.

The Minister of Militia and Defence.—In addition to that there is the fact that a portion of the freight was to be taken at Seattle, and I suppose the most direct way to get the goods to Seattle was over the Grand Trunk and Northern Pacific and that that portion of the freight taken on at Seattle was shipped in that way.

Mr. Foster.—The company which takes the freight, in the end calls at Vancouver.

Mr. Earle—Any one in the freight business knows that Seattle is a common point.

The Minister of Militia and Defence—At the option of the ships.

Mr. Earle—I have a letter here from a gentleman engaged for many years in shipping by large steamers. He, in quoting the

"We did receive an inquiry from the government through Colonel Peters for a tender to carry some 200 tons of supplies for Dawson via the Yukon. We were then in a perfect position to handle the business, and we made a quotation of \$275 per ton weight through to Dawson City, particularly pointing out at the time that in offering this as a weight proposition, we were giving an extremely good quotation, because, as these supplies would run as high as three tons measurement to one ton weight, which, at the market quotation of \$200 per ton weight or measurement (ship's option), meant that we were quoting \$75 against

"Further, in case of the officials not being able to get the quotations, we made an alternative offer of \$200 per ton, weight or measure (ship's option). Our offer was not accepted."

"Another gentleman writes who has not been applied to, and I think was in a good position to get the quotations, that on the 10th of June the first steamer was advertised to leave on the 10th of June for the Yukon. It is somewhat strange that he did not apply earlier, because I am a member of the Canadian Pacific Navigation company and I have been in the office of the agent for the Yukon trade. We had the matter investigated carefully last year, both as to the time of the opening of the season and the number of boats, and we know pretty well who are building steamers, and what companies are building them. I have never heard of the Pacific Coast I never heard of a transportation company of the name given here. I have information since that time that the company calling themselves a transportation company. There are a great many transportation companies and they are all good and honest."

for the Yukon river. In fact, these were two or three built in Toronto by Mr. Bertram, a member of this house, and he has told me that these vessels had been shipped some time ago, and would be ready to go up as soon as it was possible to put them on the river. Another gentleman writes:

"The Dominion government did not make any inquiry from me with regard to carrying 250 tons of supplies for the Northwest Mounted Police into the Yukon. I should have been very glad to carry this amount and to have delivered it at Fort Selkirk for \$300 a ton. I despatched the ocean steamer Tordenskjold, with two of my river boats, on the

"(Sgd.) H. MAITLAND KERSEY.
He represents the Canadian Development company. Anybody on the Coast, the officer of the department, or Major, who has been asked to go down as impossible to get a particular Canadian company to carry these goods as low as an American company would do it, they are in an equally good position to do the work as far as giving a guarantee to get to Selkirk, either through a guarantee to give them a Canadian company which would give a guarantee to get to Selkirk, neither has this company given such a guarantee. It is a waste of time. It means nothing if a boy of mine 10 years of age drew up a contract like that I should spank him. It means nothing. Simply saying we cannot get any more goods, we are accustomed to documents of that kind could see that means nothing. There is no assurance that the goods will be carried out and there is no penalty attached to a

The Minister of Militia and Defence
Mr. Earl—You should accommodate all of them.
Mr. Macdonald—If I have to take it
up, or have given them a show, I am
speaking for British Columbia, and I
think that we were entitled to a show
above all others. I have not been able
to have spent money, we are still spending
it, and I do not think that Messrs. Bate
and Co. contributed one dollar to assist
in diversifying the trade to the fishing
cities on the Coast, and if we do not get
that trade, it will go to the American
tendermen. I do not think that, with re-
gard to this matter, I do not attribute
any unfair motives to the minister, but
I must say that his action looks some-
what suspicious, and I do not think the
possibility of things being not quite square.
With regard to the transportation of
the flour, I do not think that it was
done on the principle that there was to
be no competition. Take the case cited
by the hon. member for York in regard
to the flour, I do not think that the in-
duced tenders in that way, it would
not be possible for him to get anybody
else to tender at that time. There is a com-
pany who tendered for flour at a price
much lower price than there has awarded
in the contract. It is a most unfair
thing, and I think that the minister has
the lowest tender around trying to get
some of your friends to do it at the
same price. That is a most dishonorable
thing, and I think that the minister in
his private business, would be looked
upon as dishonorable, and no respectable
man would be capable of sending him
a tender the second time. I sincerely
hope that the minister, when he gets
this information in the afternoon,
will be able to give me some more
information, because what we have now
only gives the prices of a few goods, it
does not even say where they are de-
termined. I think that the minister's
remarks about the flour furnished in this
contract. I find the flour furnished is
not the same as the flour furnished
as I suspected the other day from the
price. I would like very much to see
what this large amount of \$14,000 is
for, and I think that it is a most
dishonorable thing to have the flour
delivered on the Coast.

A Lawyer's Office Plundered by an Enterprising Thief.

soon after one o'clock, when a mail came from the post office, Mr. Langley, the messenger, then for Mr. Langley. Finding the lad, Rayner, alone, the stranger asked for a piece of paper on which to leave a note and, when he had obtained it, he handed him the paper the stranger hit him in the wind and then grasping him behind the neck, put a gag in his mouth and fastened it with a cord. The man then, evidently apparently made for the purpose and fastened with some cotton twine. Rayner said that there was quite a little noise in the room, but he did not know Mr. Huxtable in the bookstore below did hear a sound as if some one was singing a chair around. When the door opened, the man came out, turned the key in the front door lock to the general office and without troubling to tie Rayner's hands, went into Mr. Rayner's room, took a bundle of papers and apparently taking anything from there. Next he proceeded to empty the cash box in the general office of almost everything. The man then went to the other side where the safe is and it was

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then that Rayner turned the key in the front door and rushed down stairs into the kitchen.

Rayner gave a description of the stranger. A man about five feet six in height; light checked trousers, black cutaway coat, hair brown felt hat, brown hair and a moustache, which was darker than his hair and seemed to be false.

Another Alleged Expedition From That
Opium Had Been
But the Schooner
closed the Hunt

The little schooner engaged in sealing, near Honolulu and arrested for having a session in Hawaiian waters from the latter hunt. She was a schooner who was a Joseph Carter, ne, of Wils, e cook, g been advi had cleared from the Hawaiian custom the lookout. Early dor was reported of customs patrol boat investigate. Before the officers met a Capt. Haake and W returned to the scho the vessel failed to of a hunting outfit he was so far out of tain stated that he passenger Wilson. No opium was found but an anchor was seized the schooner in a gale and drifted in Makana.

The crew of the scho under arrest and by questioning the Japanese to disclose the opium, 1,300 tins. P kerosene cans, was beach, and the balanc near shore with the schooner.

Capt. Haake said to land Weir, but he had had considerable voyage. He also vol ment that the schooner Henry Wilson of this second engineer on the The Bulletin, of H authorities expect to that two, if not three, Labrador are in the came down on the lit L, some months ago, time suspected of having of opium.

"The ringleader of the and the man who is furnished the money for the party, Lena L. and Laa is well known, but as toria he cannot be tou

MERE OBSTRU

We observe that E. rister, has taken the against the governa tleman in his uttera treme careful in no charges of bodily of office against the two years ago he ap form in Victoria as th the British Empire, one of his character, favor of that scheme, so generally condemned party. Mr. Bodwell who a few weeks ago tawa as the paid solio bin and his project for of a line of railwa Greek country, the a which was to divert a section of the province Northport. But, than the and the united ac cities of the Coast, M scheme was thwarted. Mr. Bodwell got his Turner acceded to the to bear upon him in fa Pacific, and allowing asked for, to pass, and very promising section the interests of Ameri and the building of a port and other place Coast cities, doubtl would-to-day be founde ranks, and sturdy w with others who are of this province keep on ward progress. But M the only one in the of who holds views at v of the common people. find that Mr. Wells, of may, is very promi schemes formulated or passed during the rece house, in connection v ment of the northern s vince, and ere the 9th it is believed many of themselves as being in undertaking having the opening up and the dev province. Verily what family the opposition of -Vancouver World.

Viewing the situation points, it cannot be chances for a m victory were never bet at the present time ing. When it is reme If any move has been ner's friends to canvas that James Martin and been working hard for past, the promise of of this riding are of description. Electors ency are deserting from and joining the forces but we have yet to h ment men going over to anything be more sat government?—Rossland

"If the election was well known citizen last erson would head the majority of between 1 And if the unexpected lie between this and J the pulse. Henderson's opinion, such is the of are watching closely th and who are capable of lie pulse. Henderson's Brown is out of town, to others, drawing D neglecting the postoffi deserving of this treat of the Dominion gove man legitimately hold about the country at the people? Or is the given up the contest w as a futile undertak nomious failure of the ing to produce such Mr. Brown indicates and be inclined to regard t reasons for Mr. Brown's of the dust" is W derson, on the other h close touch with his frfect organization in hi