DISCUSSED THE TWO PER CENT. TAX

MORNING SESSION OF THE CONVENTION

Up Country Delegates Advance Reasons Why Mining Should Be Relieved of This Charge.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The Provincial Mining Association assembled for business this morning in the assembly room of the board of trade building. The room was crowded to its utmost at the call to order at 11 o'clock. Other delegates are yet to arrive, so that the total convention will undoubtedly number three hundred and fifty from points outside Victoria. The delegates are here for business, and at the meeting this morning showed unmistabably that questions of sentiment were not going to play any important part in con-nection with their work. They are here to discuss matters affecting the mining

J. B. Hobson, with whom the idea of forming such an organization originated, very aptly described the situation in contion when he stated that a great many people who underestimated the importance of the movement would be surprised before the convention closed. "These men," he said, as he glanced around the crowded corridors of the Driard hotel, "are not here for their The chairman of

The meeting was called to order this which the committee would require to morning at the apopinted hour by A. L. Belyea, who, in doing so, called atten-tion to the fact that this was the first miners' couvention for the province. He hoped they would do their work well and feel when the convention was over the C. P. R. and Western Union Tele that what was done would result in advancing the interests of the principal in the building alongside of the assembly industry of this province. He stated rooms, where the convention is being that the first husi ess would be to elect held. that the first business would be to elect a temporary chairman. A number of nominations were made, all declining with the exception of John Keen, of Kalso, and D. W. Higgins, of Victoria. The former was elected to the position, and in a brief speech open-ed the meeting to business. He thanked the gathering on behalf of his district for the honor done them omed him im selecting him for the position. He ad-vised them to go to work at once and do vised them to go to work at once and do their work expeditiously. It was a mat-ment of a suitable programme in hand. ter of congnatulations that the mine owners, the mine workers, the profes-sional men and all other classes should Munro, J. H. Worlock, Fred. Richardbe moulded into one harmonions whole. He advised that only a credential com-mittee should be appointed at this sit-Munro, J. H. Worlock, Fred. And the Big Four. Mayor McCandless will be present. ting.

Nominations for secretary were then opened, and H. Mortimer-Lambeand A. L. Belyea were put in nomination. Mry Lamb was elected D. W. Higgins brought up a question

which he thought should come before the credential committee. According to the rule had down he had the rules laid down by the provisional toria and Vancouver, he said, was limit-

(Loud applause.)

J. B. Hobson held that the chairman a mistake to limit the delegations, as the executive committee had done. He thought they were all gathered to ad-vance the interests of the mining indus-try. Every one should be welcomed. He offered them the city hall for the place of meeting if they found it advis-to and the state of th

were only 22 delegates from Vancouver.

The meeting heartily acquiesced in delegate from each place represented. The delegates from several of the camps not having arrived, these places were left unrepresented for the present. The following were appointed.

Asnen Grove-J. Bart. Armstrong-T C. Wolfenden. Ashcroft-H. G. Leamon. Alberni-H E Newton.

John Hopp. Barkerville Bullion-F. W. Alexander

Bear River-Chas. Frank. Clinton-S. W. Foster. Cedar Hill-W. F. Loveland. Camp McKinney-N. Nicholson Cowichan-Clermont Livingston Crofton-Hermann Bellinger. Duncans-Harry Smith. Ferguson-Frank Holton, Fairview-H. N. Chaplin. West Coast-Chas. Dooley. Windermere-R. S. Kelly. Phoenix-G. W. Rumberger Eholt-Arthur Rendell. Trail-R. M. Perdue. Kelowna-J. Gilman. Trout Lake-Mr. Langstaff. Vernon-H. C. Mellor. Victoria-D. W. Higgins. Vancouver-C. D. Rand. Van Anda-Alex. Grant. Quesnelle Fork-J. McCrae. Quesnelle-Senator Reed. Rossland-F. W. Rolt. Revelstoke-W. M. Brown. Slocan-A. Yorke Sidney-T. R. Marshall. Nicola Valley-A. E. Howse. Nicola Lake-J. W. Collis. North Saanich--Clive Phillipps-Wol-Nelson-S. S. Taylor Olalla-S. M. Peterkin. 120-Mile-R. Borland.

Queen Charlotte Island-W. H. Kaslo-W. J. Holmes. Kamloops-A. D. Ashley. Lac la Hache-R. W. McClure.

Lillooet-D. Herring New Denver-W. S. Drewey. Fernie-Mr. Thom Marysville-M. McMann. Lytton-H. Graham. Ladysmith-T. Kiddie. Fort Steele-Hon, H. Polling.

Grand . orks-Geo. Fraser. Greenwoo, -- Mayor Smailes.

Hedley-F. H. Wollaston. H. Mortimer-Lamb, the secretary; was also appointed a member of the cre-The chairman outlined from the call for the convention, the line of procedure

and will deliver an address of welcome to the visitors. Every citizen is cordially invited to be present and do their part towards extending to the visitors from all parts of the province a hearty wel-

Arrangements have been made by which the boxing bout between Hill and Hill in the Victoria Athletic Associa-

gate. The executive committee had no power to alter the rules adopted at the meeting without the consent of that meeting. He suggested that they drop the names of Victoria and Vancouver throughout the convention, and that the name of British Columbia be substituted and give the citizens individually an opportunity of extending them a hearty constitutions, and one on resolutions. voiced his sentiments. He had been in- welcome to this the capital city of Britreference of his life, and had found no rea-son to fear either the merchant or the professional man. He held that it was no to fear either the merchant or the professional man. He held that it was no to fear either the merchant or the professional man. He held that it was professional man. He hel

A. C. Hirschfield explained that there able to change on account of the prem-ere only 22 delegates from Vancouver. ises then occupied being too small. They were only 22 delegates from Vancouver. ises then occupicu being to anything they wanted important matter, and would require marked in the city. If they could find it considerable thought. He suggested that the same committee might be given protested that as a representative from hall in the evening he would be highly the two duties to perform. the up country that the business of the pleased. If they thought business was in It was suggested that the of rivalry between Victoria and Van-couver, but to discuss the mining indus-try. Mr. Higgins said that after the ex-planation of Mr. Hirschfield the matter Might be allowed to down

The intering neurity acquested in the invitation of the Mayor and the city of the subject was uninteresting to them. The question of the appointment of a concise form. The question of the appointment of a concise form. The question of the appointment of a concise form. The question of the appointment of a concise form. The question of the appointment of a concise form. The question of the appointment of a concise form. The question of the appointment of a concise form. The question of the appointment of a concise form. The question of the appointment of a concise form. The question of the appointment of a concise form. The main a concise form. The question of the appointment of a concise form. The main a concise form. The mining industry had been often business and wanted to get away as all that had been done was to call the stree to leave as atthe money as they to anopt such a constitution as they but to be to be

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they knew that seductive influences would be used by the hospitable people of Victoria, but he had not expected that the delegates would have fallen a prey to them so soon. (Laughter.) It was decided in view of the fact that the assembly rooms of the board of trade building was too small for the accommodation of the delegates, that the meetings be held in the city hau. M. McMahon, of Maysville, was appointed assistant secretary. The credential committee brought in the following report:

al motion carried. The chairman said

the following report: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:-Your com-mittee appointed for the purpose of exam-ining the credentials of delegates to this convention beg to report as follows: The committee met at 12.30 p. m., Mr. D. W. Higgins Being appointed to the chair. The credentials of the following delegates were presented, and daily accreated: Aspen Grovo-J. E. Bate. Armstrong-T. C. Wolfenden. Ashcroft-J. E. Knight, Isaac Lehman, Jas. B. Leighton, Stuart Henderson. Alberai-H. E. Newton. Barkerville-John Hopp, F. C. Laird, H. E. C. Carry.

C. Carry. Bullion-J. B. Hobson, F. W. Alexander, Barker. Bear River-Chas. Frank.

Mott. Grand Forks-A. C. Flumerfelt, Martin Burrell, M. Spiers, Geo. Fraser, F. M. Kerby, W. K. C. Manly, W. Dinsmore, J. B. Henderson (alternate), Thos. Foulson, Ernest Miller (alternate). Colden, U. C. Parson, O. D. Hoar

Ernest Miller (alternate). Golden-H. G. Parson, O. D. Hoar. Greenwood-Frederick Keffer, Albert I. Goodell, Ralph Smalles, W. G. Gaunce, Henry Johns, H. P. Dickinson, Sydney Oliver, Wm. Essensa, M. Galbraith. Hedley City-F. H. Wollaston, C. H. Arundef, F. Devereux. Horsedy-Joseph Hunter, M. P. P., R. H. Campbell.

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Dawson. Nicola Valley-J. W. Collis. Nicola Lake-A. E. Howse. N. Sanich-T. W. Paterson, M. P. P., ieo. G. Sangster, Clive Philipps-Wolley,

ing to raise sectional feeling. If the delegation was to be reduced he would glady be one to step out. He did not favor reducing the delegation, however, as the convention might thus loss valu-able services. He moved the reference of the matter to the credential commit-tee. The chairman reading from the call held that every twenty members of a local association was entitled to a dele-gate. The executive committee had no power to alter the rules adopted at the meeting without the consent of the

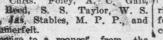
The chairman suggested the appoint ment of a committee on by-laws and D. W. Higgins moved that a comm S. S. Taylor thought that a constitu-

Mr. Higgins thought that the ques

in the city. A motion being put to accept the in-suggested that those interested in the

business and wanted to get away as soon as possible. (Laughter.) They de sired to leave as hitle money as they

vitation. The chairman asked who seconded the amendment. A Voice: "Never bother," (Laughter.) No seconder was found and the origin-No seconder was found and the origin-





-"Smith."

held in the city hall.

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neeting Mr. Hobson was called upon to posals were before the meeting. give some suggestions which it was held

give some suggestions which it was held on account of his experience would be the selection of a committee of ten to of the greatest value to the convention. Mr. Nobson said he had prepared for by a vote of 87 to 79. this by writing the following address: "Gentlemen:-I congratulate you upon that the members in rising to address the favorable auspices under which you the meeting should give their names and

meet here to-day. Your prompt response to the 'call for a miners' convention venience to the secretary, the press reproves conclusively that you are here to make a united and determined effort to better the conditions surrounding the ining industry, and to encourage the development of the vast mineral re-sources of the province.

"You are here to-day, gentlemen, for the purpose of organizing a Provincial Mining Association, the object of which will be to encourage and foster the de-velopment of the mining industry, which must be considered the paramount inlustry of the province.

"The association, as I understand it, will not be a technical one, concerning itself with the science and practice of mining; nor a commercial and financial erning itself with mining pro perties and investments; nor should it have anything to do with labor probems, or interfere in any way with labor anions. Most of the mining organizations of the world have been formed for these and similar purposes (with the ex-ception of the California Miners' Association, which has attained such wonder. It was the city's welcome to the repreful success). Ita

"This association from its beginning hould make united efforts to secure legislation in behalf of the whole mining adustry, and otherwise promote and protect the legal rights and privileges | ception was an exceedingly pleasant one, f miners, prospectors, mine owners and and its successful character reflects n nining investors.

"In all other matters of general im- the arrangements in charge, portance, it should represent the whole mining interest, and express its policy, and let this be the second association organized in the world in the general interest of the mining industry.

 the rules ind down by the provincing for View provinci for View provincit "It should represent the concentrated ment of the people at large towards the

large and profitable production it should be. "I feel confident, gentlemen, that the ssociation you will organize to-day will ed by well-known talent, all the permaintain its vitality so long as there mining done in the province of British

Columbia. "The success of the association will lepend upon the basis upon which it will be organized, so I urge upon you to be careful to organize upon a carefully laid foundation. If this is done, the associa-committee's efforts were attended. In tion cannot fail to be a grand success; the future strenuous efforts should and general prosperity will surely re- put forth to make this city the cohven-(Cheers.) He said he had nothing to add to this.

They had a lot of work to do, and ad-vised the convention to get at it. expressed his pleasure at being accord-(Cheers.) After discussion, it was decided to ap-

point a committee on resolutions repre-senting every district sending a delega-Capt. Livingston Thompson suggested

Others thought as great interests were represented the committee should be made larger than five.

A L. Belyed urged that expedition would be gained by a smaller committee. He advised a committee of five selected from Kootenay, Boundary, Lower Main-John Dean, mayor of Rossland, favor-

planation of Mr. Hirschfield the matter All must feel themselves at home while might be allowed to drop. In the city. Capt. Livingston Thomson favored a

better footing, would work great good

N. Szanich-T. W. Paterson, M. P. P., Geo. G. Sangater, Clive Phillipps-Wolley, J. Baethour, New Westminster-J. Thompson.
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Nelson-R. Hedley, J. M. Hedley, P. Maulin, J. M. Black, Mr. Gigor, S. S. Taylor, F. S. Farrell, R. Robertson, G. McDonaid, A. H. Gracey, F. C. O'Reilly, Capt. Duncan, R. Heddle, W. Dickie Hill, Olaffa-L. M. Peterkin.
150-Mile-E. A. Carew-Gibson, M. Menton, Robt. Borhand, J. Forester, J. P. Murphy. Phoenix-Geo. W. Bumberger, James.
Punch, J. W. Astley, F. Westwood, H. Henderson, W. R. Williams, W. J. Parker, Quesnel Horks-J. McRae.
Quesnel Lake-James Moore.
Rossland-Dr. Sinclair, E. B. Kirby, G. W. MeBride, A. C. Gait, K. C., R. A. Hobbes, Britton Duke, Stephen Deschamps, W. B. Townsend, A. S. Goodeve, F. W. Roit, H. G. Seaman, A. G. Moody, Paul Qeulity, B. R. Warden, J. W. Paulson, A. McMilian, R. B. Wrightson, R. Marsh, Mayar Dena, K. Martin, Smith Curitis. Levelatoke-J. M. Scott, A. Johnson, W. M. Brown, F. McCarty.
Sandon-W. S. Drewry, B. Wilson.
Siocan-A. York, J. W. Purvence, W. H. Davidson, W. M. Const, J. Mc Const, Stocan-A. York, J. W. Pausen, Stoca, Stocan-A. York, J. W. Parken, W. S. Drewy, F. D. Woodcock.

cock. Sidney Inlet (West Coast)-W. James Jones, Dr. Marshall, John McInaus.

Mr. Higgins offered the suggestion presentatives and all in attendance. Cries: "What's your name?" Answer

Rich Marsh, of Rossland, urged that resolutions be put in writing during the remainder of the convention. The resolution was carried. Chairman, Keen explained that the

eeting had been conducted somewhat free and easily during the preliminary parts, but when a set of rules was brought in then they must look out for sharp enforcement of them. The meeting then adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning, the meeting to be

VICTORIA'S WELCOME. Enjoyable Reception Tendered the Dele-

gates in City Hall Last Evening,

Victoria informally capitulated to the army of visiting delegates last evening. sentatives of this great province in the present movement, and through them her heartiest greetings to those esister communities they represent. The re-

little credit on the committee which had It was signally fitting that the function should be held in the council chamtheir nature, officially voiced the senti-

entertaining feature songs were render-

formers evoking unstinted applause. one of the several hundred delegates was made to feel at home, and the remarks of the visiting speakers left no In tion headquarters of the West.

His Worship Mayor McCandless sided. In opening the proceedings he the opportunity of extending to the visitors, on behalf of the city, a hearty welcome. The present reception had been arranged in order that the citizens night meet the delegates in social spirit. and also to give the latter an opportunity to become acquainted with one an-other. He hoped that their stay in the city would be a pleasant one, and that while here they would feel thoroughly

at home. (Applause.) His Worship then outlined the pr gramme prepared for the evening. Sele tions would be furnished by the or chestra and a number of well-known lo cal entertainers, while five-minute speeches would be delivered by some of the delegates, among whom were the chief magistrates of sister municipali ties, from whom, he was sure, all would like to hear. In regard to the movemen sembled, he quite realized that its im portance was not quite understood on all sides, but he felt convinced that this convention, having for its object the placing of the mining industry on a

utmost to bring about a settlement of the coubles at Fernie. (Applause.) In conclusion His Worship again neartily welcomed the delegates to the eity. While, of course, they would be busy attending to their convention duties, he hoped that by way of relaxation they would be able to improve the opportunities of enjoying themselves, which would be afforded them. The Pacific Club had thrown its doors open to them, while members had been invited to partake of the hospitality of the Union Club. He also said that the visitors would be taken for a drive to the principal locali-ties of interest about the city. (Applause.)

The programme was then proceeded with. Interspersed with orchestral selecwere made by a number of the visiting elegates, including Mr. Gilman, of and an intimate friend of Mayor Mc-Mayor Burrell in particular voicing his sentiments in one of the brightest brief beeches heard in the council chamber for many a day. Council sessions at Grand Forks must indeed be attractive f Mayor Burrell often holds forth as he did last night. His address simply glitsparkling epigrams. In the course of his remarks he mentioned that Victoria was household word in the interior because of its beauty. He recalled the observation of a commercial traveller whom he had met on the train while en route to the coast, who said that there was no down for the rest of his days than in with the arrival of the delegation. (Laughter.) He understood, however, that some of them were unwell, and had

ties actualities. (Applause.) The speaker then pointed out that all the questions to come before the convention must be reated in a broad and generous spirit.

treated in a bread and generous spirit. (Applause.) The great question which must be set-tled, he reminded them, was that be-tween capital and labor. Temporary compromises would not avail. What was wanted was a permanent, fair add-instment of this great matter. Incu-dentially he referred with pride to the-fact that there were no labor troubles in the Boundary district, which at the present time was suffering severely from the strike at Fernie. The employees in the strike at Fernie. The strike at Fernie. The strike strike at Fernie. The strike strike at Fernie. The strike strike strike at Fernie. The strike strike strike at Fernie. The strike stri the strike at Fernie. The employees in the Boundary were treated fairly and W. Fullerton, Victoria, raised the squarely, and strikes were unknown. point that he was: an alternate. He

hall this morning. The first subject of importance to come before it was that of The reception exemplified Victoria's the 2 per cent, tax. Before the meet-ability to receive conventions. Every ing adjourned at noon the resolution carried unanimously.

After the adjustment of various preliminary matters an interim report from the committee on rules and order was read. The concise set of rules for the guidance of the chairman was adopted.

A. L. Belyea, for the committee on reolutions, reported that resolutions had been approved of by the committee as follows:

1. Endorsing the resolutions passed at Sandon in connection with the silver-lead industry.

2. In favor of abolishing the 2 per cent. tax. The committee on credentials present-

d a further report, adding the following names to the list of accredited delegates: value of the ore deducting only the cost

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consideration of the resolutions. The question of the abolition of the 2 pe cent. tax was, on motion of A. Grant, o

Texada, taken up first. Judge Townsend, Rossland, moved the adoption of the following resolution: Resolved, That the government and legislature of the province of British Columbia are respectfully urged to abolish the so-called two per cent. mineral tax upon the output of mines because of its injurious effect in restricting and repressing mining low grade ores, and because of its effect in discourse in the because of its effect

ouraging the investment of outsid capital J. H. McGregor, Victoria, wanted to

hear from the up-country men as to what they were willing to do in the way of a tax provided the 2 per cent, was

Mr. Galt, K. C., Rossland, said that those interested in this matter looked to the support of all classes in seeking the abolition of this tax, which had a dete rent effect upon the mining industry. It seriously affected the mining of low grade ore. The tax was levied upon the gross of freight and treatment. In this way

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law was thus inequitable. The grade ores were forced to p which, brought to its extre a point where the profit ceased low grade mines were of th benefit to the country. The Rossland depended entire miner. If the three or four working were closed down would be wiped out and the would lose the taxes nai zens. He cited a case in y he believed the Centre St forced to pay a tax of 12 p its net profits. Mines wer as high as 22 per cent, on reaped from the ground mineralogist points out th from the mines was incre to year. But no attempt show the profit which w He could say that none of which were producing this paying a dividend. There w fore. little inducement to in money in the province's mine It was asked that a subst

ed for this. Suggestions had from time to time yet they have attended to. Was it after all of those asking for the injustice that a substitute sl gested? (Cries. no.) This taken out of the pockets of a owners who were hanging on The low grade ores were being and the mine owners avoided these out. It was iniquitous owner should have to pay 22 per the profits to the governmer chances of failure were entailed mine owner, yet he was called i pay this tax. Judge Townsend contended that

2 per cent. tax was taken off the p tion would double or perhaps tree these districts, and the government thus get its returns for the rem this tax.

E. B. Kirby, Rossland, said that were usually asked "How is t burdensome? and what do you pu to substitute?"

The burden, while not large in th gregate, was paid by a very few was very unequally divided amon members. This tax had an odious tation among investors of Toront treal, London and New York. difficult to realize how this tax a an irritant to investors. Its r would aid much. The third of was that it, had a very peculiar that it was a progressive tax, which gradually seized more of fits as these were reduced in stance of low grade ore. He knew other tax which resembles this low grade ore was the back-bone mining industry, as it formed the fortion for steady development. Quot illustrate how the tax worked, he s that the imposition of the tax of cent. upon the gross value made on the net profit much higher on a of the increased cost of mining in p tion to the value of the ore. grades of ore were reached the p were all absorbed. The result wa mine owners would not tackle low gr properties. This 2 per cent. tax for them to abstain from investing from 10 per cent to 20 per cent. profits would be taken up.

It was not the business of the ow to propose a remedy. That was the ernment's business. That was they were there for. (Applause.), moment it was proposed to sugge remedy they found a wide diversity opinion. (Applause.)

Mr. Drewery, of Slocan, said as interested in the silver-lead industry would support the resolution provided words low grade was removed. high grade ore producers could not it any better than the low grade pro

Lester Hill also favored its abolit A. C. Flumerfelt said he was no mining man, but was deeply interin the matter. He was glad the con tion had approached this 2 per cent. ject in a broad way. He has the ance of the Premier and the leader opposition that they were in favor altering this. He was asked, how by them what would be subs answer was that not only should th be removed, but that a bonus might paid, some of these industries. He ferred to the Granby smelter, with w he was connected. The company making vast enlargements. It was tended if matters could be satisfact adjusted to duplicate the capacity of smelter perhaps within the present ye and 4,000 tons a day would be hand which would employ 1,200 to 1,500 r It was intended when this tax was on statute books that it should brought into operation by proclama The minister of finance found it new sary in order to provide roads, etc., the law should be enforced.

R. Marsh, Rossland, said the que of a substitute for the 2 per cent. was apparently the great trouble. substitutes proposed were about as jectionable as the original. The mi industry without the 2 per cent would still more than pay its prop ate amount of the taxation. The inc in the prosperity of the country in the taxes resulting from the influx population be benefit enough without substitute.

E. P. Gilman, Vancouver, urged th the provincial government would b increase in population be faced wit extra expenditure for schools, etc. proposed united action on the part of convention towards getting the Dom to give to British Columbia at least was contributed by the province to Dominion finances. With this done could be afforded the mining industr

C. H. Lugrin thought they wer ting from the motion. (Hear, hear, the tax was a bad one it should be moved, and they, as a convention, no need to discuss a substitute. (H hear.) The legislature might deal that. The results from the imp conditions would be sufficient to pense the country for the loss of thi venue. A strong resolution should passed by the convention if they w in favor of the abolition of this tax.

J. B. Hobson explained how it af the placer mining industry. H that when an effort was made to investors to enter the country the met by this tax. He instanced one pany in Cariboo which had ex \$1,900,000 on a property and in had invested another \$1,700,000, had been earned. Not one cent muneration had resulted to the The two per cent. royalty acted unit

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