

The Colonist.

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PRINCIPALLY BENEVOLENCE.

Canada can boast of having among its most prominent citizens two of the most disinterestedly benevolent and judiciously liberal men to be found in any country. Ten years ago Lord Mountstephen and Sir Donald Smith in order suitably to celebrate the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign devoted one million of dollars for the erection and endowment of a hospital in the city of Montreal. A magnificent structure was erected and suitably furnished and equipped. It took three-fourths of the princely gift to do this. A few weeks ago the two gentlemen gave eight hundred thousand dollars more to be invested for the maintenance of the Victoria Hospital. Here we have two noble men giving each nine hundred thousand dollars for a truly charitable purpose. This hospital will stand as a memorial of the reign of our beloved Queen and as a monument of the Christian munificence of two Canadian philanthropists, as long as Montreal is a city.

POLITICAL PRUDISHNESS.

The political prudishness of some of our contemporaries is amusing to contemplate. One of them very primly, not to say severely, says: "Mining as well as real estate, grain and stock gamblers prattle about seeking whom they may be able to draw into their meshes." Are not the metaphors a little mixed here? This by the way. "That they exist," it continues, "wherever a mining excitement prevails, is well known. This being so, and the danger to the innocent being largely increased when leading men, holding positions of trust from the people, so allow their names to be used, no man, either directly himself an administrator of the law of the land, or whom the electors have chosen, should be found in any way associated with propositions which are more or less hazardous. Whether he be a Minister of the Crown or a representative of the Government abroad the principle of being a director or adviser in any mining, or other risky undertaking is wrong and cannot be justified on any ground. It is to be hoped those who are in such positions as we are referring to will at once sever their connection with such transactions."

If this is to be taken literally every representative of the people, whether he is a member of the Government or not, must retire from business, for all business, as very many know to their sorrow, is more or less hazardous. Perhaps the writer means that no public man shall be either a director or a member of any joint stock company. If this is the case the people in all the provinces must be deprived of the services of many of their ablest and most enterprising citizens. It may be, however, that all our contemporary intends to say is that no representative of the people should give a mining, or any other company, the use of his name for the purpose of inducing the "innocent" and confiding to risk their money in it. If this is all that our contemporary means it has expressed itself rather unfortunately, for it is reprehensible in any man—whether he is in a position of public trust or not—to allow himself to be used as a kind of decoy. We are quite certain that there is no public man in British Columbia who would not reject with indignation the proposal to become the tool of real estate, grain or stock gamblers. To suppose them capable of occupying such a position is simply to insult them. The writer of the article under review cannot be ignorant of the fact that gentlemen are often, in this Dominion, chosen as representatives of the people because they have business interests in the country, and because their prosperity as private citizens depends almost entirely on the rapid and thorough development of its resources. Are all such men to be driven from the public life of Canada, or must it be made an indispensable condition of their acceptance of a position of public trust that they give up their private business?

BRYAN'S ELOQUENCE.

It has been denied that Mr. Bryan the nominee of the Silver Democrats, appeals to the national prejudices or antipathies of those whom he addresses in favor of the free coinage of silver. We are surprised that anyone who read the famous speech that obtained for him the nomination of the Chicago Convention should assert that Mr. Bryan does not appeal to national pride and national hatreds to gain votes for free silver. The following passage from a speech which Mr. Bryan made at Pittsburg is in the same strain, and it is beside not a bad specimen of the boy orator's style of speaking: "I have said that in this contest we have a repetition of the contest of 1776, and in this campaign as in that a line will be drawn between the patriot and the Tory, and when I say it I do not say it, my friends, to criticize the man who believes that this nation is not great enough to legislate for its own people. He believes it honestly, and I recall your attention to the fact that in the struggles of our forefathers for liberty there were those who honestly believed that they ought to continue in this land the political supremacy of Great Britain. In this they were, by mistake, and"

farm, why can he not do his duty quite as well if he has a voice in the direction of a gold or silver mine? The unco-guid among journalists and politicians when they reflect must see that they go perilously near making fools of themselves when they say "no man either directly himself an administrator of the laws of the land or whom the electors have chosen should be found in any way associated with propositions (sic) which are more or less hazardous." The wonder to us is that there could be found in any British colony any journalist stupid enough to make such a statement and others so silly and so unreflecting as to endorse it.

A CORRECTION.

By one of those typographical errors which it is impossible to account for the word majority appeared in a sentence of yesterday's leading article where "minority" should have been. The sentence should have read:

"More singular still, although the Liberals as compared with the Conservatives and Independents are, when the aggregate vote at the polls is considered, in a minority of 96,317, they have in Parliament a majority of thirteen over Conservatives and Independents combined."

It may be, perhaps, worth while to show more in detail the figures of this most extraordinary political paradox: The vote polled for Conservatives and Independents was 493,511. The Liberal vote was 397,194. Liberal minority 96,317.

Yet in the face of this very considerable minority the Liberals have in the House of Commons a majority of thirteen over Conservatives and Independents.

Commenting upon the very peculiar position occupied by the Liberal Government with respect to the popular vote, the Montreal Gazette says:

When the result of the election was known it was said that the Conservative party had sustained a defeat that gave it no reason for shame. It had made a fight for a principle and lost. It was not overwhelmed. It remains in the field as one of the strongest oppositions in the history of the Dominion, and with ground for claiming that its strength in the country is greater proportionately than its representation in Parliament. Such conditions warrant the expectation of a movement in popular opinion, the effect of which will be seen in a gradual decrease in the Government's strength in the House of Commons, and its ultimate defeat.

RASH PROMISES.

The Temperance people are reminding Mr. Laurier of his promise of a plebiscite to test the opinion of the Dominion on the question of prohibition. The people of Canada will have to pay heavily for Mr. Laurier's reluctance to say what is not pleasant to those who approach him. No one better than the present Premier knows that a plebiscite in this Dominion a perfectly useless proceeding. The temperance cause, after the vote is taken, will be precisely what it was before the plebiscite was held. There is no place in the constitution of the Dominion for a plebiscite. It has no legal force, and its moral effect is questionable. Ontario had a plebiscite on the prohibition question. What was its effect? Did it advance the cause of prohibition in the least, and had it the effect of decreasing the consumption of alcoholic drinks even in Ontario by a single gallon? But Mr. Laurier dearly loves to say what is pleasant and agreeable to those whom he addresses. As long as immediate action is not required of him he is willing at almost any expense to say what may increase his popularity. He generally manages to make his promises very ambiguously, and we have no doubt that he will contrive to elude the temperance people for a while. But there is no doubt, that he did promise that if he were returned to power there would be a plebiscite at some date in the not very distant future. Having his promise, the prohibitionists will keep him to it, and no matter what it will cost those who believe a plebiscite to be a piece of expensive folly—an agitation of the public mind for no practical purpose—there will be a plebiscite, and the people will have to pay the piper.

YUKON MATTERS—SOME CONTRADICTIONS.

To THE EDITOR:—I fully allow me space in your columns to emphatically contradict some statements imputed to me by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer in an alleged interview with one of their correspondents at Seattle, and copied in to the columns of the Victoria Times last evening. The statements I wish to contradict are: (1) That the "boundary line" had been shifted from three to eight miles to the westward in the vicinity of Forty-Mile river. (2) That a mining tax of \$25 had been collected from the miners. (3) That the possibilities of railway communication with the headwaters of the Yukon, by way of the White Pass, would reduce the cost of freight transportation from 16 cents to 1 cent a pound. What I did state with reference to these matters in a general conversation, was: (1) That Mr. Ogilvie had completed his survey of the boundary by which it was discovered that more territory belonged to Canada than originally supposed and that he was awaiting instructions from the Ottawa authorities with respect to a joint check of the work by the United States engineers, so that the location of the boundary at the point mentioned would be permanently settled. (2) That mining licenses were \$15 and not \$25 as stated. (3) That it was possible by means of railway communication, by way of the White Pass, to reduce the cost of freight transportation between Puget Sound and the mines from 16 to 3 or 4 cents a pound. WILLIAM MOORE.

One Honest Man.

If written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter particulars of a genuine, honest home cure, by which I was recently restored to health and manly vigor after years of suffering from nervous debility. I was robbed of my health and quacks until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but, thank Heaven, I am now well, vigorous and happy. I wish to make this certain means of cure known to all afflicted. I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. I promise perfect secrecy, and address, simply: P. O. Box 388, London, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Dupont arrived home last evening, after an extended visit to England, and on their return to Victoria. They were accompanied by their children, and a large number of friends. They were met at the station by a large number of friends, and were taken to their homes. They were all in excellent health, and were much pleased with their trip. They were accompanied by their children, and a large number of friends. They were met at the station by a large number of friends, and were taken to their homes. They were all in excellent health, and were much pleased with their trip.

if you go to the cemeteries you will find many a grave marked by a grateful people to commemorate the names of those who thought English domination should continue. There are people to-day who believe that this nation is not strong enough to legislate for our people, and who are so poor who honestly believe that an attempt to do so would bring distress and many evils. We may respect their honesty, but must we enter into a life and death struggle with them because we assert here that the financial domination by a foreign power is so dangerous to the liberty of the people as political domination? But I must not talk. I desire to thank you for the interest you have shown in the very beginning of this campaign. I have no fear that your interest will be allowed to die—not a bit.

ROSSLAND MINING NOTES.

[From the Rosslander.] The Mugwump Gold Mining Co., composed chiefly of Seattle people, have put a diamond drill to work on their property, which lies north of and adjacent to the Iron Mine.

The Homestake mine is now O.K. All differences have been settled, and the balance of the treasury stock, 200,000 shares, will be put on the London market. A five-drill compressor, with hoist and pump, will be placed on the mine.

The first shipment of ore from the Lake View mine, near Boundary, to Tacoma passed through Spokane last Saturday, on the Spokane & Northern railway. The car was decorated with evergreens, flags and bunting, and was placarded "Assays 256 ounces silver and one ounce gold."

A change for the better is noticeable in the ore taken out of the Deer Park shaft in the past few days. A shaft of 50 feet was sunk by contract and at the level ore was not very rich. The shaft was continued by day work with the intention of carrying it to the 100 foot level. As they sank the iron in the ore changed in quality and copper began to appear. Recent assays have shown from \$20 to \$38. A horse-whim is being used to do the hoisting.

The owners of the Young America are to incorporate under the laws of British Columbia at an early date with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 for 100 shares. It is situated between the Badger, Grand Prize and Deer Park, about one mile southwest of Rossland. A shaft is down 15 feet with the bottom all in ore.

The report coming in is making a grade on the Red Mountain railway, when crossing the Rainy Day mineral claim, boulders of coarse galena, carrying silver and free gold, were found. The ore was only float, but the indications are that it is not far from a probably a vein similar to that of the Mayflower may be discovered.

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It is commonly reported here that every inch of ground is staked for many miles around Rossland. This week two prospectors who were looking over some ground about a mile east of the city came upon the No. 1 post of a claim which had been staked two years ago, but never recorded. After visiting the recorder's office and satisfied themselves that such was the case, they returned to the ground and put up their stakes, calling the new claim the Vanderbilt, and losing no time in recording it.

The fraction of the claim is nearly a full-sized one and adjoining the Lamp-lighter, Frankie H. and Diamond Dust. J. G. Bell and partner, who left Rossland about ten days ago on a prospecting trip to the Lardeau country, have returned. They found that the location, for the reason that they found the whole country staked for miles around Thomson's Landing and Trout-Lake city. They visited the now famous Black Bear group, about fourteen miles up Fish creek from the Northwest Arm, and also the Great Northern, for which it is said an offer of \$125,000 had been made. They say the Lardeau is a much harder country to prospect than Trail Creek. There are some changing hands at good figures, notwithstanding the unobtainable under three figures. Lardeau is forging to a front place as a rich mining camp, and will be a formidable rival to the Slocan.

NEW DENVER.

[From the Ledger.] The Comstock, Silver Cup, Silver Chief, Ruby Trust and Kentucky Girl, known as the Thompson group, are on Finnell creek, about 10 miles from Silverton. On the Silver Cup a crosscut tunnel 60 feet in length has been run, showing at 75 feet an 18 inch streak of galena, carrying 100 ounces in silver and 80 per cent lead. On the Comstock a 90 foot tunnel has been run on the lead, developing from 1 to 4 feet of ore for the entire distance. There are about 20 tons of ore on the Comstock dump, and a

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VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 15.—William Higgins has been given an extra month's imprisonment for refusing to work on the chain gang and assaulting the officer in charge. The bungling work of the council of 1895 is being undone as fast as possible, the last act being the reinstatement of Ex-Pol Tax Collector Sullivan.

The city council have refused to build or repair any schools this year, and the school trustees have written the council refusing to take the responsibility of results arising from the overcrowding of the schools. John Strathan, an anti-fire pioneer of Vancouver, died at the city hospital yesterday.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Aug. 15.—The danger is about over from the Burnaby bush fire, the flames as to prevent the spread of the flames. Sturgeon are being shipped daily by the C.P.R. These fish are very numerous in the Fraser just now. The premier sturgeon this season weighed 500 pounds. James Brockie, while chopping wood, cut his foot so badly that it is feared it will have to be amputated. The salmon run has slackened off to 30 to the boat, and some of the canners have stopped packing, while others, in anticipation of a better run, are making cans as rapidly as possible. The sockeye season closes on the 25th. An application will be made to have it extended a week.

The request of the Salvation Army for \$1,000 for a better home has been referred to the next year's council. The Young Women's Mutual Improvement Home has proved to be self-sustaining and successful in every branch of work undertaken. Regular classes in cooking are now being organized. Miss Edwards is in charge of this department. "Only a tramp" was the verdict of those who attempted to identify the body of an unknown found in the Fraser river, near Chilliwack. There is little doubt that the unknown was stealing a ride on the ill-fated C.P.R. train when it plunged into the river. The body of E. Dearman, the brakeman who was lost at that time, has not yet been recovered.

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KAMLOOPS.

[From the Inland Sentinel.] Lord Sudeley has gone down to Southern Yale to inspect the mining possibilities there. It is questionable now whether he will be able to get up to Adams lake this year, but his mining expert is expected to be here before very long to inspect the Adams lake property. G. B. Guthrie, the well-known prospector, left Kamloops a day or two ago for Montreal, where he will lay several mining propositions before investors. A new strike has been made on the cinnabar mine at Copper Creek. The diamond drill has penetrated a very large body of ore—from 40 feet to 80 feet thick. The ore is of lower grade than that formerly obtained, but the immense body of it should determine with a good deal of certainty the existence of a genuine quicksilver mine at Copper Creek. On Wednesday evening a large number of railway men and others sat down to dinner at the Cosmopolitan hotel, the guest of the occasion being James Garretson, Grand Senior Conductor of the Order of Railway Conductors of North America. Mr. Garretson was on an official visit to British Columbia, having come from Seattle. During the past week Kamloops has experienced a genuine mining excitement occasioned by the discovery of gold ore on Coal Hill, about four or five miles to the south of the city. The first location was made by Leonard Victor Bennett, on the 3rd of August. This was not recorded, and it was re-located by Robert Buchanan, who staked out two claims. On one of them two men were put, and it was not long before they struck a mineral lode which caused a regular mining fever. The outcropping was followed down, and at a depth of ten feet there was laid bare a most promising prospect. Wentworth Wood made an assay of the rock, and found that it contained over \$40 in gold, besides a large percentage of copper. The country rock on Coal Hill is a green diorite similar to that found in the famous Rossland or Red Mountain district. The ore itself shows iron and copper pyrites, and presents a very pretty appearance. Since the discovery a large number of claims have been staked and samples forwarded for assay. In the bottom of Mr. Buchanan's excavation there is one a foot of solid ore, besides highly mineralized surroundings throughout the whole cutting.

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WHATEVER uncertainty there had existed as to the proposed trip of the Victoria companies of the Fifth Regiment to Vancouver, to take part in the carnival there, was disposed of last evening, by the receipt of the definite information that the carnival committee had arranged to bring them over. This was contained in a message from Capt. Bennett to Major Gregory. The Victoria companies having the most pleasant recollection of former visits to Vancouver, it is expected that every man who can possibly go will at once commence preparations for the promised trip. Rev. Dr. Proper arrived over from Seattle by the morning steamer yesterday.

Victoria College. BEACON HILL PARK, LATE CORRIG COLLEGE. For Boarding or Day Prospects apply PRINCIPAL J. W. CHURCH, M.A. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. The regular COURSE OF LECTURES will be given Tuesday, September 1st, at 9 a.m., at the College Building, Sycamore street, near Chatham street, San Francisco.

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ONTARIO Canadian Revolt in Another Falls, N.Y. 7th inst., reduced to a mere theatre, lately destroyed by fire. Places on the were badly injured in fire. International theatre, and guests, caused almost a panic. brigade did fire. Apples and Ontario that be enough to at the opportunity of James Smith in Huron large yields price will be The cheese Bridge, Ontario, near Durand and July 69 received at 10 pounds of c A revolt in the ranks of the thirteen pro-Conservative have been s with the pro-Conservative of these protest together, at the fate of the meet with r forwarded to James Smith is blamed the protest epithets are faithful, one "czar." A Brockville articles whence going up against the party, for the complaint Threats of un-land are heard not seem to General Mule Osgoode hall the Liberal of protest. Frank H. I pump at Han examining pe dredge when striking him left eye. The dredge engaged on the monee a doctor hospital, but after the accident gained considerable many years a and shipbuilding Niagara, N.Y. Canada twenty Watson (Toronto Star, has handsome form full of good traits at 16 St. Sacre An attempt recently at the Quebec, Mr. H. of the Electu shot himself v than three sho pine was form of the Trade was connected wards of five y the leader of a Union, in wha ed. The only deed is mental work. THE MINING An Ottawa official returned eared and in t for presentatio sately after his names on the and the total was 890,711, o total, which is other elections this is partly that the numb dead and abs larger than usu was a Conserv 397,194; in wha provinces was Ontario..... Quebec..... Nova Scotia..... New Brunswick..... Prince E. Island..... Manitoba..... British Columbia..... Northwest Ter... The number of the members are as follows: Ontario..... Quebec..... Nova Scotia..... New Brunswick..... Prince Edward..... Manitoba..... British Columbia..... Northwest Ter... Total..... All the time? A tion that your blo as it ought to be take a few bottle Hood's Sarsaparil feel being gi Hood's Pills a the liver and bow Subscribe for