

ASTOUNDING PROPOSALS

Paralyzing Proposition of Government Aid to the Cassiar Central Railway.

Railway Company to Get One Half Interest in Claims Located by Free Miners.

An Act to Grant the British Pacific Company Another Extension of Time.

Hon. Mr. Turner introduced two new bills in the legislature last evening. One of these extends the time for the commencement of the yearly expenditure of \$200,000 on the Canada Western railway, or British Pacific, from May 1, 1896, to June 22, 1898.

The second bill, which is to be granted to the Cassiar Central Railway, it enacts that it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant and demise by way of lease for the term of fifty years, as an aid to the company, lands in the electoral district of Cassiar, together with all minerals, precious and base, therein and thereunder, and also the right to extract same therefrom, with and under the following conditions:

- (1) The company shall commence and construct its main line of railway according to the terms of its act of incorporation;
- (2) The company shall within two years after the location of its lands open the surface thereof to pre-emption and sale upon similar terms, mutatis mutandis, as those mentioned in the "Land Act, 1886," and the pre-emptor or purchaser, as the case may be, shall comply with the regulations of the said "Land Act," and upon payment of the amounts set forth in the said act to the company instead of the crown, be entitled to receive from the crown a grant of the surface of such land;
- (3) The company shall be entitled to reserve area not exceeding 1,000 acres in extent in any of its blocks for the purpose of the location of its lands open to pre-emption and sale upon similar terms, mutatis mutandis, as those mentioned in the "Land Act, 1886," and the pre-emptor or purchaser, as the case may be, shall comply with the regulations of the said "Land Act," and upon payment of the amounts set forth in the said act to the company instead of the crown, be entitled to receive from the crown a grant of the surface of such land;
- (4) No minerals shall be extracted, won or got from said lands until claims shall have been located and recorded pursuant to the provisions of the mining laws in force at the time of the passing of this act, which said claims shall be held subject to the said mining laws and the charges hereinafter mentioned.

Payment to Her Majesty in the right of the province of British Columbia of a royalty, tax or charge on:

- (1) One and one-half per cent. upon the net returns of all precious metals won or got therefrom;
- (2) Fifty dollars per annum so long as the said claim shall be held;
- (3) One hundred dollars upon each transfer of a claim or fractional part thereof;
- (4) Fifty cents per thousand feet of milling timber, and twenty-five cents per cord on cordwood when cut, used or carried away from said leased lands;
- (5) The lands held by the company by lease as aforesaid shall be subject only to the royalties, taxes and charges hereinafter mentioned;
- (6) The lands leased to be selected by the company in blocks of not less than 10,240 acres per block, and not exceeding 10,240 acres per mile for each mile of railway that may be constructed;
- (7) The boundary lines of such lands to be surveyed by the company agreeably with the system prescribed by the land laws of the province at the company's expense;
- (8) Such lands shall be designated within seven years from the passage of this act;
- (9) Free miners shall be entitled to enter upon the said lands, prospect and explore for minerals, and locate and record mineral claims therein according to the "Mineral Act, 1896," such mineral claims to be held subject to the provisions of the said act as to assessment work and the royalties and charges on all ores as set forth in sub-sections (1), (2), (3), and (4) section one;
- (10) One equal undivided half share or interest in all mineral claims recorded and held within the limits of such lands shall belong to the company, and the other moiety to the free miner according same as tenants in common subject to the observance of the terms and conditions of the "Mineral Act, 1896," and this act;
- (11) After setting out the terms to guide the company and free miners, the bill concludes with the following clauses:

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All the officers of the order were present, including the grand district deputy, Hon. J. Robideau, who was attorney-general in the Mercier cabinet, Mr. H. G. Gloran, of this city, said that Mr. Robideau would be premier of Quebec if the Liberals won.

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CANADIAN NEWS

Ontario Elections—Col. James Brown Dead—Political Notes.

Toronto, April 24.—Mr. Dryden, speaking at a Liberal banquet last evening, said he expected the Ontario elections would result as in Nova Scotia. Mr. Hardy was eminently capable of leading the party.

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in the mines before coming out. Three of the five owners of the Poly Mining Company, who are the best in the district, are here to get work, and there are many others who have good working claims at the mine. The miners go in this year with the promise from the Alaska Commercial Company that when they come again in the fall they will not be ashore at Sitka, as 250 were last year, to be held twenty days before they could get to Seattle. If connection can be made with the Pacific Coast Company's boats the Cook Inlet people will be brought straight through. The two steamship companies have a contract of agreement which precludes them from doing business in each other's territory, and last year the Alaska Commercial Company's steamer, after depositing her people at Sitka, came down empty.

The only report received from the Inlet so far is one of an indefinite character, to the effect that they had been a very mild winter. Not a word has come direct from the miners who wintered there.

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ANARCHY AT ATE

The Populace in a Frenzy

King George Said To Be of Being Assassinated

London, April 27.—A dispatch from an embassy here says that King George is at any moment to be assassinated, and a mob is in possession of the city. It adds that the worst is feared.

London, April 27.—The feature in the Graeco-Turkish war is the revolutionary feeling at Athens. Ex-Minister H. of the principal opposition in the legislative assembly, threatened the military staff was would issue a proclamation. This statement acted on fire and the popular crowd gathered up. Crowds assembled in streets and wanted to hear palace. Fortunately they drove the people indoors.

London, April 27.—The necessity of immediate audience with the king of the interview announced the of the Crown Prince would be generally expected to be named, Gen. Smolenski, renichal, and Col. Dimopoul to replace them.

M. Ralli, in a published statement in the vicinity of the at the seat of the war thought of the responsible e was not to attack or wile Turks, but to create a safe necessary. All orders issued were ignored. When a were sent to General Mavros was generally expected to be named, Gen. Smolenski, renichal, and Col. Dimopoul to replace them.

London, April 27.—The five carte blanche to his military and naval staff against the palace party into the feeling of hostility against anis is steadily growing.

(Monday) crowds were parading in the vicinity of the r is reported on good author arrangements are being made the royal family to leave t hastily in case of necessity.

London, April 27.—The chief of the staff of the Gre Tliessay, and adds: "Colonel and Tindrits, and Major C service of the Greek army. The ministerial Palangina with all officers with Constabulary recalled. A telegram received (April 26th), states that are within an hour's march of Greek troops have been with the town and are taking th from the hospitals. Among t of the largest opposition r houle. He has been at th war, and was at Larissa a Athens newspaper, which cceeded in concentrating upon attention of the public. So he is preparing to play the Greek Gambetta. In an inte to-day, M. Ralli says a bouced Constantine's staff, holds responsible for all th peace. He denies that th real battle at Mati, says t troops were never defeated, and attributes the sudden r London Tyrnavos and Laris cowardice and incapacity of a staff.

"Whatever may be the va Ray's strictures," continues correspondent, "they seem fr from to be echoed by the v multitude."

The Greek population in spect resembles the French, a cry of "nous sommes trahis" raised. If the riot the trahis persons in high places, persons which only the othe this for having placed themse head of the nation, and founding on the people again attacked authorities. Some a strated the Crown Prince; recalled. He is now appear further to the thought, form were formerly mad for war, trying to make restitution. V be the result of the present obology is difficult to forese.

Hon. Mr. Paterson made an