EFFECTIVE CRITICISM

Opposition Exposes the Weakness of Government Finance.

Farcical Methods of Enforcing the Immigration Law.

VICTORIA, Jan. 20.—McInnes made a slashing attack on the government today in the debate on the budget. He charged Tatlow with being a mere bookkeeper anxious to make his accounts balance, but without the qualities as financier which would have enabled him to increase the revenue by seizing opportunities presented. He instanced the failure to do anything with the blocks in Southeast Kootenay or with Dunsmuir's lands on Vancouver Island as proof of this.

He took strong exception to the cheeseparing policy with regard to appropriations for public work. McInnes urged that this was mistaken economy, as starving the roads and bridges one year necessitates a much larger proportionate expenditure the following year. He reminded the government too of the new mines being opened up all over the country, and said a few hundred dollars spent on trails on Vancouver Island would provide access to properties for capitalists who otherwise would not visit them.

He censured the government severely for devising such bills as the assessment and land acts, which impaired our credit and drove industry from the country.

Dr. King also censured the government with regard to Southeast Kootenay lands, and said the government by its dilatory policy had set back settlement several years. He also wanted trails built which would provide access to those fields from Canadian soil instead of from the United States, as at present.

The supreme court bill is yet in committee, but the attorney general had the clause amended requiring a judge to sit daily in Victoria, Vancouver and Nelson.

McNiven is moving to alter the elections bill by striking out the portion requiring a deposit by a candidate and requiring instead a requisition of fifteen per cent of the electors.

The government tried to get the rules suspended twice during the afternoon. In both instances the object was to hide its own shortcomings, and in both instances it failed. Green first sought to appoint a select committee to investigate the government house job, but in turn the opposition tabled a petition from the arbitrators asking for such a committee. McBride tried the same device in order to introduce a bill to relieve Archie McDonald from penalties, he having accepted pay from the government as road boss after becoming a member of the house. Both motions will have to come up regularly.

Ross took exception to the Rossland Miner saying he stated that the Liberals had tried to corrupt the electorate of Fernie. He attempted to deny that this was the effect of his words.

At the sitting of the select committee today to enquire into the working of the immigration bill Oliver gave evidence. He said that on the 10th of December last he went on board the Shawmut. He saw W. H. Ellis standing outside the cabin there with one hand on the door. Witness got permission to go inside the cabin, and saw Clarke, Johnson and Kintaro. He saw one of the Japanese making marks on a declaration form, the blue paper. He saw Clarke, J. P., afterwards tender a white paper to Kintaro, asking the latter to ask another Jap if he could read it. Kintaro, after a conversation in the foreign tongue, said the Japanese could not write. It was ascertained that the Japanese was going to Vancouver. Johnson said it was impossible for him to go to Vancouver. He would have to go to Seattle, San Francisco or some other place outside of British Columbia. Kintaro conversed in the foreign language with the Japanese, and a blue paper was signed and he was allowed to land. Then the Japanese were allowed to land. He said four of them were stowaways without passports.

Witness particularly observed that other than signing the form the Japanese was not asked to hold up his hand or go through any form of the kind.

McInnes, who also gave evidence, said there was no authority in the act for the form employed, and that he was not aware of its being used while he was provincial secretary.

TO BE INVESTIGATED

GOVERNMENT HOUSE CONTRACT THE SUBJECT FOR A COMMITTEE.

MEMBER FOR LILLOOET SHIELDED FROM INQUIRY AT PRESENT.

VICTORIA, Jan. 21.—The house today suspended the rules to permit the appointment of Clifford, Ross, McInnes, Young and Munro to investigate the government house contract. The committee was nominated by Green.

Oliver asked for a committee of the house to ascertain whether the member for Lillooet had the right to sit, but the government refused to permit the rules to be suspended for that purpose.

The charge that the Socialists are insincere received some color today, when Oliver made the statement that Hawthornthwaite's bill, for the purpose, ostensibly, of protecting deer, is really for the purpose of enabling a furrier at Victoria to export raw hides. This exportation is prohibited under the present law.

There was quite a debate on the steam boilers inspection bill, in which finally a clause was inserted allowing third-class engineers to run plants up to 250 horse power.

Tonight another item of special interest was the submission of a bill by message authorizing the payment of $250,000 for the New Westminster bridge. This is included in the last loan bill.

Green in reply to questions said the government did not pay his expenses on his recent trip to Kootenay, and that whether he attended the Conservative convention or not was his private business.

GOVERNED BY SOCIALISTS

McBride's Bargain for Their Support in the House.

Government Now Has Its Mineral Taxation Bill Ready.

VICTORIA, Jan. 23.—Paterson made the statement today during the debate on the budget speech that he had proof that the government's course in depriving itself of the power to increase the revenue tax from $3 to $5, when other taxes were being increased, was the result of a direct compact with the Socialists. The result was that legitimate working men paid taxes, while there was a large class which did not, but was still permitted to exercise the franchise. This class was the one he wanted to reach when he asked for a change in the election law whereby a man who failed to pay his tax would be disfranchised.

Mining men will be interested to learn that the premier has now ready his bill relating to mineral taxation. It is not to be given to the house until it has gone before the mining committee.

The premier's bill to seat McDonald of Lillooet and relieve him of penalties for taking pay as a road boss after becoming a member, was read the first time today. McDonald accepted pay for twelve days in September after being returned by acclamation, and it is this lapse which it is now sought to cure by legislation. A few years ago a number of members were caught in the same predicament, but in every case they resigned and were returned. This is a chance McBride dare not take.

The debate on the budget today was carried on by McGowan, Munro, Paterson and Brown. The latter dealt exclusively with the failure of the government to issue licenses in Southeast Kootenay. Munro made a splendid attack on the government's financial bills, and declared they had created unnecessary panic and alarm because the premier was too weak to assert the province's position. The result was that he was in the hands of the pawnbrokers.

Hawthornthwaite, the Socialist leader in the legislative assembly, was unsuccessful in his effort to secure an eight-hour day for engineers. The bill was reported. It is generally believed here that Hawthornthwaite was insincere in this matter; otherwise he could have forced the government to vote for the measure because the government exists only by the support of the Socialists.

TALKING ON BUDGET

THE ABSURDITY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ROAD APPROPRIATIONS.

APPEALS DISPOSED OF BY THE SUPREME COURT AT VICTORIA.

VICTORIA, Jan. 15.—Today's debate was on the budget, and although some good speeches were made, particularly that of Murphy of Cariboo, nothing new was adduced. Murphy, speaking for Cariboo, figured out that out of $13,000 voted for his district, there will be about $9000 available with which to keep up 800 miles of road, as it will take $6000 to finish the Chimney creek bridge and another $3000 for road foremen. This is in line with Munro's contention of a few days ago, that the appropriations were just large enough to keep the machinery of road bosses, etc., going.

Davidson, of Slocan, who was one of the speakers, advanced a new method of striking appropriations. He suggested that they be made in a lump sum, the equitable distribution of them being left in the hands of the department of lands and works, who will be responsible. The experience of the house with the department of lands and works for years back has been such that it is not likely the suggestion will be taken up.

Henderson's motion for a select committee to investigate the Lillooet affair was ruled out by the speaker, who contended that it anticipated McBride's bill enabling McDonald to take his seat.

On the motion of Oliver, a resolution was passed providing that widows and mothers of South African volunteers be entitled to all privileges of the men under the South African land grant act.

The government, replying to Houston today, intimated that although tenders had been called for the Nelson court house, it was not considered urgent and the matter would not be gone on with at present.

Night sittings were inaugurated this evening.

In the evening Macdonald moved his motion of censure on the government for failing to keep its pledge regarding the two per cent tax, and restated his position in regard to including cost of mining with transportation and treatment in the exemption.

Drury's speech was a severe arraignment of the assessment bill. He also criticized McBride's education bill, compelling holders of third class certificates to attend normal school for six months. This he held was a hardship, and he urged instead the institution of model schools at all the principal points, such as at Nanaimo, Rossland, Nelson, etc.

Parker Williams followed, disclaiming that he and Hawthornthwaite were keeping the government in power, and advancing the Socialistic platform.

The debate was adjourned at 10:40.

The supreme court judgments delivered today were as follows:

Arnold vs. Vancouver, appeal dismissed with costs, the chief justice dissenting.

Leadbeater vs. Crow's Nest Coal company, appeal allowed with costs, Justice Drake dissenting.

Sella vs. Crown, appeal allowed with costs.

Briggs vs. Flutot, appeal allowed with costs.

Cooper vs. Yorkshire, appeal dismissed with costs.

Hopkins vs. Gooderham, appeal dismissed.

Christie vs. Fraser, dismissed, Drake dissenting.

Centre Star vs. Great Western, appeal dismissed, the chief justice dissenting.

Harry vs. Packers' association, appeal dismissed with costs.

YEAR AT HOSPITAL

FIGURES SHOWING YEAR'S OPERATIONS AT USEFUL SEMI-PUBLIC INSTITUTION.

RECEIPTS WERE LOW—HAMPERED BY LACK OF REVENUE.

That the Sisters' hospital is one of Rossland's most useful and deserving semi-public institutions is generally admitted, and the hospital has the sympathy of the community as a whole. Unfortunately this sympathy does not as a rule take a practical form, and the hospital needs hard cash for its maintenance, just as every other undertaking requires the financial sinews of war. The past year presents two aspects when viewed from the hospital standpoint. One side shows a splendid record in respect to the number of patients discharged as convalescent from the institution, indicating that in this direction the record of past years is being maintained and even exceeded. The reverse of the picture shows less than half the business of any previous year, with a consequent reduction in revenue that must have hampered the good Sisters in their work of ministering to the sick and disabled.

That the community should have enjoyed a year of exceptional health is certainly indicated by the hospital returns, which may be taken as a barometer of the camp's health. In years of health the hospital is just as important an adjunct to the welfare of the community, however, for the obvious reason that the patients requiring treatment need care whether the number is great or small.

Appended is a statement of hospital statistics for the past year:

Seventh Annual Statement of M. M. Hospital, December 31, 1902 to Dec. 31, 1903:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1902	$ 24.75
To patients	1,544.44
To provincial grant	2,243.95
To municipal grant (including water rates $160)	228.59
To payroll deductions	1,515.00
To donations	50.00
To Rossland Water & Light Co. (allowance on light)	30.00
To Sundries	316.13
Total	$5,952.86

EXPENDITURES.

By salaries	$ 680.15
Hospital supplies	460.84
Furniture	147.90
Groceries and provisions	1,902.76
Fuel	691.78
Telephone	44.10
Light	181.65
Insurance	237.50
Water Rates (allowance)	160.00
Scavenger	35.00
Labor	238.00
Laundry	86.29
General expense—repairs, painting, printing, postage, dry goods, etc.	706.76
Sundries	176.22
Balance on hand	200.91
Total	$5,952.86

In connection with the foregoing it may be stated that the hospital has on its books no less than $898 in unpaid accounts. These accounts have been incurred by patients and in some instances there may be a sheer inability to discharge the liability at present. In the majority of instances, however, it is reasonably certain that non-payment arises from neglect, and in a year when the financial resources of the institution have been so severely taxed such neglect is unpardonable, especially after the facts have been pointed out. The hospital is suffering under these conditions, as will be realized when it is stated that the institution had liabilities at the close of the year amounting to $616.

SUMMARY.

Number of patients remaining in hospital Dec. 31, 1902, 5; admitted during year ending Dec. 31, 1903, 115. Total, 120.

Number of males, 90; number of females, 25. Total, 115.

Total number discharged, 108; number of deaths, 7; numbering remaining in hospital Dec. 31, 1903, 5.

The Sisters wish to return sincere thanks to the corporation of the city of Rossland for free water rates, Rossland Water & Light company for reduction in rates; postmaster for free use of box, and to the resident physicians. To Mr. C. R. Hamilton for gratuitous legal services during the year. To the citizens of Rossland for flowers, books, fruit and clothing, etc. To the editors and staffs of the local papers for many favors shown during year. To the teachers and pupils of the public schools for kindness shown to the institution at Christmas and for a similar thoughtfulness on the part of Mrs. Renwick, Miss Renwick, Mrs. J. M. Fitz-Patrick, Mrs. D. Thomas, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Gibson, Miss H. Adams, Miss McNally and the Misses Purcell, Honey, Richards, Chisholm and O'Hearn and Messrs. D. Thomas, Hunter Bros., O. M. Fox, P. Burns, Crescent Dry Gods company, Dr. W. L. Coulthard, E. Croteau, H. O'Neill, Louis Will and W. F. McNeill.

$13,000 FOR SCHOOLS

School Board Reorganized Yesterday For Year 1904.

Will Present Estimates at Once to City Council.

Something over $13,000 is required for the maintenance of the public schools of Rossland for the ensuing year. The estimates for the year have been compiled by the school board for submission to the city council in accordance with the regulation requiring these estimates to be in the hands of council prior to February 1.

The estimated outlay in schoools for the year is $13,325. This is about $700 more than the sum actually expended on schools last year, but is approximately the same estimated outlay as was figured at the commencement of 1903. The school board can only come to the council for funds at the first of the year, hence the estimates are made slightly elastic to meet possible emergencies involving a few hundred dollars. The appropriation asked for does not pass out of the hands of the city save as it is paid out from month to month, and if the board does not expend the amount specified in the estimates the city is that much gainer, while the trustees protect the interests of the schools.

Appended are the estimates as they will go to the city council on Tuesday night next:

Draft of school board estimates of expenditure for the year 1904:

	Yearly Salary
Teachers' Salaries	
High school, C. A. Thomson, 12 months at $110	$ 1,320
Public school, Principal L. Bruce, 12 months at $110	1,320
Second division Central, E. G. Conroy, 12 months at $80	960
Third division Central, Miss L. Lyons, 12 months at $65	780
Fourth division Central, Miss Urquhart, 12 months at $60	720
Fifth division Central, Miss Shrapnel, 12 months at $60	720
Sixth division Central, Mrs. Bisson, 12 months at $65	780
Seventh division Central, Miss Milligan, 12 months at $65	780
First division Cook avenue, W. Elley, 12 months at $90	1,080
Second division Cook avenue, Miss White, 12 months at $55	660
Third division Cook avenue, Miss Elder, 12 months at $65	780
Extra teacher five months at $55	275
Total for teachers	$10,175
Janitors.	
Central school, F. E. Loader, 12 months at $65	$ 780
Cook avenue school, P. White, 12 months at $50	600
	$ 1,380
Incidental Expenses.	
Fuel	$ 800
Supplies	600
Water	96
Library	25
Kalsomining Central school	150
Work on grounds	100
	$ 1,671
Total for ordinary expenses	$13,226

SOME COMPARISONS.

The foregoing estimates provide for a few increases in teachers' salaries. In other respects the items are practically the same as last year, with some changes which the experience of the year has shown to be desirable. In the case of the principal of the public schools, an increase in salary of $10 per month has been accorded in recognition of efficient service and the responsibility vested in him as the head of the department. Two teachers are given $5 per month additional because of meritorious service in positions that are difficult to fill. The increases apply to teachers of primary classes only, and the experience of the board has been that these classes require instructors with a special aptitude, such as are by no means easy to secure and are in constant demand throughout the province.

OFFICERS FOR YEAR.

Yesterday's session of the school trustees was the initial meeting of the year. In recognition of the valuable services of Trustee McCraney as presiding officer in past years, the board unanimously re-elected him chairman, with various complimentary remarks anent his service in the past to the board and the community generally. William McQueen was re-elected secretary. Dr. D. E. Kerr took his seat at the board for the first time and was cordially welcomed by his colleagues, Trustees McDonald, McCraney, Nelson and Gillan, all of whom were in attendance.

THE BUILDINGS.

The question of school buildings came up in the course of the meetings. It was remarked with surprise by Trustee Nelson that the structures and real estate had never been formally turned over to the corporation. The city is in possession of the Cook and Central schools, of course, but it has never had possession of the Kootenay avenue premises, and these are suffering from neglect, which would not be the case if the trustee board felt the responsibility incident to actual ownership. It was resolved that the matter should be gone into immediately and the transfer consummated with all expedition, especially as the building will form an asset of no inconsiderable value to the city.

It was also resolved that for the future the board would keep closer track of the school premises in the direction of executing such repairs and improvements as were necessary from time to time to maintain the buildings in servicable condition for as long a period as possible. It was pointed out by Trustee McDonald that such buildings required regular inspection to guard against disrepair that might be neglected until the corporation would be compelled to sacrifice the premises altogether or foot a bill of unpleasant length. Much of this could be obviated by judicious repairs at shorter intervals. The board agreed with this sentiment unanimously, and the school buildings will be well looked after in future.

A meeting of the board takes place a week hence, when the routine business of the year will be taken up.

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WILL TRY FOR CUPS

ROSSLAND CURLERS LEAVE TONIGHT FOR REVELSTOKE BONSPIEL.

ABOUT THE COMPETITIONS, ESPECIALLY THE CORDWOOD TROPHY.

The Rossland delgation to the annual bonspiel of the Kootenay Curling association at Revelstoke leaves tonight. The three rinks already named in The Miner will depart, no changes in the personnel of the delegation having been made as yet. The bonspiel opens on Monday and is expected to close on Friday night.

With the Rossland rinks will go the one association trophy held by the Golden City Curling club. This is the Burns Consolation, donated by P. Burns & Co., and won last winter by Dr. Campbell's rink. The Pretty rink won the Walkerville competition, in which each member received a trophy, but the competition did not carry a cup.

The other trophies controlled by the association will be brought to the bonspiel by their present holders and again put up for competition. The handsome Mackintosh trophy, presented by Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, is now held by the Ketchum rink of Greenwood. It is to be competed for by all comers, and carries two sets of prizes presented by Revelstoke merchants and becoming the personal property of the two rinks capturing the trophy.

The Grand Challenge cup, presented by the New York Life Insurance company, was won last winter by Dr. Boucher's rink of Phoenix players. It also carries two sets of prizes.

Dr. Boucher's doughty Phoenix players also carried off the Olivery cup, presented to the association for annual competition by W. T. Oliver, formerly of Rossland and now of Victoria. Mr. Oliver this year presents four handsome pipes as prizes for the runners up in the Oliver cup competition.

The Hudson's Bay cup and the Tucket District trophy are now in the possession of Richardson and Tamblyn of Nelson, respectively. At Revelstoke three sets of prizes accompany each cup. The Consolation trophy is in Rossland, as stated, and the Spring cup, for the points competition, is held outside of the city. Both will be again offered for competition at Revelstoke.

Last, but not least in the estimation of many curlers, is the Cordwood trophy, originated at the Sandon bonspiel several years ago, first won by Harry H. Smith of Rossland, and now in the possession of the Nelson club. The story runs that a Sandon curler named Main approached Harry Smith while the last game at the Sandon bonspiel of 1899 was in progress and expressed regret that he had not had the honor of crossing stones with him during the week's play. Smith expressed mutual regret, but suggested that it was not too late to remedy matters, although it was then in the "wee sma' hours." "I have it," said Main of Sandon, "we'll curl for a cord of wood to be presented by the losers to the parson (Rev. Mr. Sanford, later of Rossland) and the losers must saw the wood." The rinks went at it and Sandon lost. Deponent does not say whether Mr. Sanford got the cordwood, but soon after Mr. Smith received an express parcel (charges collect) containing a trophy ingeniously designed out of an oil can, the stopper of a stovepipe hole, and sundry ornaments in tin. This has been put up for competition annually at the bonspiel, and no rink that succeeds in capturing the Cordwood trophy is utterly disappointed at the outcome of the bonspiel, even if no other prizes are secured.

HO FOR CARNIVAL!

GENERAL EXECUTIVE MEETS THIS AFTERNOON TO RECEIVE REPORTS.

ADVERTISING MATTER IN PREPARATION—HOCKEY TOURNAMENT TALK.

A general executive meeting in connection with the Winter Carnival is announced for this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the board of trade rooms. It is needless to remark that the officers of the carnival committee desire a full attendance of members, as the dates for the celebration are now barely three weeks distant and expedition must be used in the completion of details.

The executive committee as formed at the initial public meeting was as follows: Mayor Clute, J. S. C. Fraser, Harry McIntosh, Dan Thomas, J. B. Johnson, W. J. Nelson, J. Morris, Carl R. Davis, J. S. Deschamps, W. H. Goodeve, Peter Ronald McDonald, Lorne A. Campbell, C. B. Winter, James Anderson, Kenneth Martin, Charles V. Jenkins, C. St. L. Mackintosh, Antoine Sorenson, William Thompson, Paul S. Couldrey, Charles E. Barrett and Frank G. Stevens.

It is this committee which will meet this afternoon to form sub-committees and start the ball rolling for the celebration. A full turnout is desirable on the start at least in order that the committee may be organized and commence work without delay.

It was announced amid applause that the prospects for fast hockey games during the carnival were brighter than ever.

The advertising for the carnival is now well in hand, and within a few days the Kootenay and Boundary country will be billed for the celebration. The advertising matter now being prepared for distribution is obviously limited to the conventional features, as the committee has not as yet adopted any of the novelties suggested to date. Action may be taken in respect to some of these at today's meeting, but in the meantime the necessity of the advertising being disseminated without delay has limited the announcement to the features popularized in 1903 and previously. New features are wanted, and such as are finally adopted can be advertised later.

A special effort is being made to bring a large attendance from Spokane, where there are a number of ex-Rosslanders and others interested in the Kootenay country. Spokane people would have a special attraction in the concentration works now established here in view of the publicity this factor in the camp's welfare has recived through the press.

The hockey tournament is attracting much attention. The admirers of the Rossland team assert that the local seven is faster than ever before, and can be depended upon to win the British Columbian championship without fail. The assertion is made that the team is faster than last year, and the argument is sustained at length by a comparison of players, weights, etc.

A cup to replace the trophy won by Nelson last year is already in sight, as was stated in The Miner some weeks ago. The exact details under which the trophy will be put up for competition have not been announced as yet.

SWIFT LADY SKATERS.

Played Fast Hockey at Skating Rink Last Night.

Rossland's swift lady skaters met for the second time on the ice last night in hockey. The attendance at the game was excellent, and much interest was manifested throughout the game. The marked distinction between this game as played by the ladies from the brand of sport served by the men is that the ladies leave out the body-checking and play the game as it was produced many years ago when checking was barred.

The young ladies are fast and skilful skaters, play all the time and handle their sticks well. The cleverness manifested last night is an assurance that a senior team can be evolved that will get away with the Nelson and Revelstoke teams in event of the lady hockeyists from those points coming here at carnival time. As the teams lined up for last night's game, the arrangement was:

Whites	Blues
Mary Milne	Ella Preston
Point	
Miss Blackman	J. Aconite
Cover	
M. Goninan	Miss Falding
Forward	
Kit Hamilton	F. Honey
Forward	
Dot Adams	F. Donahue
Forward	
Lily Demuth	Selma Demuth
Forward	
Olive Stanaway	Eva Bogart

Principal Conroy referee.

The players looked stunning in white and blue sweaters and abbreviated skirts, while tocques and tams were the prevailing headgear. Good plays were so frequent and so evenly distributed that it would be invidious to draw comparisons between the respective players.

The Whites finally succeeded in scoring twice to their opponents' once, thereby capturing the game.

IN THE FIELD OF SPORT

The hockey club takes the road tomorrow. With a view to accommodating outside points desirous of securing matches, and also to advertise Rossland's Annual Winter Carnival, Rossland's senior hockey team will make a ten days' tour of Boundary-Kootenay points. The schedule has been finally completed and will be carried out as drafted, provided a favorable reply is received by wire today from Revelstoke. The itinerary mapped out is as follows:

Leave Rossland 25th inst.
Play at Vernon 27th inst.
Play at Revelstoke 29th inst.
Play at Sandon 30th inst.
Play at Silverton 31st inst.
Play at Nelson 1st prox.
Play at Phoenix 2nd prox.
Reach home 3rd prox.

An effort will be made to bring the Phoenix team home with the Rosslanders for a return match here on February 3. The team will include Leighton, Powers, Donahue, Hood, Haworth, Grierson and Clothier.

If an unfavorable reply is received from Revelstoke the itinerary will be altered to meet the changed conditions.

CARNIVAL SPORTS.

In connection with the Winter Carnival sports it is frequently overlooked that many of the competitions held here rank high in the list of Canadian amateur athletic competitions. The hockey, snowshoe and skating events are claimed as championship events for the province of British Columbia, and the claim has never been contested.

The ski running and jumping contests carry with them the championship of Canada, and this claim has never been challenged.

Thus it will be seen that the Rossland Winter Carnival program includes five championship competitions, a list which would be creditable to any of the big eastern communities.

The tug-of-war feature for the carnival program is now practically adopted. At last summer's celebration no feature attracted more interest than did the tests of strength and endurance in the tugs-of-war. Excitement ran high, and money was freely wagered on the outcome, which was a fairly accurate criterion of the interest aroused. The question of the point where the tugs-of-war are to be held is now under discussion. It has been suggested that the rink is a desirable place, and that with planks laid on the ice no damage would be done to the sheet, while spectators would have a better opportunity to witness the contest than would be the case where the competition held down town.

If success is attained in the matter of securing entries from teams representing the local mines, the Northport, Trail and Boundary smelters and any other teams that may desire to compete, the contest would be the feature of the program in the estimation of many.

CURLING.

Twelve enthusiastic members of the Rossland Curling club departed for Revelstoke last night, full of confidence in their ability to land some of the trophies competed for under the auspices of the Kootenay Curling associations. The three rinks were comresed as follows:

R. Lamont, D. Guthrie, E. A. Rolf, Fred W. Pretty, skip.

W. H. G. Phipps, Norman L. McInnis, H. Paul Renwick, Thomas I. Dunn, skip.

H. Perry McCraney, John G. Bunyan, John Dunlop and Harry H. Smith, skip.

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NOTICE.

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Said resolution was confirmed at a subsequent General Meeting on the 20th day of July, 1903.

(Signed) A. C. SINCLAIR, President.
W. H. DANBY, Secretary.
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