

# THE HOUSE DISSOLVED

### Collectors of Votes for the Upper Country Districts.

### Developments in Regard to Island Colliery Strikes.

VICTORIA, June 24.—The legislative assembly was dissolved yesterday, the proclamation being published in a special issue of the British Columbia Gazette. The same issue announces that the writs for the new election will be dated July 16th, returnable November 18th. The new legislature is to be convened on January 21st.

Up-country collectors of votes are as follows: Cariboo, John Bowron, Barkerville. Lillooet, Caspar Phair, S. M., Lillooet. Yale, J. W. Burr, Ashcroft. Kamloops, Edward A. Nash, Kamloops. Okanagan, Leonard Norris, S. M., Vernon. Similkameen, C. A. R. Lambly, S. M., Fairview. Greenwood, W. G. McMynn, S. M., Greenwood. Grand Forks, W. G. McMynn, S. M., Greenwood. Revelstoke, Wm. G. McLaughlin, Revelstoke. Slocan, H. P. Christie, Slocan. Ymir, Thomas Henry Atkinson, Ymir, Nelson City, Harry Wright, Nelson. Rossland city, John Kirkup, S. M., Rossland. Kaslo, Alexander Lucas, Kaslo. Columbia, Charles E. Hamilton, Golden. Cranbrook, James F. Armstrong, S. M., Fort Steele. Fernie, Lestock R. Forbes, S. M., Fernie.

It is expected here that D. M. Eberts will try to be a candidate in Saanich, which is practically the same as his old seat, South Victoria. There is a likelihood that the strike at Extension will be settled, as many of the miners are dissatisfied with the Western Federation. It is stated that over 200 miners have signed a circular stating that they are willing to resume work. This has been submitted to the ex-premier, who has, however, left everything in the hands of the manager, Andrew Bryden. It is not in the least probable that Dunsuir will for one moment consider the recognition of the union, especially as long as it continues its connection with the Western Federation.

A dispatch from Cumberland says: At a largely attended meeting of Chinese in Chinatown last evening George W. Clinton, representing the Wellington colliery entered in a contract with about 100 Chinamen to get out coal for a period of two years. As each miner may employ several helpers, this means the practical exclusion of white labor from the company's mines. A petition is being sent to Ottawa by local sealers, which in its preamble states that it has come to the knowledge of the sealers that the lessees of the seal rookeries on the Pribylofs from the United States are bringing influence on Great Britain and Canada to abolish pelagic sealing in order that they may secure a monopoly. This the sealers fear would rob hundreds of employment and destroy an industry.

## CAUSE FOR REGRET

REV. CHARLES W. HEDLEY, M. A., DEPARTS FROM ROSSLAND THIS MORNING.

LEAVES RECORD OF ZEALOUS WORK AND GOOD DEEDS QUIETLY PERFORMED.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Rev. Charles W. Hedley, M. A., late rector of the St. George's church, leaves this morning for the coast, where he will spend a few days prior to returning east to the Algoma parish to which he has been allocated. It is probable that a considerable number of Mr. Hedley's friends and former parishioners will gather at the depot to bid him farewell.

During his residence in the Golden City Mr. Hedley has won a wide circle of friends through his unremitting zeal in the work of the church and his cheerful co-operation in various semi-public movements that made for the benefit of the community generally. This was particularly the case in connection with the public library, which would probably not yet have been achieved had it not been for the perseverance of the retiring rector of St. George's.

Mr. Hedley's influence among the young men of the city has been especially good, and many a young fellow entertains feelings of the deepest gratitude to him for a helping hand extended at the juncture when assistance and encouragement, particularly the latter, were most needed. Much of the latter work was done in a manner which entirely escaped public attention, but Mr. Hedley's close friends knew and appreciated thoroughly his efforts along this line. The Golden City suffers a genuine loss through the departure of Rev. C. W. Hedley, and numerous friends will join The Miner in the hope that his future career in the church may be successful and pleasant.

At St. George's yesterday Mr. Hedley held a levee on a small scale for

the purpose of taking leave of his parishioners. Many of these took advantage of the opportunity, and if good wishes can ensure success, Mr. Hedley's path will be strewn with roses. Rev. Mr. Hedley came here from Brantford, Ont., where he officiated for a year or two as curate of Grace church under Dean Mackenzie. He is a brother of Robert R. Hedley, metallurgist and manager of the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson.

## ITS UNVEILING SOON

"FATHER PAT" FOUNTAIN TO BE FORMALLY UNVEILED DOMINION DAY.

COMMITTEE NOW ARRANGING PROGRAM—CHILDREN WILL TAKE PART.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The "Father Pat" memorial fountain will be formally unveiled on Dominion Day. At least the committee in charge of the construction of the memorial is arranging for such a ceremony, and there is no reason to disbelieve that their plans will be effective. This will be the only public function in Rossland on Canada's national holiday, and for that reason the committee is especially anxious that it should eventuate. The fountain will be completed several days prior to Dominion Day. The exact date of completion is unknown as yet, by reason of the fact that the electricians for the corners of the memorial have to be shipped from the east and their delivery here cannot be accurately foretold. Otherwise the structure is already finished. Contractor Shackleton of Nelson only requires to put in a day or two longer before turning the fountain over to the committee, and receiving the balance due him on the work.

The committee's proposal, so far as it has been arranged to date, is that several days before the national holiday the fountain shall be covered with canvas. At the hour arranged on July 1, this covering will be removed, thus constituting the unveiling ceremony. It is suggested that the school children should be massed in front of the fountain, that a band be in attendance and that speeches be delivered appropriate to the occasion and the day. From every standpoint the proposed ceremony seems eminently desirable and appropriate, and the unveiling is certain to attract every citizen who does not journey to one or other of the celebrating cities of the Kootenays and Boundary.

## THE BATTLE IS ON

REGISTRATION OF PROVINCIAL VOTERS COMMENCED YESTERDAY HERE.

JOHN KIRKUP IS COLLECTOR OF VOTES AND COMMENCEES DUTIES.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The provincial political campaign is now fairly on. Yesterday the registration of voters for the general provincial election was commenced, and this brings matters down to a basis where all the interests concerned have some definite ground on which to operate. From this time on the campaign will be waged steadily, increasing in intensity as the not far distant election approaches.

John Kirkup, government agent, was notified by wire of his appointment as collector of votes for the Rossland city electoral district. A large supply of forms necessary for registering voters is to hand, and the work is already under way, a number of registrations having been made yesterday. All former voters' lists for the province have been cancelled, in consequence of which the entire electorate will have to register regardless of their former status. No fee is attached to the registration, and the requirements for applicants are that they shall be of male sex, 21 years of age, British subjects, six months resident in the province and one month in the city. Applications are made on oath, which may be administered by any of the following officers: Justice of the peace, mayor, reeve, alderman, councillor, commissioner for taking affidavits in the supreme court, registrar of titles, notary public, collector of votes, provincial constable, special provincial constable, government agent, government assessor, municipal recorder, deputy municipal recorder, judge of any court, stipendiary magistrate, municipal clerk, municipal assessor, postmaster, postmistress or Indian agent.

The political bodies are working actively already. The Conservative association opened rooms yesterday in the premises formerly occupied by the Grand Union hotel, and the Liberals meet tonight at the board of trade rooms, when the question of more commodious quarters will be decided.

## ROAST UNENDORSED

THE LOCAL MINING ASSOCIATION WOULD'N'T HAMMER MR. ROBERTSON.

MATTER REFERRED TO THE CENTRAL ORGANIZATION.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The Rossland branch of the Provincial Mining Association has declined to endorse a stiff roast of Provincial Mineralogist Robertson emanating from the Princeton branch. The resolution

to this effect was discussed last night at a well attended and animated meeting of the executive of the Rossland association, and it was finally passed along to the central organization for action. Incidentally some of Mr. Robertson's methods, or rather his unaccountable pessimism, in respect to the mineral resources of the province, were commented upon pretty severely. The resolution which the Rossland association was asked to endorse read as follows:

"In the opinion of this branch of the Provincial Mining Association, the present provincial mineralogist is unqualified for the position he occupies, and we believe it in the interests of the province that the executive of the provincial association urge upon the government the desirability of a change. Our reasons for this belief are as follows:

"First—His reports on new mining camps are invariably pessimistic and tend to discourage both prospector and capitalist seeking a suitable field for operations; so notoriously is this the case that interior mining districts having few developed properties have never welcomed his visits, and his name has become a by-word and a jest among large numbers of the prospecting fraternity of Southern B. C.

"Second—Because of their official character his reports have an extremely injurious effect on outsiders unacquainted with the country's resources, and go far to nullify the efforts of those who are working for the development of new sections.

"Third—In particular we protest strongly against his report on this district, which did it a grave injustice."

The meeting was in session a couple of hours, the foregoing being the principal topic under debate. After it had been disposed of by reference to the central association, the meeting discussed minor details arising out of the association's business. Incidentally it was decided that in future no Wednesday night meetings should be held, because of prominent members of the executive being compelled to attend meetings of the Miners' Union on Wednesday nights. To meet the convenience of these gentlemen another evening will be selected for future meetings.

## OUT OF POLITICS

SMITH CURTIS REITERATES THAT HE IS NOT OUT FOR RE-ELECTION.

DISCUSSES MARTIN AND ANNOUNCES PUBLIC MEETING HERE THIS WEEK.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

"I have already stated that I am not a candidate for re-election to the legislature," said Smith Curtis last evening on his arrival in the city from Halcyn Springs, "and I repeat that this is my attitude at the present time. Important private business demands all my time, hence my decision to abandon politics at this juncture."

"It is my intention to hold a public meeting here next week," continued Mr. Curtis, "provided business arrangements permit. I have to go to the Boundary at once, and may be called east immediately. If these business engagements do not interfere I am anxious to meet my constituents. At this public meeting I propose to discuss politics as they have been during my term in the legislature, and as they are at the present moment."

"On the subject of Joseph Martin I have nothing to say beyond what I have stated on the public platform on a score of occasions. I do not consider that Martin is worthy of the position of party leader and will oppose his resuming the position he has apparently vacated voluntarily."

"Next week the province is to divide on party lines. I do not see that it is necessary to reiterate my attitude. I have always stood for Liberal principles, and I stand there today. My position and my attitude on all important issues that have arisen from time to time in the house will be gone into at the public meeting, which I hope to convene as already stated."

Mr. Curtis will be in the city a day or two prior to leaving for the Boundary, where he has important mining interests.

## PHOENIX CONSERVATIVES.

Organization Effected at an Enthusiastic Meeting.

PHOENIX, B. C., June 17.—Local Conservatives held an enthusiastic gathering last evening at Masonic hall for the purpose of completing an organization here, in view of the approaching provincial campaign. There was an excellent attendance of the faithful, and a large number of names were signed to the membership roll. The name chosen was the Phoenix Conservative Association, and the following were elected as officers:

President—James PUNCH. First Vice-President—Geo. W. RUMBERGER. Second Vice-President—W. X. McDONALD. Secretary—W. B. COCHRANE. Treasurer—Isaac CRAWFORD. Executive Committee—Charles D. HUNTER, W. J. PORTER, Dr. R. B. BOUCHER, G. R. MEAD, George McNICHOIL, W. H. MOORE, James CUTHBERTSON, Alex. MILKIE, C. N. MORTON, J. HAVERTY, Hugh McDONALD, D. MURRAY.

The Conservative convention for Grand Forks riding, in which Phoenix is located, will probably be held at Grand Forks at a date yet to be determined.

The late Hon. James O'Brien bequeathed \$10,000 to various Montreal charities. Mr. G. G. Stuart, K. C., has been elected Batonnier-General of the bar of Quebec province. Mr. James Carmichael, who has been postmaster of Oshawa for thirty years, is dead, aged 83.

# A RAILWAY IS NEEDED

### Riches of the Similkameen that Await Development.

### The Keremeos Valley and Its Prospects—Some Fine Claims.

SECOND ARTICLE.

Editor Miner: In my last article I mentioned a few of the mining camps in the upper Keremeos valley that are at present awaiting the advent of a railway to become contributors to the revenue of the province as shippers of ore and employers of labor. But there are many, very many, mining properties at Camp Hedley, Aspen Grove, Fish Lake, Copper Mountain and elsewhere in the great Similkameen country that are similarly dependent on cheaper transportation facilities to become producers, to say nothing of the vast coal measures awaiting development in various places in the Similkameen valley. From east to west for seventy miles—from the free milling quartz groups of Fairview, of which the Stenwinder mine, with its 100 feet above the creek and wagon road, R. W. Northey, who put the deal through, will have charge of the work, and he has a strong belief that when the properties now in course of development have good-sized ore dumps on view to corroborate the contention that the mineral traffic of the Similkameen is not an idle fancy, there will be a flurry on the part of Jim Hill and the C. P. R. as to which shall get their road in first.

Coming down the valley, we next reach Ollala, one of the prettiest little towns in the province. It is situated at the junction of Keremeos and Ollala creeks, and has magnificent water power for all purposes. The townsite is on a gentle slope towards Keremeos creek, and is amply timbered. The Ollala Copper company owns a great number of claims on both sides of the valley, and at present is chiefly engaged in developing the Bullion and Flagstaff groups. Bullion mountain adjoins the townsite on the east side of the valley and the Bullion group comprises nine claims. The development work on this group consists of about 850 feet of tunneling and several open cuts at various points in the mountain side, all these showing splendid bodies of ore, which carry values in gold and copper, as well as some silver in certain places. Some of this ore assays high, one sample giving \$100 in copper alone, but the average value will be somewhere between \$10 and \$15 per ton, which will be a good pay grade, considering the immense size of the ore bodies.

The ore occurs in felsite, which is cut at intervals by lime dykes, which being the principal copper lodes have so far been found. The ore zone on the Bullion group is known to be at least 600 feet in width. It follows the line of contact between the felsite and the limestone to the south and the felsite before mentioned, and is entirely in the felsite. The line of contact between these two formations runs nearly true east and west, the ore bodies, which run north and south, ending there or else dipping beneath it. Only diorite is found at the surface immediately south of the contact, although further south again there is another high grade copper zone, or it may possibly be the same that has dipped under the diorite. This latter may probably be the case, as the diorite is not quite half a mile in width.

There are twelve men at work on the Bullion and nearly every day there is some gratifying surprise to report as the blasts expose magnificent looking yellow copper, fine samples of which are exhibited in the windows of the company's office on Main street, Ollala. A party of New York and other Eastern people interested in the company are expected to arrive at Ollala at the end of this month, and if they are satisfied with the outlook, they will, it is said, authorize the construction of a 50-ton smelter and a small power plant. There is not the least doubt that their verdict will be favorable.

With your kind permission I will conclude with a third and last article on this district. R. W. NORTHEY.

## GETS A COKE SUPPLY

ANOTHER GRANBY SMELTER FURNACE TO BE PUT IN OPERATION.

JAMES J. HILL'S SYNDICATE BUYING RESERVATION IRON CLAIMS.

GRAND FORKS, June 18.—The Granby company, which has recently been operating only two furnaces, owing to the limited quantity of coke shipped by the Crow's Nest Coal company, expects to blow in another furnace shortly. Arrangements for a supply of fuel from an alternative source have been made. The smelter during the past 24 hours has been in receipt of 1000 tons of coke from Fairfax, Washington. Additional shipments, greatly improving the situation, are expected this week.

GRAND FORKS, June 18.—A syndicate backed by J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, after purchasing iron deposits in various parts of the state of Washington, has extended its operations to the Colville reservation. R. W. Humer, of Republic, representing the syndicate, this week bonded the Combination and Golden Zone claims in Wolf's camp, half a mile from Curlew lake. These properties are owned by George L. Wolf, a pioneer prospector. The deposit of iron where the lime capping has been removed is shown in places to be over twelve hundred feet wide. The ore is a typical hematite, running 82 per cent in iron, and is said to be admirably adapted for the manufacture of steel, an industry the Hill people propose to establish. Recently the same syndicate purchased two adjoining claims from Simon Shaw, the price being \$700 cash.

# ARRANGING THE SEATS

### British Columbia Electoral Districts For Commons.

### Tarte's Amendment Voted Down by a Large Majority.

OTTAWA, June 18.—Over five million dollars supplementary estimates for the current year, ending June 30th, were brought down this morning. There is \$6000 for dredging in British Columbia; \$45,187 for the Quesnel-Atlin and Port Simpson-Hazelton telegraph lines; \$12,000 for Vancouver harbor; \$4000 for public buildings; Hardy Bay Wharf \$2000; Salmon river, \$3000; Alberni-Clayoquot, \$1050; further amount for new steamer in British Columbia, \$9000; government of Northwest Territories, \$25,000; government of Yukon, \$208,642; Yukon telegraph lines, \$175,418.

The vote against Mr. Tarte's amendment was the largest of the session, there being 52 of a majority for the government. The amendment declared that it was the bounden duty of the government to revise and readjust, without delay, the present tariff so as to maintain a fiscal policy adequately and firmly protective of the large national interests at stake, and also that it was the duty of the government to carry out an electric transportation policy.

The redistribution committee made progress today. Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and British Columbia were completed. In Prince Edward Island Queen's gets two members, Kings one, and Pictou one. In Nova Scotia Pictou loses one and Victoria is attached to Cape Breton. New Brunswick was allowed to stand over to decide whether Albert was to be attached to King's or St. John county.

British Columbia was taken up next. Mr. Morrison was heard in respect to the division of Yale and Cariboo. It was decided to divide it into two constituencies, one known as Kootenay and the other as Yale-Cariboo. Kootenay includes Rossland, Nelson and all portions east of Arrow and Kootenay lakes. Yale-Cariboo gets the remainder of the present Yale-Cariboo, including the Grand Forks division. The villages of Hope and Yale were attached to Westminster. The city of Vancouver includes North Vancouver and South Vancouver, Moodyville and that portion of Richmond east of Howe Sound. The city of Victoria is a separate constituency. Nanaimo will include Esquimalt, Saanich, Cowichan and Nanaimo city. A new constituency, which will be called Comox-Atlin, will include all that portion of Vancouver island north of Nanaimo constituency and all the coast north of Vancouver constituency on the mainland, including Skeena and Atlin districts. The name of Burrard will be dropped. British Columbia gets one new member.

The bill providing for the Canada Industrial Loan, with a capital of \$1,000,000, provided by ex-Governor Mackintosh of Rossland, has passed its final parliamentary stages and will be assented to by the governor-general in due course. The measure is broad in its franchise privileges, including lumbering and iron and copper mining and erection of smelters.

## FLOODS ARE HERE

ALL TRAINS TO ROSSLAND PASS OVER FLOODED TRACKS. COLUMBIA AND ITS AFFLUENTS ALMOST REACHED 1894 MARK.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The danger of disastrous floods along the Columbia river and its principal affluents is now more imminent than at any time since 1894, when high water mark in the annals of the Kootenays was reached. Reports are to hand from various quarters that the level of the water is within a few inches of the '94 mark, and that a further rise is expected.

The Spokane train was an hour and a half late yesterday—today there is a possibility that the train may not get through at all. At the lime quarry because of the unusually high water, a few inches additional may block traffic altogether. At the lime quarry twenty inches of water covered the track yesterday, and the train was forced to plow through this. If any further rise occurs the water will invade the fire box of the locomotive, and traffic will be suspended. At Hendryx Cut a slight further rise will make considerable trouble, although the most dangerous spot appears to be at the quarry.

On the upper reaches of the Columbia equally serious trouble is expected unless a subsidence sets in. At Trail the water front is several feet deep and some houses have been abandoned. On the Kootenay river the rise has been rapid. There seems to be danger that the Canadian Pacific will be blocked by water between Slocan Crossing and Nelson. At Calamity curve, just west of Granite, the river was over a foot above the track level yesterday, and the train swept through the flood like a man-o-war. A few inches additional water at this point would prevent the trains passing. In the Canadian Pacific yards at Nelson some of the tracks are several inches under water.

VERY EARLY.—The first snow pea bloom are now flowering at the home of H. Perryman of the public school. The display of flowers in bloom.

PUMPING.—The pumps were started at Nelson, and water has been drawn from the Kootenay river.

AT DRILL.—No. 1 company, Rangers, turned out for last night's drill. The corps in splendid shape at Nelson, and will march out close to sixty strong. It is improving rapidly, having its first march night.

LIBERALS.—The Rossland Liberals taken possession of quarters at the corner of Queen and Nelson streets. They have been furnished daily for registration.

# CITY NEWS

### GOOD SHOOTING.—Several members of association shot over today and made extra. B. Barker, manager of the club, put on a total of 28 at the 200, 32 at the 600. This is the best range. Robert V. 74, Alfred McMillan 70, T. I. Dunn 74 and 80. The members of are improving constantly.

### EXAMS SOON.—The midsummer examination and high school entrance examinations will also be started, probably by under David Wilson, inspector who is expected to arrive today.

### NEW QUARTERS.—The Conservative association occupied its new headquarters in the old Grand new meeting of the held there tomorrow.

### CONNECTED.—Yesterday water made to the "Father Pat" fountain. The electricians of the fountain, and should be held for the unveiling ceremony today.

### HOSE SHED.—The city has applied permission from Kenzie, manager of the erect a small hose shed vacant property at the intersection of the auxiliary road there for use as a shed taken on the of Fire Chief Guthrie.

### BURGLARY.—At an early hour yesterday the premises of Arthur Street south, burglars, who stole a containing \$14 in cash, Bank of Montreal in Cole for \$20 and some articles used by the Police Chief Bradshaw in hand.

### TENNIS GAMES.—The members of the club are now in good first inter-club matches are being arranged. Messrs. Buckingham, Phipps, Carmichael, to Trail, where two singles will be played. Tennis will compete in a tournament on Dominion.

### UNIQUE STORE WENT.—McArthur & Harper, decidedly unique and show those who can gaze into their store the next two days. So in the case of the setting of which has in honor of the grand lacrosse auspices to row night. The emb national game and the Rossland Lacrosse mingled with the other much taste.

### BUSINESS CHANGE.—Clyde A. Cook and ghan, trading under Vaughan & Cook, employees of their business Hamon, accountant and Oswald Bleson, Charles O. Lalonde. The new firm assumes today and is safe to give patronage which enjoyed.

### PROMOTED.—The following from spect to G. I. Sween. E. W. Ruff, of Rossland with interest here: G. gal manager of the G. been advanced to the strating freight agents at Spokane. This vancement, the position ant one. Mr. Sween include a large portion bla, also Idaho and O. R. & N. operates. been in charge of office May 1, 1902, p. has been employed as office.

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