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THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY. At the opening of the first session of the eighth provincial parliament, through Lieutenant-Governor McInnes' speech from the throne, the Government at Victoria yesterday outlined its plans. There are some excellent features in the policy proposed, but it looks as though the Government, in its enthusiasm, pur- poses carrying out more than it may be able to. The Government has a majority of four, which is not very large. Some of the measures will be bitterly fought by the Opposition and 60 days is too short a period in which to carry out what it intends to. It will be particularly difficult if the Opposition resorts to filibustering tactics. One of the measures is the abolition of the mortgage tax. This tax is in the nature of an additional tax, for the reason that the property, which is covered by the mortgage, is taxed, and so is the mortgage. The existence of this tax, it has been claimed, tends to keep capital out of the Province, and is very burdensome on the mortgagor, because in the end he has to pay both the taxes. Under the circumstances it looks as though it would be a wise move to abrogate this tax. An important measure to this section is the proposed abolition of the license that is collected from working miners. This should go through with a large majority, and should not be opposed even by the Opposition. The residents of the mining sections of British Columbia regard this tax as an unmitigated evil, and it should be abrogated. The introduction of the Torrens system for land transfers is a measure that should be adopted. It will simplify and cheapen the cost of making transfers of realty, and, besides, it prevents the transfer of real estate for which the title is defective; in fact, it gives absolute security to purchasers of real property. The prohibition of Japanese from working underground is a measure that should be adopted, and doubtless will be. There are certain coal mining interests on Vancouver island that will probably oppose this measure, and it will, perhaps, be one of the hardest fought propositions that will come before the present Provincial legisla- ture. There is already a law on the statute books, which prohibits the employment of Chinese underground. A statute was passed by the last legisla- ture, which prohibits Japanese or Chinese from being employed on any enterprise authorized under Provincial statutes. The Japanese government has filed a protest against this act as being contrary to the comity of nations and requested that it not receive the sanction of the Governor-General. The act had not been signed by Governor-General Aberdeen when he left for England, nor has Lord Minto yet approved of the measure. It became a law a year after its passage by limitation without his signature, and that year will have soon expired. There will doubtless be a strong fight made on the proposed legislation which allows prospectors the same privilege on railway land grants that is given them on crown lands. The railway companies, to which these grants have been awarded, will doubtless oppose legislation of this character and owing to this it may be a rock on which the party in power may split. Among the pronouncements of the new Government is one which provides that aliens cannot take up placer claims. The Miner some time ago placed itself on record as opposed to the enactment of a law of this character, and for the reason that it is against any measure which is calculated to retard the development of the Province, and this would, in our opinion, result in keeping back to a considerable extent the development of its mineral resources. The number and importance of mineral finds would be greatly lessened if the prospecting for and location of placer properties were confined to British subjects. The Miner, therefore, thinks that such a measure as this should not be adopted. There are other measures which the Government is pledged to carry out, but which are not so important to this section. These outlined embrace a large task, and with the diverse interests that are involved it seems doubtful if the Government will be able to carry them all out at the present session. MR. GOODEVE SHOULD BE ELECTED. There are two candidates in the field for Mayor. One is Alderman A. S. Goodeve and the other His Worship Mayor H. S. Wallace. Both are well known to the residents of this city and both are in their business capacities. There is no very great difference between these two gentlemen who aspire to the highest office in the gift of the people of this city. The present year promises to be the most important in the history of Rossland and many mat- ters of great import will come before the government. It is therefore im- portant that the very best man available occupy the mayor's chair. The chief executive is all-powerful in municipal matters. In the opinion of THE MINER, A. S. Goodeve is the better man of the two candidates for the office of Mayor. One of the reasons why this is so is Mr. Goodeve's position on the water ques- tion which is a most important one to the people of this municipality. When the question of the purchase of the plant of the Rossland Water & Light company came before the council last

summer, Mr. Goodeve, while fully recognizing the importance and advantage of the municipality owning its own system, was certain that the price asked, about \$80,000, was too high and entirely out of proportion with its actual worth. There- fore, he urged the appointment of an expert hydraulic engineer to ascertain the actual value of the plant which the city was so strongly urged by certain in- fluences to purchase. At the same time he pointed out that even if the city secured the plant for a consideration of \$80,000, an immediate expenditure of at least \$25,000 would be necessary, in the way of repairs, to meet the then current water requirements. This position taken by Mr. Goodeve has since been proved to be the proper one by the facts in the case. The expert hydraulic engineer appraised the value of the water plant at about \$35,000. Since then it has been fully demonstrated that the plant is inadequate to supply the city with water. The citizens were compelled to do without water on several occasions during the warm weather owing to the paucity of the supply, and at the present time, when they naturally look for an abundance of aqueous fluid after soft weather and a good fall of snow, it is found, owing to poor construction, that Rossland is now enduring a water famine. This is not the only danger, for should a fire start the entire city might be laid in ashes because of a lack of water with which to quench it. The situation is so acute that the insurance companies are talking of cancelling their policies here. They meet today for the purpose of considering the question. The position that Mr. Goodeve took at that time was a most sensible and wise one. It saved the city from paying the water company more than twice what the plant was worth, and also pre- vented the municipality from acquiring a plant that does not fully come up to the requirements of supplying the city with water at all times. At the time the question of the purchase of the water plant was being con- sidered, His Worship Mayor Wallace and others were the strongest support- ers of the plan, and had it not been for the firmness of Mr. Goodeve the city would have been saddled with an almost useless plant. At the time of the agitation for the purchase of the water plant, mainly through the efforts of Mr. Goodeve the gold commissioner made an allotment of certain water rights to the city. Mr. Goodeve stands pledged to secure an adequate water supply for the city. He will do this, should he be elected, either through the purchase of the present water plant for a fair price or by the erection and maintenance of a separate plant, which will obtain its supply from the water reserves held by the city and other sources. Mr. Goodeve should be elected Mayor. GOODEVE'S STRENGTH IS GROWING. The political strength of A. S. Good- eve is growing rapidly with each hour and the outlook is that he will be elected mayor of this city by a large majority. The difference between the fitness of the two candidates for mayor in Mr. Goodeve's favor is becoming more and more palpable as the canvass progresses. A majority of the electors fully realize that Mr. Goodeve will make an ideal mayor. They feel certain that he will give an administration to which those who vote for him can in the future justly point with pride for its thoroughness, its honesty and the business-like meth- ods which will characterize it. He is one of the best business men in the city, and in the conduct of the affairs of the city he will use the same wise methods that have made his private affairs so successful. Beside this, Mr. Goodeve is progressive and there will be no lagging behind other cities on the part of Rossland in the matter of public improvements while he is filling the chair of mayor. Mr. Goodeve made a splendid record as an alderman. When measures inimical to the best interests of the city came up he had always the courage of his convictions and stood up as firm as a rock for that which he thought was right. If he made an enviable record as an alderman it naturally follows that he will make a splendid mayor, for if he has been faithful in small things it is natural that he will be true to those larger trusts which will come to him as chief executive of the city. Ross- land needs just such a man as Mr. Good- eve to guide it through the year 1899, because it will be one of the most im- portant in the history of this city. Instances are numerous in which Mr. Goodeve showed that he is superior to His Worship Mayor Wallace as a public officer. The following incident reveals in a marked way the difference between the two aspirants for the office of mayor of Rossland. In February an agreement was entered into with J. H. Smith by which he was to lease the city a plot of ground on Lin- coln street 30x60 feet in size, and to re- move to it a building owned by him on Columbia avenue. The building and the ground together were to be leased to the city at \$50 per month, and he was to allow the city three months' rent free. It was afterwards found that the build- ing covered only a little over 50 feet, and when the lease came to be drawn, Mr. Smith asked the city to give him back the extra 10 feet. He, however, was unwilling to make any reduction in the rent. Mayor Wallace said he thought the city should not hold for the pound

IT LOOKS LIKE WAR WAS COLD AT REPUBLIC. The Temperature Went Down to 35 Degrees Below Zero. With the Fall in the Mercury There Was a Rise in Room Rent—Mining Notes. REPUBLIC, Wash., Jan. 4.—[Special.]—It is cold. This morning it was 35 de- grees below zero at the mill and 30 be- low in town, and all day long it was very chilly. We could stand the drop in the thermometer, but the rise in our room rent took our breath away. Two days ago we were informed that our 50-cent rooms would be \$1 per night "with no monthly rates," and restaurateurs are in line. The newest property to walk in with the snow is the Mary Ann, situated on Copper mountain, about one and a half miles west of Republic, having for its neighbors the Bryan & Sewall, Copper Mountain, Gold Chest, Golden Chariot and other noted claims. All of these claims are actively working. The Mary Ann has two shifts working and is making good progress in sinking the shaft. The shaft is all in one of fine quality, and sinking will be continued to the 500-foot point. The ledge will then be crosscut to determine its width. The shaft is now down 24 feet and the quality of the ore has improved each foot. The forma- tion is in place and very regular. The property has been placed under the management of A. Walker, a thoroughly experienced mining man, who will de- vote his entire attention to the develop- ment of what he considers a coming Re- public property. Some of the new locations are coming to the front. The Flying Dutchman and Chippina, adjoining claims, nearly one mile south of the Republic mill, are two of them. The owners started a shaft on a four-foot ledge, and yesterday their assays ran \$8.40. The width of the ledge is unknown, but the owners are highly elated over the surface prospects, and intend to continue the shaft. Superintendent Straight is in from the Nonpareil group, nine miles southwest of town, and reports an important strike down 22 feet. A crosscut was started from the bottom of the shaft and was run eight feet through solid ore. As yet no assays have been obtained. G. L. Hedges, superintendent of the Waculda Mining company, is in town. The camp is 12 miles west, on the state road. A tunnel is being run on the ledge, and they are now in over 160 feet. They are working eight men. Fifty feet of a ledge has been run through, but no wall reached. Mr. Hedges states that the entire 50 feet will average \$6 per ton in gold. Work will be pushed during the winter. The Lily R., a little beyond the Non- pareil group, has traced the lead 200 feet. The blow out was wide and strong. A ten-foot shaft was sunk, and the bottom is now in ore. Today's assays give \$8.68 in gold. The shaft will be con- tinued during the winter. Copper Mountain was too far afield for the relocators, and all claims in that section were represented except four or five. A shaft is being sunk on the Gopher claim to catch the ledge. The claim is located near the Mountain Lion. A shaft is down 45 feet and is in ore. The shaft will be driven during the winter. James P. Harvey, general manager of the Republic and all the Clark interests in this district, arrived from Spokane yesterday, where he had passed the holi- days with relatives and friends. THE TRAIL SMELTER. It Will Be Shut Down Because of a Shortage in Ore. A statement was published in THE MINER yesterday to the effect that owing to the inability of the Columbia & Western railway to supply the Trail smelter with the large quantities of ore needed it was to be closed down in a few days. Yesterday it was ascertained that this was an error. The fault does not lie with the railway, but rather with the War Eagle mine, which furnishes the principal supply for the smelter. For a month past the War Eagle has only been sending from 30 to 100 tons a day to the smelter. This is because the new machin- ery is being installed. The smelter should have at least 250 tons per day to keep it in operation. The road has often handled this quantity with ease. Therefore, the smelter will be shut down because of the failure of the War Eagle to supply it with sufficient ore and not through any fault or inability on the part of the C. & W. railway to handle ore in sufficient quantities to keep it in operation. When the new machinery of the War Eagle begins operations there will be plenty of ore for the smelter. OLD CHRISTMAS DAY KEPT. The Queen Regent and Young King Held a Military Levee. LONDON, Jan. 7.—The Madrid corre- spondent of the Standard says: "In ac- cordance with the usual custom on twelfth day, the queen regent and King Alfonso held today (Friday) an ex- clusively military levee, which was at- tended by all the marshals except Martinez De Campos, who is indisposed. Over 1,000 officers passed before the majesties, the most observed in the throne-room being General Weyer and General Polavieja. There was also many prominent commanders from the colo- nies. A crowd of sight-seers outside the palace gazed silently on the brilliant throng of uniforms. 1000 J. W. Paulson, grocer, holding ticket No. 33, won the handsome oil painting of the Maine, which was executed by Mrs. James Good, and was raffled last evening. On account of the great amount of ice in the Arrow lakes and in the narrows, the C. P. R. has suspended for the winter the steamer service on the lakes between Nakusp and Robson. Here- tofore the Arrow lakes and the Nakusp railway to Roseberry at the head of Slo- can lake, thence down the lake on the steamer Slocon to Slocon City; from Slocon City to East Robson by rail; and thence to Rossland via the Colum- bia & Western railway. Returning the route will be the same. About the same time will be made as over the old route. Will Operate Havana Railway. TAMPA, N. J., Jan. 7.—Articles of incorporation of the Havana Electric Railway company were filed with the secretary of state today. The company is capitalized for \$5,000,000. The in- corporators are W. E. B. Melvin, East Or- ange, and G. K. B. Wade and Herbert A. Howell of New York. It is under- stood that the company is formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the street railways of Havana. Labor College at Oxford. LONDON, Jan. 7.—Mr. Vrooman, the wealthy American, who recently bestowed a gift on Oxford university, was interviewed last evening on the subject of his scheme of founding a labor college at Oxford. He said that everything had been arranged to open the college on Wash- ington's birthday with 50 students.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Ophir Mineral Claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Between the Gold King and Copper Mining Claims on Red Mountain. Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for the Jumbo Gold Mining Co., Ltd. (foreign) fee miner's certificate No. 12,082A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 12th day of November, 1898. 11-10-101 J. A. KIRK. Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Oakland and Emma Weber mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the west side of the middle fork of Sheep Creek, about two miles west of O. K. mine and adjoining the Cruiser mineral claim. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (acting as agent for Joseph E. Walters, F. M. L. No. 3358) fee miner's certificate No. 3403, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 17th day of November, 1898. KENNETH L. BURNET. Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. St. Bernard mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: One half mile southwest of the O. K. mine and is a re-creation of the St. Bernard, located 14th of April, 1895. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (acting as agent for Victor Moulter, Esq.) fee miner's certificate No. 3403 A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 27th day of November, 1898. KENNETH L. BURNET. Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Big Bend Fraction, Double Fraction, Actua Fraction and Big Four Fraction mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About one mile west of Rossland, B. C. and adjoining the MacPiper, St. Paul, Rainy Day, Black Rock, Bryon, Midnight and Sunnyside mineral claims. Take notice that Wm. E. Deveraux, acting as agent for Margaret Murry, Free Miner's certificate No. 34,032A, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 18th day of December, 1898. WM. E. DEVERAUX, P. L. S. Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. James Stanley mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the north side of Rock Creek, south of the Winnie Davis mineral claim. Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for A. G. Elliott, free miner's certificate No. 6604A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 20th day of November, 1898. 12-8-101 J. A. KIRK. Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Douglas mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the north side of the trail, near the head of the trail. Take notice that I, O. E. N. Wilkie, F. M. C. No. 37,454A, acting as agent for R. H. Smith, free miner's certificate No. 12,493A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 10th day of December, 1898. 2-8-101 WILKIE, P. L. S. Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Aaron's Inle, Aaron's Star, Aaron's Gem and Aaron's Fraction mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: East of the Columbia river, about five miles east of Waterloo, at the head of a creek. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Nils Pearson, free miner's certificate No. 9274A, and Wm. Gibson, free miner's certificate No. 9275A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 21st day of December, 1898. 12-22-101 F. A. WILKIN. Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Yreka Fraction and April Fool mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Deer Park mountain, about 1,500 feet west from the Rocker Creek. Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for Fred J. Smith, free miner's certificate No. 3385 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 10th day of December, 1898. 12-22-101 J. A. KIRK. Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. High Ore No. 2, North and Dandy No. 2 mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About three miles southeast of Rossland, in the valley between Lake and Lookout moun- tains. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for R. Miller, free miner's certificate No. 11,202A, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 30th day of December, 1898. 12-22-101 F. A. WILKIN. Liquidators' Sale of Unclaimed Shares. Tenders will be received by me up to the 23rd of January, 1899, for the whole or any part of the unclaimed shares of the Carbonate Silver Mines, Limited, (non-personal liability). These shares are not claimed by the shareholders of the Carbonate Silver Mining Company Limited (Liability, under terms of sale to the Carbonate Silver Mines, Limited (non-personal liability). Tenders must be accompanied by cash, draft or marked check for 25 per cent of the price bid for. For further particulars apply to the undersigned. Dated this 24th day of December, 1898. 12-22-101 LE ROI Mining and Smelting Company. Notice is hereby given that a general meeting of the Le Roi Mining and Smelting Company will be held at the offices of Messrs. Hamilton, Barristers, Rossland, B. C., on Tuesday, the seventh day of February, 1899, at eight o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of disposing of the whole or any portion of the assets, rights, privileges and franchises of the said company, and for such other business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting. Dated this 24th day of January, A. D. 1899. 1-4-1 EDWIN DURANT, Secretary.