

## HAWAIIAN REPORT.

## Findings of the U. S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

## A Majority Report and That of the Minority—Also a Supplementary Statement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—A volume of nearly 800 printed pages was laid before the Senate this morning, representing the testimony taken by the Senate committee on foreign relations regarding the recent Hawaiian revolution. The majority report exhaustively reviews the facts, the laws and the precedents justifying it, and finds nothing irregular in the appointment of Blount, but in effect says that the evidence taken by the committee leads to different conclusions than those which he formed.

The committee concludes that the President of the United States has not been a party to any irregularity or any impropriety of conduct in his high office. The committee find nothing worthy of criticism in the negotiation of the treaty of annexation with the Provisional Government of Hawaii. In the opinion of the committee, the only substantial irregularity that existed in the conduct of any officer of the United States, was that of Stevens in declaring a protectorate of the United States over Hawaii, and in placing the flag of our country upon the Government building in Honolulu.

The report is concurred in by the Republican members of the committee who characterize it as an exceedingly able document, but dissent on five points:

(1) They condemn the appointment of Commissioner Blount as unconstitutional.

(2) They say executive orders placing the navy in the harbor of Honolulu under the orders of Mr. Blount or Mr. Willis were without authority of law.

(3) That the order of Blount to Admiral Scherrett to take the flag was unlawful and unacceptable of being construed as unfriendly to the Provisional Government, and they regard the intercourse of Mr. Blount and Mr. Willis with the deposed Queen as a violation of international law, and unwarranted.

(4) They consider the President had no right to re-open the pre-determined legality of the Provisional Government.

(5) They regard any discussion of the personal intentions or good faith of either Blount or Mr. Willis immaterial, inasmuch as what they did in regard to the reinstatement of the Queen was simply the performance of a task commanded of them by this administration.

The report of the minority, all without denying or conceding the correctness of other portions of the report, dissents from that portion of it: "Which declares that the only substantial irregularity in the conduct of Stevens, the late minister, was his declaration of a protectorate by the United States over Hawaii." While exempting from censure Captain Willis of the Boston and his officers, they add, we cannot avoid the conviction that the impetuous zeal of Minister Stevens in the project of annexation of the Islands to the United States caused him to exceed the proper limit of his official duty, and of his diplomatic relations to the Government and people of these Islands. His conduct as the public representative of this Government was directly conducive to bringing about the condition of affairs which resulted in the overthrow of the Queen and the organization of the Provisional Government, the landing of U. S. troops and the attempted annexation, and upon this conclusion his conduct is seriously reprehensible and deserving of public censure.

Sensors Butler and Turpie file a supplementary report in which they say that while the question of annexation was not submitted to the committee they think it proper to say they are heartily in favor of the acquisition of the islands by the United States in a proper manner, but not by taking advantage of international dissension, for which they believe the United States in some manner responsible.

## BAYARD DISCONTENTED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The Mail and Express prints a circumstantial cable from London, asserting that U. S. Minister Bayard is anxious to return home. It is said that the various functions in which he is called upon to participate, on account of his official position, are very objectionable to him and he has never been very fond of society. It is recalled that he manifested similar aversion to social life when in Washington. It is also said the climate of London does not agree with him. A cablegram asserts that Mr. Bayard has already sent a communication to President Cleveland which has been answered, but the exact tenor of these letters is not known. The Express publishes in connection with this a Washington special in which Senator Gray, of Delaware, pronounces the report untrue, but gives no ground for this denial.

## NORMAN L. MUNRO.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Norman L. Munro, the well-known publisher, who died on Saturday night, had been complaining for some time of terrible cramps in his right side, and it was decided after consultation of the physicians that he was suffering from appendicitis, and an operation was decided upon. The operation was performed Friday afternoon. Shortly before 3 p. m. Mr. Munro became delirious; three hours later he was in extreme, and he passed away at 6:30 p. m. in his wife's arms. The operation disclosed a gangrenous growth. The poison had so tainted the patient's blood that there was absolutely no chance for his recovery. Mr. Munro's eleven-year-old son is now dangerously ill at Dobbs' Ferry with the same complaint, but it is thought that his youth will serve him in good stead and his recovery is looked for. Mr. Munro was born in Millbrook, N. S., 50 years ago.

## INSURGENT STEAMER SUNK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A special from Montevideo to the Herald says an official telegram has been received here from Rio, announcing that the insurgent steamer Jupiter was sunk on Thursday morning by the batteries of Niteroi. It is also reported that four steamers and ten torpedo boats of President Peixoto's squadron left Bahia on the same day. The destination of this fleet is not known.

A special from Rio Janeiro to the Herald says: The government battery in Port Madame opened fire on the rebel transport Mercuro on Saturday morning. One of the shots from the fort struck the boiler of

the transport, causing an explosion. Many of the insurgents who were on board the Mercuro were drowned, but it is not known how many were lost. The insurgent forces under General Pina were defeated in San Gabriel by the Castillistas. According to dispatch just received here, Major Penrote, of the insurgents, was killed. It is now reported that General Isidoro Fernandez is still alive, though rumors of his death have been persistently circulated. The latest reports state that he is the prisoner and is accompanying the rebel army. The vanguard of the loyal forces under General Hipolyto attacked the rebels near Dom Pedro, and defeated them. Sixty-three of the insurgents were killed. A detachment of the Government army has been dispatched to engage the rebels under General Alvarez, who is in the vicinity of Puntas de Santa Maria.

## PRACTICAL UNION.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Sir Geo. S. Clarke, K. C. M. G., of the English army, now stationed in Malta, in the course of an article in the March number of the North American Review, published to-day, replying to Andrew Carnegie's suggestion of a union between England and the United States, suggests a measure of co-operation between the two countries, which, he says, would represent as much practical union as is possible, considering the magnitude of the commerce between the two nations.

Sir George says it is of extreme importance to both that the ocean routes of the world should be inviolable, and here, he thinks, is a basis for union which will endure. Did the two countries form a league, combining their fleets, they could dictate peace throughout the sea highways of the world. The advantage would be increasing to American people, since it has become impossible for them to abstain from the responsibility of a great nation. Such abstention would be incompatible with the effective maintenance of the Monroe doctrine.

The Samoa affair taught a lesson that if ultra-continental possessions have so far been eschewed, the time of their necessity must soon arrive. Whatever may be the present output of the North Pacific must become American soil, and Captain Mahan has clearly indicated another part of the world where annexation will soon be needed. With the Nicaragua canal, which American enterprise will certainly complete, must open a new era of responsibility, as President Cleveland evidently recognizes, while South America reveals a vista too extensive for present consideration.

It, therefore, the assumption by the United States of its rightful position among the nations is inevitable, no step could be so wise, safe and natural, the writer thinks, as a naval league of armed neutrality with Britain. As to the settlement of the questions arising between the two countries, Sir George suggests that an Anglo-American council could effectively deal with most of them. As a last resort arbitration would still be available.

## WORLD'S FAIR RELICS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—A schooner heavily loaded with the huge logs and tree trunks out of which the Washington State building at the World's Fair was constructed, will sail out of the harbor of Chicago some time during the month of May. The destination of the schooner will be Charleston, France, and thus the French republic will come into permanent ownership of one of the most interesting features of the greatest international exposition ever held.

The Washington State building was one of the most interesting of the State buildings at the fair. The timber used in its construction was brought to Chicago with the bark on. The logs were so long that three flat cars were coupled together in order to secure loading capacity of sufficient length. Many of the timbers in the building are three feet square and 140 feet long. It is the intention of those who purchased the building to set it up in France exactly as it stood on the World's Fair grounds. Captain John Prindiville wished to secure the charter for the carriage of the building. "I have no doubt that the charter can be secured," he said to-day. "The only limitation as to the vessel is that it must be small enough to go through the canals in the lower St. Lawrence river. The load will make a safe risk, and there should be no difficulty, I think, in securing a load for the round trip. We can send it over for them during the month of May all right." If all these logs were reduced to boards twelve inches wide and one inch thick there would be 400,000 feet of lumber.

## VASQUEZ IN FLIGHT.

LA LIBERTAD, San Salvador, Feb. 26.—Orders have been sent by General Policarpo Bonilla, who is now supreme in Honduras, to all his forces, and to all officials of the overturned government, to pursue the conquered President, Vasquez. When Vasquez fled from his capital, Tegucigalpa, last Friday, he took the La Patrie road to San Antonio, or Belosco, on the Salvadoran frontier. His escape seems almost impossible, and Bonilla has promised to have him shot dead. Five hundred men set out with President Vasquez at the beginning of his flight at 8 o'clock in the evening, a way out of the city having been purposely kept open for the troops of General Bonilla, who wished to avoid all the bloodshed possible, although he did not want Vasquez to escape. The fugitives had not gone a league on the way before the number was reduced to 300 by desertions.

General Bonilla entered the deserted palace at 9:30 the same evening, the whole city being already in his possession. Little damage was inflicted upon the capital by the siege, the bombardment having been directed mostly against the barracks. Good order prevails throughout the city to-day, and all the political prisoners, including Vegas and Sanloso, have been freed. Every department of the republic, except Amapa, has formally declared itself in favor of General Bonilla, but Governor Vallejo will doubtless surrender soon.

## SELOUS SUES.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—F. C. Selous, who was prominently identified with the South African company massacre of the Matabele, is said, by shortly bringing an action against Henry Labouchere's paper, Truth, asking damages for libel. The Truth has strongly opposed the action of the company in driving the Matabele from the territory owned by them, and Mr. Selous, among others connected with the company, has been severely attacked by Mr. Labouchere.

TORONTO, Feb. 26.—Several slight earthquakes have been felt here during the past few days. The first was observed on Friday evening; the second, which occurred on Saturday morning, shook the houses in the east end quite easily.

## CAPITAL NOTES.

## McGregory and Connolly Reported in an Unsatisfactory Condition of Health.

## They Will Be Released To-day—New Steamer for the Australian Service.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—To-morrow Thomas McGregor and N. K. Connolly will be free men. Dr. Church, the gaol physician, informed me to-night that in January he wrote to the Government respecting the health of the prisoners. On Saturday last, after a visit to the gaol, he again wrote stating that he found the health of Connolly and McGregor much more unsatisfactory, and, in his opinion, further confinement would result disastrously. The Cabinet considered this report to-day, and decided to recommend to His Excellency that the prisoners be released. The Governor-General will sign the order to-morrow. Mr. Huddart, of the Australian line, to-day received a magnificent model of a new steamer for the line when a third vessel is necessary.

## AMERICAN NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Coal men are happy, having received a positive assurance from the Senate sub-committee that they would get forty cents a ton duty, and possibly fifty cents.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—President C. P. Huntington of the Southern Pacific company, arrived from the East. He was asked if it was true that he intended making California his permanent home. He replied: "I have sold all my rods east of the Mississippi, about twelve in all, with the view of devoting my attention to the Southern Pacific system. Of course New York is the financial pivot, and I shall have to be there considerable of the time. I expect to spend my winters in California and my summers in the East."

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Norman L. Munro, the publisher, died at 8:15 o'clock to-night, from the effects of an operation performed on him yesterday.

BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 23.—A dispatch from Pernambuco says that Admiral Gonzalez, of the Government navy, has sailed from that port for Manaus, the capital of the State of Amazonas, on an important mission.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Fire was noticed in the dome of the agricultural building at the World's Fair grounds this morning. It soon spread to all parts of the roof. It is believed to be confined to the agricultural building.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—It is reported on pretty good authority that the cancerous growth in President Cleveland's mouth is again troubling him; that another surgical operation is necessary, and that the Dolphin has been ordered here to take him ostensibly on a duck shooting trip, but really to have an operation performed.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 24.—A decision of the greatest importance to members of the Roman Catholic church has just been received here from the sacred congregation of indulgences. It relates to the recitation in common of the most holy rosary, and provides that when two or more persons recite the rosary together it will be sufficient that one of the number should hold in the hand a chaplet or a pair of beads, properly blessed, and that all the other persons engaged in the devotion to recite the rosary with the chaplet or beads. It is provided, however, that during the recitation the full attention of the mind and spirit of the worshipper shall be devoted thereto.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Daughters of the American Revolution to-day elected officers for the ensuing year and adjourned until February next. Mrs. Stevenson, wife of the Vice-President, was elected president, and Mrs. A. D. Geer, of New York, vice-president.

## CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The receivers of the affairs of Captain O'Shea, formerly the husband of the widow of the late Charles Stewart, have issued a detailed statement of the liabilities of the late Captain O'Shea. According to the statement, Captain O'Shea owes \$3,000, which he offers to settle at seven shillings on the pound. This offer the receivers advised the creditors to accept.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Senator Cruz, Guatemalan minister, has announced that his government has suspended payment of its external debt, in consequence of the depreciation in the price of sugar.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 22.—Several persons were killed and a number injured at Western this morning by the explosion of a powder magazine.

VIENNA, Feb. 24.—An inspection of the offices in the department of Public Debts was undertaken this week without the usual advance notice. Cashier Fertes fled as soon as the inspection began and has not been found. He had embezzled 102,000 florins.

PALESTINE, Feb. 24.—Slight earthquakes have been felt throughout Sicily several times during the last week.

ROME, Feb. 24.—The Pope will issue an encyclical letter on March 3 concerning the jubilee fete.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The Cabinet has resolved to introduce in the Chamber of Deputies a bill increasing the prescribed penalties for infringement of the law governing the manufacture and transportation of explosives.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The custom committee of the Senate has approved the corn bill, and will report it to the Senate on Monday.

ROME, Feb. 24.—Baron Giovanni Nicotri, ex-Minister of the Interior, and one of Italy's foremost statesmen, was stricken with apoplexy this evening.

ROME, Feb. 24.—The Romanian Government has thanked the Pope for his appointment of Bishop Zardelli, of St. Cloud, Minn., to the Archbishopric of Bucharest.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—A dispatch from Senegal says that Mr. Vincent, the French administrator at Dogana, has been killed by the son of a native chief.

## FOR FRANCE AND GERMANY.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Leo Lanthier, the anarchist, who stabbed and seriously wounded M. Georgerich, special envoy of Serbia to France in November last, was to-day sentenced to life imprisonment.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—The anarchists, Paulwitz and Petersdorf, charged with publicly inciting to violence, were to-day sentenced to prison for nine and three months respectively.

## NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

## Serious Fire at Kaslo—Alberti Settlers Propose to Deal Summarily With the Chinese.

## Mining Notes—Vancouver License Commissioners—Dinner to Mr. Mara, M.P. at Kamloops.

## (Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Feb. 24.—A. M. Beattie has received his exequatur from the Imperial Government as a Hawaiian consul at this port. The official letter accompanying the exequatur stated that the delay was caused owing to the uncertain condition of affairs in Hawaii.

O. G. Egan-Thomas, lessee of the opera house, has leased the formerly vacant stores in the Abbott block and fitted them with small stage, dressing rooms, etc., for the Chamber of Music.

A meeting extraordinary of the Vancouver Bicycle club takes place on March 12.

A branch bicycle club, devoted to long rides, to the exclusion of racing, is organizing. The long rides will develop some good five and ten mile men later on.

J. Van Bokkelen, land customs officer, left yesterday for San Francisco.

Vancouver's annual three day skating is over. During the very brief season over 1,500 people visited the rink.

Mr. Healey, grand vice-chancellor of the Manitoba Grand Lodge K. of P., is in the city.

Messrs. Baker and Leeson, the well known Water street commission merchants, have sold out to Stewart, Lewis & Co., late of Brandon.

The Board of Works has refused the Tram Co. permission to lay a double track on Granville street.

AV. Wright, of Vancouver, has been appointed Police Magistrate at Kaslo.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Machin, librarians at the Free Library, out of the goodness of their hearts, have started an employment bureau. The unemployed young men flock into the library and are all to be found there. Their names are entered in a book, and citizens are requested to notify Mr. or Mrs. Machin if they require odd jobs done. The young men take turns in earning a dollar or two—sometimes only a square meal, which is welcome. These young men are not citizens; they have drifted in from other places.

The case of W. C. Gardner, who is alleged to have sent threatening letters to James Hartney, has been again remanded until Tuesday. Gardner is still in the lockup, but having been refused the "He-who-knows-all" of a local paper the ages of Lilliputian and Kailani, but for the first time on record this erudite gentleman of the press has been flooded, and appeals to "some reader" to answer the question. Who knows?

Mayer Anderson has signed the necessary warrant for the election of a license commissioner in place of the late Duncan McCrae, whose death still remains a mystery.

The license commissioners are rehearsing their songs now thirty in the circle, and more talent is needed.

The license commissioners ask that license be reduced on the liquor shops, as a legitimate family business cannot be done with profit.

Snow slides at Clan-William have blocked telegraph business East.

A man named Ross has been found in a starving condition at the North Arm. His flesh was gone and nothing was left but skin and bones. He was brought in by the Provincial police and is being taken care of in the city.

A local paper asserts that there are men in Vancouver who know where Lynn is hidden, but will not risk their lives unless rewarded.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 24.—The Union Ice Co., of Tacoma, contemplate starting ice making and will have a cold storage plant here right away.

The weather has turned milder and rain is falling, but the ice still holds in the upper reaches of the river.

The Westminster woolen mills have been leased by Charles Bowyer & Co. for four years, and will be reopened in a few weeks.

Rev. G. R. Maxwell will preach the annual sermon to the K. of P. Lodges here at St. Andrew's church to-morrow.

A dozen people have left for the Midwinter fair within the last two days.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 26.—The schooner Maid of Oregon came from Puget Sound yesterday with a cargo of oats for the B. C. Milling and Feed Co.

S. H. Riggs, of Victoria, won the Building society's appropriation of \$1,000 at the drawing on Saturday night.

One hundred Knights of Pythias paraded to St. Andrew's church last night, where Rev. G. R. Maxwell preached the annual sermon.

Two men were seriously injured at the Royal City mills by the unexpected collapse of a tank they were pulling down.

NANAIMO, Feb. 24.—John Hanlon, sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for larceny from the Grand hotel, was taken to New Westminster this morning.

The temperance societies of the city and district intend putting a candidate in the field at the forthcoming provincial election. A conference will be held on the 6th of March in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, where the candidate will be selected.

Work is to be resumed next week at No. 1 shaft of the Wellington colliery. This shaft is situated at Departure Bay, near the railroad and was in operation some time ago but owing to an influx of water work was stopped.

Word has been sent down from Texada Island that considerable treasure is being prospected in that vicinity. Steel wire ropes have been stolen from the Puget Sound mine and a canoe belonging to the miners was also taken. In Blubber Bay the thieves tipped a sloop of its rigging and cut down the mast. A man employed at the lime kiln gave chase to the miscreants but after a long chase of over twenty miles, they were forced to give up, their sloop being out-manned. Mr. Manson, J.P., has been notified of these occurrences and it is thought that he will take steps to bring the offenders, who are believed to be hand-loggers, to justice.

NANAIMO, Feb. 26.—S. M. Robins, superintendent of the N. V. C. Co., has gone down to San Francisco, where he will spend several weeks.

Rev. Percival Jones, of Victoria, who formerly had charge of the parish, returned to St. Alban's hall on Wednesday evening next.

To-morrow evening there is to be a meeting of the supporters of the present Provincial Government, in the Foresters' hall. It is understood that the plan of campaign for the approaching elections will then be arranged and candidates selected.

Recent articles from Albert report that the settlers intend taking decidedly practical means to expel all Mongolian residents in their midst at an early date, unless said offensive parties make themselves scarce in the meantime.

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GOLDEN.  
(From the Golden Era.)

We have experienced the coldest snap of the winter this week. The thermometer was, to use a common expression, "out of the night."

It is scarcely three months since Miss Hardie arrived here from Victoria to enter upon her duties as matron, but during that short time she made a host of friends. She will be greatly missed in social circles as well as in her official capacity, and the hospital management will find it a hard matter to procure another matron who is so well qualified to fill the position as was the deceased. When the news of her death was announced it cast a gloom over the whole town which words fail to describe. Much sympathy is expressed for Miss M. Hardie, the deceased's sister, who is here on a visit, in her deep bereavement.

LITTON.  
(From the Kamloops Sentinel.)

D. D. Duhig has returned from Vancouver and has started his men to work on his claim at Bootan creek. Mr. Duhig is an old Caspian miner, and superintended the opening of the Van Winkle claim for the past year. He has been engaged as foreman for Mr. J. M. Burton, and has located several placer claims near here. The dredge men are waiting for their machinery, the soons being completed. The result of this experiment is anxiously awaited by all. If it proves a success, we have no fears in regard to the future welfare of our town.

The winter, which has been so remarkably fine, has changed the past few days, the thermometer going down to zero, with a strong wind from the north.

Henry Finch & Co. are making good progress with their saw, on which they intend to erect a submarine pumping machine. The intention is to have every hope of pumping up gold by the bucketful. The other claims are also making great preparations, so there are lively times expected here during the early spring.

KAMLOOPS.  
(From the Sentinel.)

The ice in the Thompson river opposite Kamloops is of excellent quality.

The party which five weeks ago went up the North Thompson to prospect a mineral location on Louis creek, have not yet reached the true vein with the tunnel, but the prospects have been very good so far in gold, silver and copper.

H. B. Smith, C. E., has completed the survey on which to calculate the cost of the proposed bridge across the Thompson river. Costley & Blair, who have been working at Griffin lake getting out ice for the C. P. R. dining cars and hotel service, with which they took out for private parties, will have a total harvest of about 1,800 tons.

On Monday Mr. Keenan died of old age at Vickers' ranch, being upwards of 90 years old. He was commonly known as "Dad" Keenan, and came to California from Belfast, Ireland, during the first rush to the gold fields. He mined there in '49, and in '58 came to British Columbia.

A. H. Lynn-Brown, arrested on Friday at the instance of W. J. Unwin, for receiving money under false pretences, appeared on Saturday morning before J. McIntosh, P.M., and pleaded not guilty. Evidence was taken proving the receipt by Brown of the money and the advertisement in the Bros. publishers of the New Westminster Columbian. On Monday George Kennedy arrived and stated that Lynn-Brown had been engaged by them to collect and solicit. He was to report weekly, but for four weeks they had not heard from him, so they decided to cancel his appointment by advertisement. The charge was then dismissed and Lynn-Brown made a settlement with Kennedy Bros.

On Tuesday evening a complimentary dinner was tendered in the Grand Pacific hotel to J. A. Mara, M.P., on the eve of his departure for Ottawa. The menu was excellent and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Family came up on the express on Wednesday morning and were joined by Mr. Mara. Another promising hydraulic claim to be developed during the summer of 1894, is the Wyocott, on the Fraser river. The Wyocott Hydraulic Mining company owns about five miles of gravel benches, located by J. Patterson, of New Westminster, last summer, when much of the gravel was found to run from \$2 to \$10 per cubic yard, while all of it was gold bearing. Water will be taken from the Chilcotin river, about five miles distant. About one mile of steel piping will be required between about 2,000 inches of the monitor, and from a supply which is inexhaustible. The company intend spending about \$25,000 during the summer. Below the Wyocott about a mile Captain Livingston Thompson, as manager of Hatzio, is prospecting the gravel claim. The prospects so far are said to be very good.

KASLO, Feb. 26.—On Saturday night a fire destroyed nearly all Front street between Third and Fourth streets, thirty buildings being burned, including all the hotels except the Leland and Green Bros. and Wilson's stores. There was very little insurance. The other parts of the town escaped.

VERNON.  
(From the Vernon News.)

Captain Shortt came into Vernon on Friday, bringing good looking samples of quartz from the Harris creek mine. The company who own the principal claims (Messrs. Brewer, Tronson, Ellis and Shortt) have sunk on a tunnel 75 feet to tap the main ledge at a lower level, and the quality of the ore seems to improve as development progresses. There are over twenty other locations. The ledge averages 16 feet in width and the ore is free milling, carrying both gold and silver.

A party of prospectors went into the Mabel lake country from Enderby last week, and word has reached Armstrong that they have relocated the ledge they discovered last year, and talk of putting in a quartz mill this season.

Messrs. Steve Mangott, of the Morning Star Mine, Fairview, came up to Vernon from the Lower Country by Saturday's boat, bringing with him another \$2,000 gold brick. The Morning Star, Mr. Mangott said, was turning out even better than he expected. There are 500 tons of very rich ore on the dump and more in sight.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Joseph Hartley, a porter in the Seymour hotel, has received word that he has fallen heir to \$35,000 by the settlement of an estate in England.

The promoters of the South-eastern railway are making great efforts to secure assistance from the local government for the building of this line this year to Lake of the Woods.

The Manitoba Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows will hold their annual session next year in Winnipeg.

Portage La Prairie is to have a new court house to cost \$25,000.

MORE FORGERIES REPORTED.

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