

THE RACE FOR HONORS

About Candidates Now in Field For Municipal Offices
--General Public Apathetic, But Sentiment Is
Decidedly For Mayor Clute's Re-Election.

"The municipal elections for 1903 will be held on Thursday next. Never in the history of the city has there been such general apathy on the part of the electors as in the case this year. The chief reason for this, probably, is that no great issue has arisen to arouse public interest. Mayor Clute and Mr. John Dean, as the two candidates for the mayoralty, have published their respective platforms. Neither has much to say. Mr. Clute evinces a natural pride in his administration, during the last twelve months, and seems confident that his record as mayor of Rossland will appeal to the public sufficiently to carry him again to victory. Mr. Dean deals in gentle ambiguities and demands 'retrenchment and efficiency.'"

As for the candidates for aldermen, a considerable number of the present board have consented to offer themselves for re-election and so give the town the benefit of their experience. There are also several newly-risen aspirants who are ready and willing to sacrifice their valuable time for the good of Rossland and a dollar a day.

The mayoralty candidates are busy electioneering. Mayor Clute's friends are already hard at work in his behalf and are rapidly perfecting a thorough system of organization. Mr. Dean is busy making a personal canvass, but so far has failed to arrange for a committee to take charge of his candidature. Each of the aldermanic candidates is hard at work hustling for himself.

There will be a public meeting at the Miners' Union hall tomorrow night, when the mayoralty candidates will attempt to tell all they know and what they intend to do if elected. Meanwhile the Miner has been endeavoring to glean all the information possible, in order to find out just what is the real situation. The net result of these efforts does not amount to much, for, with the exception of Mayor Clute and his supporters, the balance of the candidates for municipal honors seem desirous of remaining under cover, at least for the present.

A Miner reporter found the mayor at the city hall yesterday afternoon and requested an interview. His Worship replied that he had nothing particular to say concerning his candidature.

"It seems to me," said Mr. Clute, "that the citizens of Rossland will have a comparatively easy task next Thursday when they come to vote for a mayor for 1903. So far as I am concerned, I would ask all intelligent electors to carefully consider the present financial condition of the city and contrast it with the situation that existed when I was elected last year. If they will only do this I shall be well satisfied. I would also ask them to review for themselves the several important and substantial improvements that have been made in various directions during my term of office as mayor, and to bear in mind the rigid economy that has been exercised in the expenditure of monies in these instances as well as in every other respect. I am no claptrap orator of a politician seeking office, but as all my earthly interests are centered in the Rossland camp it is only natural that I should take a keen interest in the welfare of the city. I have willingly served as an alderman since 1898, but was more or less forced into accepting the nomination for mayor last year. Having been elected, I have done my level best to give Rossland a business-like administration, and

while I have had splendid assistance from my fellow-councilmen I cannot help feeling a certain amount of honest pride in the present very satisfactory condition of affairs so far as the municipality is concerned. I am a candidate for re-election because I would like to have another year in which to perfect what I have only partially accomplished as well as to obtain an endorsement of my policy. The credit of the city, already improved, must be improved still more. When we have fully recovered from the wanton expenditure of the board of works in 1900 we may all breathe easier. Meanwhile, having once been driven into this affair, I propose to see it through to a successful conclusion. I am just now too busy to discuss the matter at greater length. If you need any additional information I must refer you to those who have charge of my candidature."

An attempt was made to offer Mr. Dean, but he was not to be found. As he has no one authorized to speak for him, and no committee, an interview with him will have to be obtained at some later date.

A visit to Mayor Clute's committee afforded some additional information concerning the mayoralty contest, but the several candidates for aldermanic honors are not yet prepared to state their views.

Mr. Clute's committee is composed of an equal sprinkling of miners and property owners, and all of them appeared to be absolutely confident that their candidate would be elected next Thursday.

"It is a perfect cinch," said one of the number, and a general murmur of approval followed the remark. "How," he continued, "can Dean expect to be elected with his record of chairman of the board of works in 1900 fresh in the minds of the people? You surely don't forget what happened to Dean when he sought re-election in 1900. One of the following year? Here are the figures: Armstrong 210, Hamilton 199, Dean 100. That shows, if it shows anything, what the public sentiment was at that time. He will be turned down next Thursday for the very same reason. Yet here is Clute who has succeeded in one year in wiping out to a great extent the frightful indebtedness largely created by Dean in his first term of office."

"Hold on," said another of the committee, "give the man some facts. Look here! Clute came into office a year ago and was up against a \$17,000 overdraft and a municipal credit that was worse than nothing. The actual overdraft at the end of last month was \$2900. The cash on hand July 1, 1902, which really belongs to the fiscal year 1903, but received too late to be included in the December statement, is \$2200. This leaves only a small overdraft of \$700. But \$5000 of the original overdraft of \$17,000 was for money advanced against unsold fire hall debentures and really belongs to capital account, as when these debentures are sold this amount will be returned to general revenue, thus leaving the city \$3000 to the good as the result of the 1902 administration, with about \$12,000 of arrears of taxes as a further asset."

"I am more interested in the welfare of Rossland than either of the two candidates for mayor," said a third, who is a very large property owner, and I cannot consequently ignore Mr. Dean's record of extravagance in 1900. On the other hand, Mr. Clute has made an excellent mayor, and for that reason I am supporting him."

Jackson Drops the Carnival Secretaryship

There was a flurry among the members of the winter carnival committee yesterday when H. W. C. Jackson notified the chairman that it would be impossible for him to continue as permanent secretary, which means general manager, of the committee. Press of business was given as the reason for Mr. Jackson's decision on this point.

There was an informal caucus of committee members last night, in which the consensus of opinion seemed to be that Archie B. Mackenzie, chairman of the committee on program, advertising and transportation, should fill the duties of secretary, and this will doubtless be confirmed at the general meeting tomorrow. Mr. Mackenzie has had considerable experience of this nature in connection with the Westminster exhibition,

and his appointment will infuse new blood into the secretaryship, which has been advocated by some members of the general committee.

Hockey, tobogganing and snowshoeing will probably be started as the principal features of the carnival. Eight hockey teams are expected to compete in the tournament, and to give the rink over to the knights of the puck and stick the committee has concluded to give the masquerade at the rink, with which the celebration always opens, on the 11th inst., a day ahead of the regular program, thus leaving three clear nights for the hockey games. J. Stephen Deschamps declares he will have a hundred snowshoers in line for the torchlight parade on Monte Cristo mountain, and if anything like this number participate the event will be an excellent feature.

THE "GET COAL" COMMITTEE.

Have Decided to Call a National Convention at Washington.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—The "get coal" committee appointed at a meeting held in Detroit last fall met here today and decided to call a national caucus of coal men at Washington for the purpose of impressing on President Roosevelt the urgent needs for immediate relief from the stringency of the coal situation. The call for the gathering will be issued probably Monday by Mayor Maybury of Detroit, acting as chairman of the permanent committee of the Detroit coal convention. It was the committee which agreed upon the necessity for a national meeting at the capital.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 10.—The wholesale drygoods establishment of Lyles, Black & Co. was destroyed today, and the drygoods houses of Kernman & Sawyer and O'Brien Brothers, on either side of the burning building, were damaged. The loss is estimated at \$228,000. Insurance \$200,000.

BRITISH ARMY SUPPLIES.

MONTREAL, Jan. 9.—The Star's London cable says: A letter has just been received by the agent general of New South Wales from the war office which indicates that the British ministers intend to comply with the recommendation of the colonial conference that British army supplies be ordered from British Empire sources wherever possible. Tenders are now being called for meat supplies for the British forces in South Africa, and it is hoped a considerable share of the contract will go to Canada.

ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE.

ROME, Jan. 9.—The twenty-first anniversary of the death of King Victor Emmanuel II was observed by a pilgrimage to his tomb today and was participated in by about 30,000 persons.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Indorsed Application For Protective Lead Tariffs

The Rossland board of trade decided last night to extend its endorsement to the application now being made to the federal administration by the Slokan mine owners for a protective tariff on lead and lead products. A resolution to this effect was carried without dissenting votes in the following terms:

"Moved by A. S. Goodvee, seconded by Alfred J. McMillan at the monthly meeting, January 7, 1903:

"Whereas, The silver-lead mine owners of East and West Kootenay, some forty or fifty in number, after a conference with the smelters and refiners, held a meeting at Sandon on December 10th, 1902, and passed unanimously a resolution favoring increased duties upon lead and lead products.

"Whereas, A committee of such lead miners, of the smelters and of the upland boards of trade, have started east for the purpose of urging the Dominion government to give them protection as outlined in their resolutions.

"Whereas, We believe relief to the lead mines, and increased activity in these properties, will create a demand for large tonnage of certain low grade iron ores of Rossland, which are now unprofitable to mine in connection with copper smelting.

"Whereas, The prosperity of our neighboring town of Trail, where are located not only complete copper works, but lead smelters and an electrolytic lead refinery, is dependent upon securing an adequate and regular supply of lead ores, which they are unable to do now, and as the prosperity of Trail means prosperity to Rossland; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Rossland Board of Trade, do hereby endorse the action of the silver-lead miners of East

and West Kootenay, and we hereby respectfully urge upon the government the necessity of granting the request of the committee, now on its way to Ottawa, representing the silver-lead mines, the smelters and the united boards of trade.

"The secretary is instructed to forward copies of these resolutions to the ministers, the senators and members of the Dominion parliament representing British Columbia, and to the press at the Coast and Eastern Canada."

Mr. Goodvee led in the debate on the resolution in an address of considerable length, of which lack of space precludes even a resume. His deductions were all in favor of the tariff proposal, and in this he was seconded by Mr. McMillan.

Charles V. Jenkins and A. B. Barker differed on the tariff point. Both were heartily in accord with the idea of securing assistance from the federal government for the lead industry, but neither was of opinion that this relief would be afforded to best advantage by protective tariffs, and the point was reiterated that in asking for protective tariffs on lead products the Rossland board would stultify itself in any request for much needed reductions in tariffs on mining machinery and supplies.

C. O. Lalonde and J. S. C. Fraser were of opinion that the Slokan mines were worthy of Rossland's support and assistance, and that as the Slokan interests had decided on an application for protective tariffs the board could scarcely avoid supporting the application, particularly as Rossland interests might from time to time require the help of the Slokan people.

The resolution was carried without dissent, and will be given much publicity.

Five English Mines Using Elmore Process

The Elmore oil process of concentration seems to be operating successfully at least five properties in the United Kingdom. The first ordinary general meeting of the British Ore Concentration company, controlling the Elmore process for Great Britain and Ireland, took place recently in London and some interesting information was elicited thereat.

Lord Teynham, the chairman, presided. In the course of his remarks he said, in part:

"We have concentrated our attention on the Sygm mine (Wales), with the result that a large body of copper ore has been rendered available; a 20-head battery has been erected and four units of the patent Elmore oil plant.

"As for the machinery, everything was working so smoothly and automatically that it reminded me of the machines in Chicago, where the pig goes in one end and the sausage comes out the other. The ore is not touched by hand from the moment it is shoveled into the stone-breaker to the moment when it drops in the form of concentrates into the bags below.

"I will not describe the process in detail, but shortly and unscientifically speaking it is this: The ore, after being crushed to a fine sand, is mixed with oil and water. The tallings are washed away with water, and the oil with the mineral particles adhering to it is then passed into centrifugal machines, which separate the oil from the mineral. The mineral is left in the machine practically dry and free from oil, and the oil has disappeared for use again. Everything, then, so far is working well, but at the same time it is too early yet to speak of results. The

plant has been running only a very short time, and at present only eight hours per day; that is, during daylight. We hope, soon, however, to have an electric light installation complete, and we shall then be able to work three shifts of eight hours each.

"You will notice from the report that the Sygm mine is not the only one which is using the process. It has been adopted at the St. David's Gold and Copper Mines, where there are six units at work, and at the Tywannah mine in Cornwall, belonging to Messrs. Balmbridge, Seymour & Co. Both these plants are running successfully, and in each case the results are even better than those attained at the testing works. Mr. Thomas, who is managing the Tywannah mine, in an interesting letter describing the complete success of the process, states that two months of local mines, after seeing the plant in operation, assured him that they intended applying the process to the mines they were connected with, and he adds that in a third mine, where there is a splendid opening for the application of this process, he had every reason to believe the owners will be prepared to adopt it. Now, gentlemen, I have said all that I can say at the first instance, that our patents are all right. I have told you what we have been doing at the Sygm. I have shown you that the process is at work on two other properties, in both of which we have an interest by way of royalty or otherwise, and, further, that the process has been approved of and is likely to be adopted by the owners of other properties."

"Prior to an adjournment the shareholders unanimously agreed to increase the capitalization by £50,000 to carry on the company's mining enterprises.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS IN TRAIL

The citizens of Trail are now interested in the question of municipal politics, and the outcome of nomination day is awaited with considerable interest.

Trail occupies the enviable position, probably unparalleled among the municipalities of the province, of being absolutely free of indebtedness and having a cash balance to the corporation's credit in the bank. Consequently there is no special issue at this juncture for the citizens to divide upon, and any municipal election will be fought on the personal merits of such candidates as may enter the lists.

Mayor Binns is said to be out of the running, not being agreeable to holding office for another term. James H. Schofield has been in the field for the mayoralty practically since the last election, and is certain to be a candidate. The question now arises as to whether he will be opposed, and while there has been some difficulty about this point it is freely predicted that the mayoralty at least will go by acclamation.

Rumors are afloat as to new material offered for the council, but on this point also it is stated that the prospect is good for an election by acclamation. No municipal enterprises of any magnitude are on the tapis for the ensuing year, consequently no issue arises on which a keen election can be fought.

EAST KOOTENAY'S LUMBERING BOOM

Last year the lumbering industry of East and West Kootenay attained proportions greater than at any previous period, and the ensuing year will see further advances on an equally important scale.

In 1902 the output of the lumber mills in the two districts, both of which are under the supervision of John R. Martin, deputy timber inspector, who was in Rossland yesterday, exceeded the production of 1901 by 31.3 per cent, and the incoming year will see an increase over the record of 1902 of not less than one-third.

On the Crow's Nest road alone are 21 lumber mills, while in the Columbia valley there are four more, all shipping their cut into the Territories and all loaded with orders that will keep them on the jump for the entire ensuing year. The increased output this year will largely come from the establishment of new mills. At Wardner the Breckenridge & Lund syndicate has about completed a mill that will turn out no less than 140,000 feet of lumber in each 24 hours, and this is the largest plant in the Kootenays. At Slokan City a new mill is being constructed that will have a daily capacity of 100,000 feet and an American company is building a mill on the Arrowhead side of the arm of the lake that will have a large daily output. The area of timber limits bought or leased for this year's operations has been the largest on record.

The remarkable expansion in the Northwest Territories explains the unprecedented activity in the lumbering districts of the Kootenays, and conditions are such as to indicate that further expansion on even a larger scale may be expected. This will tend to further increase the demand for British Columbia lumber and assure prosperity for East Kootenay and other districts shipping milled products to the east across the great divide. A feature of the lumbering industry at this time is that many mills have recently installed dry kilns, enabling them to ship a much higher grade of material than has been the case heretofore. The move is significant, inasmuch as it indicates prosperity in the territories when a considerable demand arises for the better grades of lumber, while it indicates also that the lumber men deem the industry established on a permanent basis.

A BANK EMBEZZLER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Judge Lacombe, in the United States circuit court today, dismissed the writ of habeas corpus sworn out by counsel in behalf of Louis A. Balenci, a subject of France, who has been ordered extradited to Paris, where he is wanted to answer a charge of embezzling \$60,000 francs. Balenci came to New York seven years ago after the failure of the Societe Francaise De Banque, of which he was managing director, and the funds of which he is charged with having appropriated.

Later he was convicted of grand larceny and sent to Sing Sing.

NETHERLANDS MINISTER.

On Account of Ill Health Is Leaving Venezuela.

LA GUAYRA, Jan. 10.—The Dutch steamer Prinz Frederick Hendrik arrived today and the minister of the Netherlands, Dr. von Leyden, who is retiring from his post on account of ill health, embarked, accompanied by acting United States Consul Brewer. They were conveyed to the steamer in an Italian launch.

The British flagship Ariadne and the British torpedo boat destroyer Rocket sailed from La Guayra today for Caracas.

NO FEARS FOR SAFETY.

Sole Anxiety Is on Account of Scarcity of Provisions.

PARIS, Jan. 11.—A dispatch from Caracas to the Matin says the approaching departure of United States Minister Bowen does not arouse fears for their safety among the foreign residents, their sole anxiety being on account of the scanty supply of provisions and flour, which is only sufficient to last the Caracas population 10 days longer.

The government, according to the dispatch, has only \$20,000 on hand. The revolutionary movement is said to be making no progress.

CITY NEWS

SAD NEWS.

W. S. Rugh and wife were called to Spokane this week through the death of Mr. Rugh's sister, Mrs. Stoll.

MONEY TO WAGER.

It is stated that the sum of \$500 has been deposited with C. F. Jackson, all or any part of which will be wagered that Mayor Clute will be re-elected.

ON BRIEF VISIT.

Herr A. Klockmann, accompanied by his niece and Charles Smith and daughter of Butte, Montana, are in the city on a brief visit. Herr Klockmann will remain in the city but two days, returning to Spokane tomorrow.

NEW MEMBERS.

At last night's meeting of the board of trade William Gray, manager of the Velvet mine; Charles V. Jenkins, in charge of the accounting and purchasing departments of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines, and A. W. Dyer were elected to membership.

PASSED AWAY.

Friends in Rossland will learn with regret of the death in Spokane of Charles Hook, aged nineteen years, son of Mrs. A. Desllets of this city. The cause of death was pneumonia. The interment took place yesterday afternoon at Spokane.

C. P. R. OFFICIALS.

J. S. Lawrence, trainmaster of the Kootenay-Boundary division of the Canadian Pacific, was in the city yesterday. The post of chief dispatcher of the division has been revived and filed by the appointment of A. E. Stevens, who has been connected with the company at the coast. Mr. Stevens accompanied Mr. Lawrence to Rossland yesterday.

ALL SERENE.

William Downie of Nelson, general superintendent of Kootenay-Boundary lines of the Canadian Pacific, was in Rossland yesterday looking into various matters of minor importance here. The Canadian Pacific has overcome the troubles caused by the excessive snowfall in this district and traffic is moving smoothly in all sections.

AT REST.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary E. Adams took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of her son-in-law, J. Fred Ritchie, corner of Kootenay avenue and Davis street. The obsequies were attended by a number of friends of the bereaved family. Rev. Father Welch officiated. Interment was made at the Sacred Heart cemetery, the pallbearers being J. S. C. Fraser, W. J. Nelson, George W. McBride, John Kirkup, Judge Frederick Schofield and W. Astley.

TURNED UP SAFE.

Captain F. J. Lewer, late of Cardiff, Wales, and a brother of W. A. Lewer, of the Bank of British North America here, caused his family at the coast some anxiety by disappearing from their ken for several days. The case got into the coast papers, but Captain Lewer turned up safe and sound, having gone on a business trip to Quebec and misdirected the letter outlining his movements.

FAVORABLY IMPRESSED.

Andrew G. Larson, acting manager of the Rossland-Kootenay mines, returned yesterday evening from a trip to the Sophie mountain section, where he sampled the ore body in the Victory-Triumph property, which he believes has a bright future. In addition he visited the Velvet and inspected the workings on the 100-foot level, being much impressed with the workmanlike manner in which mining operations are now being conducted at this property. Mr. Larson is a firm believer in the future prosperity of the Sophie mountain mines.

DOWN TO CASES.

Rossland business men express dissatisfaction with the Spokane Falls & Northern freight officials on the ground that a promise given during the closing months of 1902 to place Rossland on an equality with Nelson in respect to class and commodity freight rates at the first of the new year has not been made good. The facts in connection with the matter are to be placed before Mr. Blabon, traffic manager, and an effort made to secure the abolition of the discrimination claimed to exist. The board of trade is moving in this connection.

WILLIS DOING WELL.

Walter Willis, now in jail at Nelson awaiting trial for the attempted murder of Robert Adams of this city, is reported to be improving in health daily. The jailer at Nelson has worked wonders with Willis, and has nearly managed to break him of the dope habit. When Willis was taken to Nelson he took on an average twenty-two grains of "dope" a day. At the present he takes but three. Willis himself declares that his arrest has been the greatest blessing that he could have received. His trial takes place at Nelson next month.

NO COAL FOR STEAMSHIP.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The Red Star line steamship Zealandia for Antwerp, which was to have sailed this morning at 10 o'clock, was unable to get away as the coal supply had not been received. The officials expected to get the boat away during the night.

COAL IS THE BURNING QUESTION.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 10.—The municipal coal commission appointed by Mayor Maybury to manage the coal business in which the city is embarking, met today and arranged to begin the immediate purchase of coal. J. L. Hudson, who is chairman of the commission, announced that he would loan the commission \$1000 with which to purchase coal pending the passage of an enabling act by the legislature to legalize the use of \$50,000 of the city's funds for this purpose.

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