

IN POLITICS AND OUT

A Problem That Vexes Executive of Mining Association.

Boiler Inspection Act and Its Hardships Discussed.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
How to "butt" into politics sufficient to advance by legitimate means the ends of the Provincial Mining Association of B. C. without a breach of the tenet that the association is to be a non-political institution, was a problem that vexed the executive association at its initial meeting last night. Another question of the association under consideration of the executive committee was the question of the association's action on either subject, and both will be gone into again today.

The opening session of the executive meeting proved to be of an interesting nature, and further deliberations will be followed with interest.

The members in attendance were as follows:

- John Keen, president—Kaslo.
- Albert J. Goodell—Boundary Falls.
- J. J. Campbell—Nelson.
- A. E. Howse—Nicola.
- Leslie Hill—Nelson.
- W. M. Brown—Revelstoke.
- Harry G. Seaman—Rossland.
- E. B. Kirby—Rossland.
- W. B. Townsend—Rossland.
- A. C. Galt—Rossland.

Several residents connected with the local branch of the association were in attendance, and after the meeting had convened A. B. Mackenzie was appointed secretary in the absence of the permanent secretary.

The business program having been broached, it was concluded to postpone action on clauses 1, 2 and 3 until today. These deal respectively with the finances of the association, the matter of demonstrating that the aims of the association are provincial and not parochial, and the alleged unfair operation of the Water Clauses Act.

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The question was taken up "to consider the interrogatories which should be addressed by the members to candidates to ascertain their views toward the mining industry, without drawing the association into politics."

Mr. Howse discussed the matter at some length. In the Nicola district the association had planned the candidates down to pledges in support of the work of the association, and in view of the importance of the mining industry to the country it was his opinion that this should be done generally. To influence candidates for election to the legislature was essentially important, inasmuch as it brought direct pressure to bear upon the men who would be lawmakers, and did not put the association in the position of identifying itself with any of the political parties.

Harry G. Seaman was afraid the association was in danger of drifting into the troubled sea of politics, despite the clause in the constitution to the contrary. This was disputed vigorously by the chairman.

Mr. Kirby recommended the drafting of an open letter to all candidates for election to the legislature and to conventions where candidates were now in the field. Such a letter ought to embrace the principal points in the association's propaganda, with the request that candidates express their views thereon. This had proved to be a potent aid in securing reforms and had been used with eminent success elsewhere.

As an educator, Mr. Galt contended the association should take steps to have its principles and recommendations in the hands of all candidates. The candidate would naturally desire to make a reply of some description, and to accomplish this he must look into the subject in hand. Such an examination could not fail to convince the investigator that the association's aims were calculated to benefit the whole country and secure support without the element of pressure being required at all. It could not be argued that the association was acting in support of any political interest, inasmuch as the letter would be issued to every candidate regardless of his leanings politically. He would move that the president be authorized to draft a letter such as was required for this purpose, and, seconded by Mr. Howse, the resolution carried. President Keen will submit his letter for the approval of the executive today.

BOILER INSPECTION.

Clause 4 was taken up as follows: "To consider the bearing of the Boiler Inspection Act towards owners of boilers who insure them."

Discussing the topic Mr. Kirby said it was freely acknowledged on all sides that there must be government supervision over boilers throughout the province, and there was no attempt in any measure to evade this principle. With this premise, it was a question as to the proper, businesslike and common sense manner of exercising this important and essential government oversight. Under existing conditions a man who insured a boiler paid two fees, one to the government and the other to the insurance company. One of these should be eliminated, and in most instances it would be proper and reasonable that the insurance company's inspection should be accepted by the government. The general rule in America was that the government retained oversight, while accepting the certificates of reputable insurance companies, but this was missing

from the B. C. act. He believed the matter had been covered by the resolution carried at the general meeting. However, nothing was asked that was not granted elsewhere with perfectly satisfactory results.

Mr. Goodell expressed the opinion that one of the great drawbacks of the provincial Boiler Inspection Act was the fact that it was too narrow in its operation, confining owners of boilers exclusively and rigidly to one particular practice, while there were several other systems considered eminently good practice by the best engineers.

Mr. Seaman remarked that the association boiler legislation had worked remarkably well, as there had never been an accident in the history of the province. At this juncture the debate was adjourned till today to ascertain from the scrutiny of the act whether the lieutenant-governor-in-council had power to suspend any of the terms of the act pending the meeting of the house.

YESTERDAY'S PROGRAM.

Yesterday morning the delegates in attendance on the executive meeting drove to the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star mines. At the War Eagle hotel the visitors were the guests of E. B. Kirby, general manager. In addition to Mr. Kirby, government engineers, Messrs. Boutbee, police magistrate, and others were present.

The arrangement was taken last night till 10:30 this morning. The delegates will divide their attention between business and pleasure during the day, attending the theatre in the evening as the guests of the Carnival committee.

POPLAR A TOWN NOW

E. W. RUFF TELLS OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN BONANZA CAMP.

TOWNSITE SOLD OUT CLEAN—BUSINESS PLACES ESTABLISHED.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
E. W. Ruff and J. L. Whitney are the two latest Rossland men to return from the Kootenay's newest bonanza camp—Poplar creek. Both reiterate the statements as to the remarkable surface showings on the Lucky Jack and neighboring properties, and are strongly of opinion that the section has a remarkable future ahead of it, especially if it is shown by development work that the ore goes down. This is to be demonstrated forthwith in the case of the Lucky Jack at least, a tunnel having been started to secure considerable depth on the vein.

Poplar Creek is now a town. The Kaslo & Slocan railway company placed a townsite around the point where the railroad station is to be constructed, and the lots were placed on sale Monday morning. At noon the sale was over, every lot having been disposed of. The community includes a hotel and three grocery stores, a mining recorder's office and about forty tents. Other buildings are to be constructed immediately, the prospectors having secured titles to the lots. Lumber is being brought in from Trout Lake. The town is to be called Poplar. The only saloon in the place opened a few days ago; on the first day the proprietor took in \$350 over the bar, and his bar receipts since have averaged from \$75 to \$100 daily, while the sleeping accommodation could be disposed of ten times over. It is estimated that each incoming train brings from forty to sixty people, many of whom are prospectors who take to the hills immediately. While no statistics have been kept, it is believed that not less than 500 men are in the hills in the Poplar creek country.

Mr. Ruff states that in the course of his visit he examined, in addition to the notable free gold properties, a number of claims having strong showings of smelting ore. This ore carries gold and copper, galena being encountered to some extent at various points.

Litigation looms up in connection with the location of the rich vein on the Lucky Jack claim. This ground was originally staked by a French Canadian prospector known in the district as "Buffalo." The present occupants staked after "Buffalo's" location had expired, but the Frenchman claims that when the second location was made he had two days remaining to record his assessment. The assessment was not recorded, however, and a third party named Rutherford has located the ground over the original location and the Lucky Jack.

It is probable the matter will be arranged satisfactorily at an early date.

HARD ON THE BABIES.

One of the first effects of a hot wave, particularly in towns and cities, is a pronounced increase in the number of deaths of infants. Even in the open country the suffering of the helpless little ones would move the hardest heart. Stomach trouble and diarrhoea are the foes most to be dreaded at this time and every mother should appreciate the necessity of careful diet and attention at the first sign of these troubles. Medicine should never be given to check diarrhoea except upon the advice of a physician. A diet limited almost entirely to boiled milk and the use of Baby's Own Tablets will cure almost any case and keep baby in health. Mrs. W. E. Bassam, of Kingston, Ont., writes:

"When my little girl was about three months old she suffered with vomiting and had diarrhoea constantly. I did not find any medicine that helped her until we began giving her Baby's Own Tablets. After giving her the tablets the vomiting and diarrhoea ceased and she began to improve almost at once. Since then whenever her stomach is out of order or she is constipated we give her the Tablets, and the result is always all that we desire. They are the very best medicine I have ever used for a child."

Baby's Own Tablets are sold by all dealers in medicine or will be sent postpaid, at twenty-five cents a box, by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont.

MEN OF TWO ROADS

OFFICIALS OF THE C. P. R. MEET AT THE G. N. R. MEET AT PHOENIX.

THE MINES INSPECTED—OBJECTS OF THE TWO PARTIES' VISITS.

PHOENIX, Aug. 24.—An unusual event in railway matters occurred in Phoenix Saturday afternoon, when the high officials of two transcontinental railways met here, namely, the C. P. R. and the Great Northern. The meeting was not prearranged in any way, but was merely a coincidence. The party of C. P. R. officials included D. McNeill, vice-president and general manager; E. H. McHenry, chief engineer; J. W. Leonard, assistant general manager of the western lines; F. F. Busted, engineer Pacific division; G. L. Ross, superintendent Kootenay-Boundary branches; R. Macpole, manager of Pacific division; W. F. Tye, assistant chief engineer, and who had charge of the construction of the Boundary branches, and a number of others, all of whom travelled in the private car Metapedia. This party was making a visit of inspection to the company's best customer in the Boundary—the Granby mines and smelter—after looking over the lines generally in this section.

It was Mr. McNeill's first visit to this camp, and he was surprised, after being taken through the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill mines, at the vast quantity of ore yet in sight after some 800,000 tons had been extracted, as well as with the cheapness with which the ore is broken down and loaded on the railway cars.

The party of Great Northern officials came up from Grand Forks by special teams, accompanied by Jay P. Graves, general manager of the Granby Consolidated. The party consisted of Louis W. Hill, assistant to the president; J. D. Farrell, assistant to the president in Seattle; H. A. Kennedy, assistant general superintendent; J. C. Eden, assistant general traffic manager; C. O. Somers, assistant to the fourth vice-president; H. A. Jackson, general agent at Spokane, and Charles Chamberlain, of Spokane. They were shown over the Knob Hill and through the Old Ironsides, and after looking over the proposed entrance of the Great Northern to this camp, drove back to Grand Forks, to take the special train direct for Morrisburg, where they are due this morning.

Both parties of railway men met at the Granby office in this camp and exchanged greetings. The first party was inspecting for the purpose of planning betterments for the increased tonnage soon to originate here, while the second party was supposed to be looking over the ground with a view to securing at no distant date a slice of that ore tonnage. Nothing was given out by the Great Northern officials as to when the work of construction of the Phoenix branch would be started, but the fact of their coming here is believed to be significant. It was the first time that the son of James J. Hill had ever been down in a gold-copper mine, and he was most favorably impressed with the Granby properties.

VISITOR FROM GREENWOOD.

Mr. Ross Speaks of Mines and Political Matters.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Duncan Ross, editor of the Boundary Creek Times, Greenwood, is in the city and will remain here during the celebration. Mr. Ross went into the Boundary in 1897, and has since that time lost no opportunity to advertise its mineral resources. "The mining development in the Boundary," he said to a Miner representative, "has been rapid as the most enthusiastic could hope for. In addition to the great low grade mines which are shipping to the local smelters, high grade properties immediately surrounding Greenwood have been developed during the past year, and are shipping ore that gives a net value of over \$100 to the ton. The development of the Providence, the Elberta, E. F. U. mines and other high grade properties has been so encouraging that other properties in the vicinity are being bonded and developed. As these mines are contiguous to the city, and as the men employed in them live in the city, business conditions have brightened considerably.

Mr. Ross was recently appointed organizer for the Liberal party, and it is understood that his mission to the city is of a political one. When questioned regarding this matter Mr. Ross looked wise and stated he was in the city for the celebration.

"It is rather early to be quoted in connection with the provincial campaign," he said, "but I honestly believe that the Liberals will carry 24 out of 43 seats in the province. I am a Liberal, and believe that this province will not receive good government until the Liberals are elected with a good working majority, and consequently have not often been able to agree with the politics so ably presented by The Miner to its readers, but I do thoroughly endorse its position in connection with the East Kootenay coal lands. This should not be a party question at all. Both parties should recognize the fact that in British Columbia as well as in all other parts of the British Empire the people are entitled to any rights granted them by existing laws. Any rights which locators are entitled to under the law should be granted, and granted at once without recourse to expensive law suits. I understand Mr. McNeill has refused to take any action until after the elections; at the same time leading those interested in East Kootenay locations to believe that their rights will be granted should be returned to power. This is a dishonest attempt to secure a considerable vote, and Conservatives as well as Liberals who believe that British law should be respected, should insist on a clean-cut declaration from the premier on this question. Of course there

are complications in connection with the numerous locations in East Kootenay which can only be settled in the courts, but so far as I am concerned, and so far as Liberals with whom I have discussed the matter are concerned, we are ready to give locators as much as they are entitled to under existing laws. No more and no less."

WITH THE RIFLEMEN.

Weekly Handicap Results at Ferndale Ranges.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
The results of the Civilian Rifle association's weekly handicap shoot on Saturday and Sunday over the Ferndale ranges were as follows:

Handicap.	Grand Total.
Collins, H. J.15	80
Dunn, Thomas I.8	86
McKenzie, K. E.20	71
Barker, A. E.0	89
McNeill, W. F.20	68
Challoner, T. G.30	54
Lalonde, C. O.8	65
Daniel, H.35	33
Houston, E.5	67
Grigor, R. W.12	48

The following members shot but did not enter in handicap:

Griffiths, E. Sr.60
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Blomberg43
Brown, A. O. R.33
Kirby, E. B. (did not finish)52

Members intending to enter for next Saturday's shoot are requested to hold in names; to arrange respective handicaps.

BACK FROM THE NORTH

The Premier Speaks of Political Conditions There. Peculiar Shooting Affair Reported from the Capital.

VICTORIA, Aug. 24.—Hon. Messrs. McBride and McPhillips returned on the Cottage City this morning from Atlin and northern ports. The premier predicts that Clifford will carry Skeena, owing to his great personal popularity, but admits that it will be a close fight in Atlin. That camp, he says, is booming, and he thinks it will soon develop into a close rival of the Yukon. The big Poor Farm dredge will be ready to work early next month.

Harry Noble, proprietor of the Bodega saloon, was shot by an assailant on Sunday morning at 4 o'clock, who fired three times at him. Noble alleges that his assailant was Frank Munoz, a cigarmaker, who has been taken into custody, but who vigorously denies the charge, and whose statements are supported by those of his wife and mother, who claim an alibi. Noble says he was playing seven-up with Munoz when the latter pulled a gun and demanded the contents of the safe. Noble deposited sixty odd dollars on the counter and then Munoz demanded what was on his person. Noble replied he had none and Munoz then started shooting. Noble ran down the street after receiving a wound in one arm. His assailant did not pursue him nor lift the money from the counter, and when sought by the police was found in bed at his home. Noble is in the hospital, but is not seriously wounded.

The smelter at Crofton is working steadily with the large water jacket and cupola furnace, and the heaps of roasted ore are gradually melting away, but are constantly being replenished from the Lenora mine, which, under the able management of Mr. Tregear, is shipping steadily at the rate of about 150 tons daily. The contract with the Republic mines has been completed and the Marble Bay mine has now begun shipping again. Gray has also commenced shipping from his magnificent property near Kamloops. A big strike of \$100 to the ton ore was made today on the Lenora property.

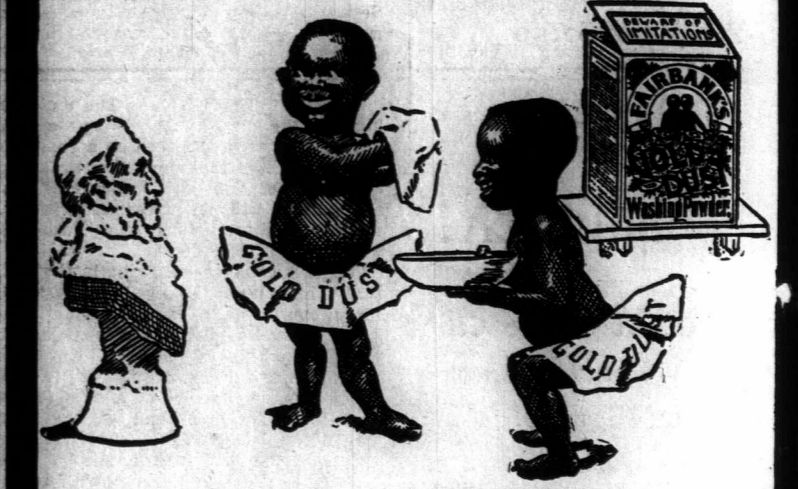
NEWS FROM THE EAST

Canadian Pacific Ready for the Big Wheat Crop.

Several Fatalities—The H. B. Expedition Departs.

Winnipeg, Aug. 24.—"The C. P. R. is now ready for the wheat movement whenever it starts," said General Superintendent Brady this morning. "We have our cars all over the west to sufficient numbers to move out all the wheat that the farmers will offer, and by the time big shipments will commence we will have a far greater number of cars in the province and all along the branch lines. At the present time there is no grain left in the west. It has all been taken out to the lake ports. The company was never in better shape to handle freight,

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and our position, when the rush comes will be better than it is now. We do not anticipate any crowding of shipments until about the first of October. Our advice show that the cutting is becoming general in Manitoba, and it is commencing in the Territories. Wheat shipments will not reach any large proportions until the middle of September."

WINNIPEG, Aug. 24.—Protests were filed today by the Liberals against the election of J. Johnson, member for Turtle Mountain, and J. H. Agnew, member for Virten, both Conservatives.

OTTAWA, Aug. 24.—Lord Brassey, chairman of the congress of chambers of commerce of the empire, arrived here today and visited the house of commons this afternoon.

W. E. Perdue, barrister, Winnipeg, has been appointed justice of the court of king's bench of Manitoba in place of Justice Dubic, who was promoted to the chief justiceship.

TORONTO, Aug. 24.—Miss E. M. Curzon, professor of chemistry in the Lillien Massey School of Domestic Science, this city, was drowned while bathing at the Madwaaska club, Georgian Bay, on Saturday.

QUELPH, Ont., Aug. 24.—Arthur Beasley, of the Traders' Bank, and Frank Maddock, bookkeeper of the Raymond Manufacturing company, were drowned in the river Saturday night while going up to their camp. Their canoe capsized. Neither could swim.

LEAMINGTON, Ont., Aug. 24.—Wm. Booth, an expert oil man from Petrolia, and another man named Kennedy, an oil driller from Kingsville, were blown to atoms by the premature explosion of nitroglycerine at No. 2 oil well owned by the Leamington Oil company, while preparing for shooting yesterday. They had lowered one quart of nitroglycerine to the bottom and were in the act of placing twenty quarts more when it exploded, blowing the derrick to pieces and making a hole fifteen feet square and twenty deep around the well. Pieces of derrick were blown twenty rods in every direction.

OTTAWA, Aug. 24.—By the breaking of a brake chain and the burning out of a fuse a Somerset street electric car ran wild just after passing over the Sappers' bridge yesterday afternoon, and collided with a station car which had just started. The wild car was crowded with passengers going to a band concert at Rockcliffe, and as soon as they saw the car was beyond control they began jumping off in all directions. Mrs. Rogers, 149 Cambridge street, in jumping had her skirt caught on the footboard and she was dragged thirty yards, receiving a cut on the head and had her right foot crushed so that amputation is necessary. Mrs. Guertin, Ayimer, was cut about the face and hands. Motorist James A. Beabow had a leg broken in two places. Miss Blanche Gratton had the drum of her ear ruptured by the shock. Many others were bruised, but none seriously.

HALIFAX, Aug. 24.—The expedition which the Dominion government is sending to Hudson's Bay to investigate the fisheries and mining resources sailed from here early on Sunday morning on the Newfoundland sailing steamer Neptune.

OTTAWA, Aug. 24.—A London cable this morning states that the coming visit of the band of His Majesty's Coldstream Guards must be confined to Canada.

Mr. Wright, Liberal member for South Renfrew, continued the debate in support of the government railway scheme this morning.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised the leader of the opposition to bring down the correspondence with the imperial authorities concerning the publication of the imperial conference proceedings last summer and to make a statement giving the latest news of the government's pro-

posed transportation commission tomorrow.

TORONTO, Aug. 24.—The News' London cable says: W. L. Griffith, secretary of the Canadian high commissioners' office, and several Canadian journalists go to Barrow today to witness the launching of the battleship Dominion on Tuesday. The new ship was named as a compliment to Canada.

In the course of a long review of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech at the banquet given to the congress of delegates at Montreal, the Westminster Gazette says it does not forget that the Canadian premier is a medalist of the Cobden club.

BRITISH METHODS.

General Wood Goes to Borneo to Get Information.

MANILA, Aug. 24.—General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., has returned from a visit to the governor of Borneo, where he has been for some time observing the methods adopted by the British government to pacify and promote the interests of the natives, and to improve the commercial conditions of the country. General Wood reports that the British government has obtained remarkable results in the uplifting of the natives of Borneo, which he hopes to put into operation in the Philippines.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
The Northport No. 5 furnace, since in operation.

A mail car service midway will be placed Pacific commencing proved service will to the country generally especially, but not materially benefited.

Albert Thompson, tenant of one of the Denver, has been a train wreck near an ex-section former Falls & Northern, a business in Rossland, Alstrom, of the revised of the accident.

A temporary structure at the intersection of and Washington street "Father Pat" men is a pyramid surmount and will be utilized. Rossland ores during specimens to be shot thereby preventing from carrying off the

The youngsters in public schools are ably from excessive season being the hope. It has been suggested the trustees have to down at noon daily, would comply with, it not for the danger the per capita grativine. The condition action, however, and communicate with consent to the arrange

Negotiations are change the uniforms music purchased by for the Rossland city of open air concerts. Citizens, and there is danger outfit disappearing the exchange might be round. The musician make the trade, and trustees of the band deal. The city council the proposition allowing the ownership and outfit were vested in

Architect Grigor, of says that the postofficed at the present completion of the wo government is conce Kootenay Power & I been awarded a contract of the building, and this week. In other q that no furniture has the postoffice depart that other preliminary to will prevent the premises until October of Toronto, chief super offices, is expected to early date.

Friends will be pleased William Coumbe, a tre Star miner injured getting along most. Sisters' hospital. M buried in a small grave and sustained a frac

A dispatch from says: The Tamarac been closed down resumed work Tuesd before the issuance of arac Mines, Ltd. was of men who are now The development now is directed to obtain on the main vein, and the adit tunnel is to be The company is now the insurance money way which was burned five twelve months ago being at least, no sh towards repairing the fort will be made to a good body of ore in the of the mine, where they sidered very promisi

(From Friday's Daily.)
Andrew J. Drewry, of his appointment to customs office at Ro place of William Bro Drewry is well and for the Golden City, wh for the past six or sev be a thoroughly effici public servant.

The assault case a ferences in the Berg yesterday morning at Charles E. Gillan and K. C., representing defendant respective agreement the charg upon the payment of

Harry McIntosh is side-wheeler "Doctor condition for the e The fine old pacer is clement training. For or thereabouts avail avenue he will cut clip, and with his action will give an es not help delivatin

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Thomas Embleton