GALA DAY AT NELSON

Lord and Lady Aberdeen Pleasantly Entertained There.

THE ROUND OF EVENTS

After Leaving Nelson the Vice-Regal Party Inspected the Plant of the West Kootenay Light & Power Co. at Bonnington Falls.

NELSON, July 21.—At 10:30 last night His Excellency, the governor-general, and the Countess of Aberdeen arrived in this city. They were met at the depot by the reception committee and a brass band and were escorted to the Phair hotel, amid the huzzas of those who lined the sidewalks. At 10 o'clock this morning, in the Phair hotel, an address on behalf of the citizens of Nelson to Lord Aberdeen was made, and he made a pleasant reply. At 10:30 Lady Aberdeen addressed the ladies of Nelson at the Presbyterian church. The countess made an excellent impression in her address on the woman's council and on the Victorian order of nurses. At the conclusion of the address Lady Aberdeen visited the Kootenay Lake General hospital, and expressed herself as greatly pleased with the excellent arrangement for the care of patients there. At 11 Lord Aberdeen visited the big plant of the Hall Mines smelter, and seemed to be deeply interested in the details of the working of the big plant. At 1 p. m. the vice-regal party reviewed a parade of the Nelson fire brigade. At 2 p. m. there was a public luncheon at the Hume hotel, which was a most enjoyable affair. Shortly before 6 o'clock the vice-regal party was escorted from the Phair hotel to the depot, from whence they left for Bonnington Falls.

A feature of the vice-regal party's visit to this section was their stop at the power house of the West Kootenay Power & Light company at Bonnington Falls last evening.

Lord Aberdeen, when passing through on Wednesday en route to Nelson, after bidding adieu to Rossland, noticed what appeared a magnificent building at Bonnington, and tonight, while on his way to the coast, the train was held over through the kindness of H. E. Beasley, the C. P. R. divisional superintendent. The party was more than surprised and delighted at what it saw. When a detour of the plant was made the workings of which were fully explained by L. A. Campbell, the company's manager, His Excellency expressed his surprise at the rapidity exercised in starting such an extensive plant, considering the undertaking a grand venture, upon which the power company was to be warmly congratulated, he being of the opinion that with cheap electrical power for mine operations a brilliant, flourishing future for Rossland and vicinity could readily be predicted.

The visit to Bonnington was of great interest to Lady Aberdeen, who repeatedly expressed her surprise at such an illumination, dazzling in its brilliancy, that met the party. Lord Aberdeen being of a decidedly mechanical turn of mind, readily conceived the benefit this section of the country would derive from what he considers the greatest boon the west has yet known, asserting the power company's plant to be one of the grandest achievements that has come under his notice in his travels east and west throughout Canada.

OPPOSITIONISTS MEET.

The Speakers Express Satisfaction At the Outcome of the Elections.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 21.—In accordance with an invitation from the leaders of the Opposition the newly elected members, defeated candidates and delegations from the election committees on both the island and the mainland constituencies of that party met in Vancouver yesterday to confer on matters connected with the interests of the particular members elected by the opposition to the legislature. All the members elected by the oppoeition were present except Messrs. Green and Macpherson who were unavoidably absent. It had been intended to hold a meeting of the new members in the afternoon, have a public meeting in the Market hall in the evening and general meeting of members and their committees this morning. Owing to many of the latter being compelled to return home this morning this arrangement had to be modified and the public meeting was abandoned in consequence thereof. Before the commencement of business in the evening the committee room was crowded by the local friends of the opposition, and brief addresses were delivered by Messrs. Brown, Munro, Martin of Rossland, Graham, Yates, Dean, Forster, Higgins, Bodwell, Sword, Neill, Kellie and J. Martin, the chair being occupied by Mr. Semlin. The addresses were all similar in their tone of satisfaction at the results of the election, and of confidence in the prospects of the party, it being manifest from the utterances of the speakers that the island and mainland are now united in the effort for good government for the province at large. After adjournment a further meeting was held by the members and committee from the different constituencies, when all matters under consideration were fully discussed and arranged, and it was nearly midnight when one of the most important political gatherings ever held in Vancouver came to a close.

Another Telephone Line.

The Spokane Falls and B. C. telephone company is to have a rival. The Inland Telephone company, it seems, has endeavored to purchase the line between Rossland and Spokane and failing in this now threatens to parallel the existing line. Ex-Governor Bell of Nevada was in Spokane on Wednesday and left that city yesterday for the purpose of mapping out the work for the extension. In an interview at Spokane Governor Bell said: "It is the intention of the company to extend the lines wherever business may be found in this section to justify it. We have poles here and at Loon Lake for the line to Rossland and Republic and will have two, perhaps three gangs of 25 to 30 men in the field this week. The lines should be in working order in 40 days if our plans do not miscarry. We branch of from Meyers Falls or Kettle Falls to Eureka and from thence will probably extend to Conconully."

KASLO'S MILITIA COMPANY.

The Organization Perfected and Officers Were Elected.

On Monday evening pursuant to the call the meeting was held in Kaslo for the purpose of enenrolling a militia company. Thirty-eight members signed the roll under Captain G. D. Reid and First Lieutenant Wm. Twiss. John P. Vroom was elected second lieutenant. The boys anticipate no difficulty in recruiting the company up to the full standard of forty-five members. Tuesdays and Fridays were selected as drill nights. A requisition has been made on Lieutenant-Colonel Peters for arms and accoutrements and within a short time under their efficient officers the boys hope to present a first-class appearance on parade.

LONDON STOCK MARKET.

Peace Prospects Have a Good Effect on Shares.

LONDON, July 22.—The statement by the Spanish minister of public works concerning peace prospects, together with the good railway dividend announcements, favorably affected all the stockmarkets here today. A sharp rise in Spanish fours, on the Spanish minister's statement, also brought in buyers of Americans. The market closed under the best tone, however. A large amount of American bills was offered today, to leave New York tomorrow. New York is asking for quotations on American bills as far forward as October. Gold was in strong demand for the continent, and full weighted sovereigns were bought today for shipment to Russia. It is believed that money rates have touched bottom. It is rumored that the Transvaal government has obtained a loan of £6,000,000 at Berlin.

P. G. DENISON PROMOTED.

He Has Been Made Station Agent For the C. & W.

Within the next day or two P. G. Denison, the local freight agent for the C. P. R., will take charge of the depot of the Columbia & Western as station agent. He has also been appointed contracting freight agent for the C. P. R. in this city. Mr. Denison's promotion is well deserved, as he has given the C. P. R. faithful service as city freight agent. C. W. Mount, who has been station agent for the Columbia & Western for the past two years, has resigned and will go to Butte. The city ticket office will still be maintained and will be in charge of Archie B. Mackenzie as usual.

Copper Getting Scarce.

During the past three years no shares of any kind of enterprise have shown the remarkable and steady increase in values that the copper shares have. During the past year and a half eight of the leading copper stocks have increased over $50,000,000, and they have increased over $20,000,000 during the past six months. The total par value of their capitalization is $16,000,000. The Rothschild's and other big capitalists, of Europe have agents exploring the entire western continent for copper properties and a large number of English bankers and operators have their American correspondents looking up copper mines or large blocks of stocks in such properties for investment purposes. The ownership of all the American copper mines is in the hands of a very few people, and less than 100 American copper mine owners control the world's market for copper. The demand for the metal is greater than the supply, the total visible stock on hand was never so low as now, and would be exhausted entirely in two or three months if the supply was stopped in any way. As things are at present, it looks as though the world needed copper more than gold. It is predicted that copper will sell for 13 cents before January 1, 1899. It is being produced at a total cost of less than one-half that figure.

Columbia Avenue Improvements.

The improvement along Columbia avenue are nearly completed. All the sidewalks between Washington and Spokane streets have been lowered to grade, and the cumbersome steps in that territory have been done away with, and the street crossings as well are now all at the newly adopted grade, Further up the street, C. O. Lalonde has raised his building and his sidewalk to the grade, and his neighbors are preparing to follow his example. Nothing has as yet been done towards raising the buildings on the south side of Columbia avenue between Washington and Lincoln streets, but they will doubtless soon be put to the established level. A new crossing is in place between the Queen's and the Grand Union, which will prove no little convenience to the business men in that part of the city.

While the avenue has been filled in almost as much as will be necessary, yet some little cutting down will be necessary, notably in front of the Bank of Montreal, and it is now being done.

Failures in Canada.

Bradstreet's reports regarding business failures in Canada during the first six months of 1898 and the accompanying comparison with 1897 furnish the best evidence yet to hand as to the improvement in business. Failures for the six months number 813, as compared with 1,074 in 1807, a reduction of 24 per cent. The liabilities were $5,799,643, as compared with $7,618,643, in 1897, the decrease being in almost the same ratio as in the number of failures. The assets of persons failing were much larger relatively to the liabilities than in 1897. Ontario shows up extremely well in this respect, for while there has been a reduction of liabilities of insolvents of $591,706 as compared with 1897, there has been an actual increase of $1,445 in the total of assets. Bradstreet's return proves that the trade barometer is at "set fair."

New C. P. R. Ticket Rates.

Robert Kerr, the traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific railway, has put the following rates into effect, and they will remain in force until September 30: Sandon to Rosebery and return, 75 cents; Three Forks to Roseberry and return, 50 cents. These tickets are sold on Saturdy and Sunday and limited to return on the following Monday. To Halcyon Hot Springs from Revelstoke, $2.25; Sandon, $3.85; Robson, $5.75; Nelson, $7.50; Slocan City, $4.35; Trail, $7; Rossland, $8.25: Kaslo, $9.75; Ainsworth, $8.20; New Denver, $3.35. Tickets to Halcyon Springs are good for 30 days.

BOHLE GOT THE JOB

He Secures Contract For the Grading of Spokane Street.

HIS BID WAS THE LOWEST

The $7,000 Loan and Other Bylaws To Be Submitted To the People—The Citizens Thanked For Co-operation in the Aberdeen Celebration.

The city council had an adjourned meeting Thursday, when the contract was let to Henry Bohle for grading Spokane street between First and Second avenues. Mr. Bohle's tender was $3,840, the other tenderers were H. P. McCraney, $4,352; J. McKinnon, $4,224, and Charles Van Ness, $6,400. The work will be commenced at once. The completion of the task will be of considerable importance in opening the west end of town. The grade on Spokane street will be 18 per cent, which is 3 per cent more than the present grade on Washington street, between the two avenues.

The tenders in detail were as follows: Charles Van Ness, rock excavating, $1.90 per cubic yard; earth excavating, 50c per cubic yard; culverts, 85c per lineal foot. H. Bohle, rock excavating, $1.75 per cubic yard; earth excavating, 30c per cubic yard; loose rock excavating, 75c per cubic yard. H. P. McCraney, solid rock excavating, $1.75 per cubic yard; loose rock excavating, $1 per cubic yard; earth excavating, 34c per cubic yard; culverts, 90c per lineal foot; J. J. McKinnon, rock excavating, $1.40 per cubic yard; earth excavating, 33 per cubic yard; culverts, 75c per lineal foot.

The new loan bylaw authorizing the borrowing of $7,000 for fire protection, on the security of 25-year 5 per cent debentures, was read for the third time, and a special election will be held on Friday, August 5, when the bylaw will be submitted to the people for approval. At the same time the bylaws authorizing the West Kootenay Power & Light company to erect its poles in the city and to be exempt from taxation for 10 years in consideration of furnishing the city with four arc lights will also be voted upon, as will the bylaw conferring privileges to the Bank of Montreal in connection with outside areaways around its new building.

The mayor and councilmen wish to thank cordially the committee of citizens and the citizens generally for their co-operation in making the Aberdeen celebration a success.

WORD FROM D. DOIG.

Says the Yukon Output This Season Will Be $7,000,000.

Word has been received from D. Doig, formerly acting manager of the Bank of B. N. A. in this city, but now manager of the institution's branch at Dawson City.

Taking with them cash, books, furniture, an assay outfit, and all the necessaries for a bank at a distance of two months' travel from their base, together with supplies of all kinds for one year, with cook and porter, the three officials of the Bank of B. N. A. and the bank's solicitor, Mr. Tabor, of the firm of Bowser, Godfrey & Christie, of Vancouver, left by the S. S. Pakshan on April 1st for Skagway. The party reached Dawson City on the 17th of May, and opened the first bank in the Yukon district on May 19. Mr. Doig, the leader of the expedition, now the bank's manager at Dawson, gives an intereeting account of the hardships of the passes and of the difficulties of crossing the half-frozen lakes before the upper reaches of the Yukon were reached.

The population of Dawson, which during the winter was only 1,500 people, had rised by June 13, to an estimated 6,000 of whom four-fifths were living under canvas, while it was estimated that from 20,000 to 25,000 people were coming in by the trails and as many more via St. Michael's. The arrival of steamers from St. Michael's, which were expected by the end of June, will have relieved the shortage of provisions which was severely felt at the beginning of the month. At that time moose meat was $1.50 per pound, sugar $1, ham $3, tinned meats $5 per tin, eggs $12 per dozen, whisky $10 a bottle, while the regular wage for laborers was $1.50 per hour. Gold dust was passing as currency at $17 an ounce, The mining inspector estimated the output for this season at $7,000,000—a much lower amount than has been anticipated, but which was accounted for the fact that fear of famine had driven many miners back to Circle City, where food was plentiful, so that there was great shortness of labor, and many claims were consequently left untouched. Rents at Dawson are at present from $500 to $2,000 a month for a small log building. Front lots are held at $400 per foot. The Bank of British North America were temporarily doing business in a large tent, with wood floor, awaiting the construction of a two-story log building for their use. Logs were $9 each and nails $20 a pound.

A New Legal Firm.

A new legal firm has opened an office at 536 Hastings street, Vancouver, under the style of Tupper, Peters, Cassidy and Gilmour, the members of which are Sir C. H. Tupper, Q. C., Frederick Peters, Q. C., Robert Cassidy and W. A. Gilmour. The firm has also offices in Victoria and its advent in Vancouver will make a strong addition to the local bar of the commercial capital of the province.

Will Bore the Big Tunnel.

The McLean Brothers have secured the contract to bore the big tunnel on the C. & W. railway and also for the several miles of approaches to the tunnel. The tunnel is 3,100 feet. It is expected that 130 men will be employed for a year in the boring of this big tunnel. Besides this McLean Brothers have the contract for constructing the several miles of track that will constitute the switchback and over the summit, which will be used until the tunnel is finished.

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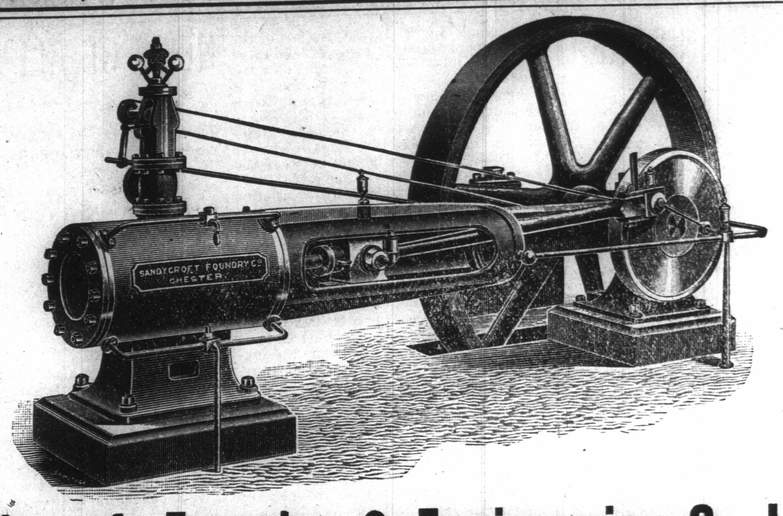

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" 9:51 "	Whitewater	" 2:00 "
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" 10:18 "	McGuigan	" 1:33 "
" 10:38 "	Cody Junction	" 1:12 "
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