

WHAT MARTIN'S RETURN MEANS

LETTER FROM A MONTREAL INVESTOR IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Capital Will Fight Shy of the Province if "Fighting Joe" Obtains a Lease of Power—Strong, Sensible Advice.

Editor Miner: I should like to have an opportunity through the courtesy of The Miner to make an appeal to the electors of British Columbia. Ten years ago I made my first investment in your province. Since then I have been one of your constant visitors, and I have invested the greater part of my surplus earnings in the mines and lands of British Columbia. Though never a resident of your province, I have staked there the savings of a lifetime. Need I say more to indicate how intensely I am interested in your fortunes? British Columbia's prosperity is my prosperity, and British Columbia's dejection and ruin marks the wreck of my fortunes, and I feel that British Columbia has come to the parting of the ways. History proves that a country either advances or retrogrades. There is no halting in the lives of nations, they flourish or decay. A few short years ago British Columbia was moving forward on a tidal wave of fortune. The eyes of the capitalists of the world were fixed on her. The treasures of her mountains were attracting the enterprise, the skill and the money of Europe and America. Today capital fights shy of your province, and the industrious and the enterprising avoid British Columbia as if a deadly plague had stricken it. The opportunities for the miner, the trader, the merchant and the mechanic have gone, and there is gloom and fear among the thrifty and industrious populations of Ontario and Quebec who have been induced to invest their savings in British Columbia enterprises. The ebb of your fortunes has hurt us all, and now we are watching and waiting to see whether you are wise enough to apply a remedy and save your province and our fortunes.

Though far afield, we know that the Hon. Joseph Martin is the evil genius of British Columbia; we know that he has been an evil influence wherever chance has cast him. It is not needs but that lags, Marats and Dantons live; nature will have the down, the villain and puppets upon the stage. Perhaps it is to test the good or to rouse the sluggish, and these they are figuring in the world's annals through the whole course of time. The older provinces found Joe Martin out. They were appalled at his calumny, and the people stood aghast at his utter lack of principle or of honesty. The immaturity of his mind rivalled his colossal conceit. Greed and passion were his gods, and for them he trampled under foot every tie of honor, of friendship and of loyalty.

Discredited, despised and condemned, he sought British Columbia. It is idle now to ask by what tricks or by what chicanery this man succeeded in acquiring place and power in the great Northwestern province. He was versed in all the arts of the demagogue, and he knew by long experience how to fool and wheedle the workman and the toiler. To pose as the friend of the workman has been the trade of every cheap demagogue from Cleon to Marat. Martin through his whole career has had an eye on the money of the capitalist and the vote of the workman. He lusted for the one and he needed the other, and everywhere he has succeeded in fooling the workman till he has been forced out. This man feeds on strife and discontent and depression. It is in the midst of darkness and gloom that he achieves his ends. And he will wreck the fortunes of your province and that he may be rebuilt, he is not wise, nor sane, nor prudent, nor good, nor honest, and if the electors of British Columbia do not find him out in time he will make a record in the public life of the province that will brand it with shame and disgrace for many long years to come.

I would, therefore, earnestly appeal to the electors of British Columbia to have a care of the future of their country. I should say to them: "Do not trust the fortunes of your province into the hands of a man whose whole career is marked by turn of mind and a betrayal of every trust." I should say: "Before you pledge and promises from this man, find out first some one else; find out first some one else who is not a pet of the Dominion politics as ever held sacred." For Joseph Martin there is no such thing in the world as truth, and honor, and friendship, and loyalty. These things mean to him what means mean to swine. He is so constituted that he would prefer to hold power and to achieve wealth through the ruin and decay of your province than through its prosperity and happiness. The leopard does not change his spots, nor the Ethiopian his skin, neither has Joe Martin changed his character. The man who asks your suffrages today as a reformer and a friend of labor has a record for treachery and falsehood unparalleled in the public life of the Dominion. I do not believe that British Columbia will heed the voice of Joseph. I feel that the common sense of your people will relegate this man to hopeless obscurity. But I would once more tell the people of your province that the people of the other provinces and multitudes in the Mother Country who have investments among you are awaiting with the keenest anxiety the verdict at the polls, which your people will give early next month. A Martin victory means paralysis, stagnation, and discredit; his overthrow means the return of peace and prosperity to British Columbia.

WILLIAM McNAB.  
Montreal, May 16, 1900.

AND WORKINGMEN.

references to the labor candidates last evening evidence at once of his and his unbelief in honesty of purpose, says province. He had been a friend of the workmen, but did not miss the opportunity of the labor organizations, ventured on a course inimical to his personal interest, the labor men showed in bringing out can their own judgment, and acted on the suggestion or for any ulterior purgratuitous misrepresentation seems in this matter far out of his way for it and decried Mr. Ralph true that Mr. Smith is worthy motives in opposition it would still be both to say that the representative of Vancouver were lending a purpose either through unworthy motives the correctness of their be disputed without say they are, either weak evil designs. But that is his way, and perhaps the feel thankful to him for his most prominent char-

ed With Rossland.

Langlois, president of the and Savings Co. of Vaning a tour through the ng over the securities on of the company are loan- in Rossland for a few, looking over the securi- he expresses himself as be- with the loans made by him, the local agent of the is much surprised at the of improvements going on surrounding mines.

Dampbell, manager of the Power and Light com- yesterday from a visit to

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heavy rock work, and it will be August 1st before trains run over this section. The section from Caribou to White Horse will be operated shortly after June 1st, a ferry service being maintained between Bennett and Caribou until the section along the lake has been completed. The distance from Skagway to Bennett is 27 miles; from Bennett to Caribou is 27 miles; from Caribou to White Horse 41 miles, so that the railway will be close on 100 miles in length. Mr. Hawkins expressed himself as greatly pleased with the work done, and said that with the road-bed provided for them by Mr. Henry's company, trains between Caribou and White Horse could travel 40 miles an hour.

"Within eight days after Lake Bennett opens so that we can get the barges carrying our steel into Caribou," he said, "the extension will be completed into White Horse. The two 600 feet trestles are finished, and track laid to a point several miles beyond. We have steel there to complete the track to within twenty miles of White Horse, where tracklaying will stop until we can get our rails to the front. With the Henry barge, we have three barges in Bennett that we will send to Caribou with rails as soon as the lake opens. By August 1st trains will be running through from Skagway to White Horse without change."

A barge carrying two engines, two passenger coaches and a steam shovel for the company left Vancouver yesterday, and five more engines will follow shortly. The passenger coaches and one of the engines will be sent to Caribou as soon as the ice goes out of the lakes. Material is also going forward for the drawbridge to be erected at Caribou.

The company have greatly increased their facilities for handling freight at both Bennett and Skagway, and can handle four times the amount they could last year.

The business outlook, Mr. Hawkins said, was very encouraging. The output of Klondike will be greater than ever; there is a large amount of hydraulic mining and prospecting for quartz in Altin; the richness of the quartz at White Horse has been proved and the discoveries at Koyukuk, Big Salmon and elsewhere have greatly extended the known gold bearing belt. The copper properties have turned out better than the most sanguine expected. Six claims were worked during the winter, and several of them have from 50 to 100 tons of ore on the dumps. The first shipment to the smelter will be made in June. To encourage the development of these mines the railway company has offered to advance to the shippers the charges to the smelter, this of course on ores the assays of which would justify it. The tariff would be a graded one, fixed by the value of the ores. Speaking of the generosity of the company in this matter, Mr. Bennett Sun says:

"The new tariff on ore over the W. P. & Y. route, besides showing the business like disposition of the railway company, is calculated to be of inestimable value to the prospectors of the district, and will ensure the speedy recognition from the outside world of the mineral wealth of Cassiar and White Horse. The railway company has so far interested itself in the matter as to offer a guarantee of all smelting and shipping charges on ore sent from these parts. They will accept the delivery of ore at any point along its route, for transportation to any of the coast smelters of British Columbia or Washington. For instance, a miner can offer at the Bennett depot a five-ton experimental shipment of ore; this will be carried by the W. P. & Y. to the desired smelter at a total cost of \$12.50 per ton.

"It is generally known throughout the district that we have immense bodies of rich mineral deposits, many of which have been located by persons with no further capital than their labor, and it is to these men that the railway company's offer will be particularly gratifying.

"The railway company will also give a large rebate on present tariff to persons shipping any considerable amount of ore, and it seems to be the desire of the general manager of the road to assist in all possible ways the early development of our district's mineral wealth, at the same time securing a large carrying business for his company."

Mr. Hawkins said that the ore was very rich. The Borneo ore went from 50 to 60 per cent copper, with some silver and a little gold, and on the Anaconda, near the Rabbit's Foot, quartz had been struck carrying copper and gold to the value of \$8 a ton. The ore belt extends from a point three and one-half miles north and west, and is already 15 miles in length. There is some talk of a matting plant being erected, and in all probability the summer's work will justify this.

It is expected that the ice will be out of Lake Bennett by May 25th and that the Yukon will be open to navigation on June 1st.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Bills of Sale.

May 16—Fontenay & Grant, all; James Sullivan to William O'Brien \$2.

May 16—Dip, all; W. H. Jackson to G. W. Taylor, \$1.

May 16—Ironclad, all; Lee Clearwater to Sol. Cameron, \$1.

May 18—Ova, 1-16; John J. Hicks to C. E. Peterson, of Tacoma, \$1.

May 18—Viola, 1-4; Jacob Schmitt to Henry H. Lansing, \$1.

Certificates of Work.

May 9—To F. R. Blockberger for F. R. Blockberger on the Skykay.

May 10—To Geo. N. Taylor for Jo C. M. Co. on the Dip.

May 15—To S. L. Graham for S. L. Graham on the Canada.

May 15—To S. L. Graham for S. L. Graham on the Swan.

May 16—To Joseph Walsh for Joseph Walsh and Wm. Hooper on the Moria.

May 17—To A. E. Plummer, receipt of \$100 in lieu of work on the Little Belt.

May 21—Fred Lange for Fred Lange et al on the May L.

May 22—To R. H. Stewart for the British Columbia Gold Discovery Co., on the Quinault for the Ptarmigan.

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May 23—To K. L. Burnet for Smith Curtis et al on the Defence No. 1 Fraction.

Certificates of Improvement.

May 7—To John Kraft, 5 1-16; August Jackson 3-16; Anton Sorenson, 4-16, and

Emera Miles Kinnear, 4-16 on the Cashier, Cumberland and Iron Chief.

May 17—To S. B. Yuill, 1-4; J. Henderson, 5-8, and John W. Fear, of Trail, on the Victoria.

PRO-BOER PARTY.

The Independence of the Press and Mr. Crook

Mr. George Russell presided on Saturday night, April 28, at the Hotel Cecil at a dinner in honor of Mr. W. M. Crook, late editor of the Echo, the severance of whose connection with that newspaper is understood to have been due to his persistence in enunciating in its columns certain views as to the South African war. There were present considerable number of sympathizers with Mr. Crook, among them being Sir Wilfrid Lawson, M. P.; Mr. Channing, M. P.; Lord Coleridge, Mr. B. C. Lehmann, Sir Pattison Nickalls, Mr. Bryn Roberts, M. P.; Mr. P. A. Molloy, Mr. Crowther Schreiner, Mr. H. W. Macmillan, Mr. Harold Spencer, Mr. W. Mackinnon, the Rev. Stephen Gladstone, Mr. Fisher Unwin, Mr. W. T. Stead, and Dr. H. S. Lunn and Mr. F. G. Thomas (Hon. Secretaries). Letters were read from several of those who, though they sympathized with Mr. Crook, were unable to be present. Among these were the Bishop of Hereford, Dean Kitchen, Canon Scott Holland, and Sir Robert Reid. The following letter was also read: "No. 5, Percival terrace, Brighton, April 18, 1900.

"Dear Sir: Mr. Crook well deserves the mark of approval he is about to receive. One who surrenders his post rather than say what he does not think is worthy of all honor. I am, faithfully yours,

"Dr. H. S. Lunn."

This elicited the following letter to the Thunderer:

Sir: Mr. Herbert Spencer, in his letter to the chairman of the dinner said: "One who surrenders his post rather than say what he does not think is worthy of all honor." Mr. Spencer holds a mistaken view of the facts. Mr. Crook was not asked to say what he did not think; he was asked to cease writing on a subject upon which his views differed widely from the conscientious opinions of the directors and owners of the paper. Lord Coleridge's view that the "independence of the press" has been preserved by Mr. Crook having freely advocated his opinions in regard to the present war "is equally erroneous. The independence of the press will I hope, never depend upon the writer of a leading article expressing views exactly contrary to the opinions of those who direct the newspaper and are legally and morally responsible for what is printed. Directors and proprietors of a paper have as much right to say to their editor, 'I have no objection to sympathizers with Mr. Crook dining here and giving him a testimonial, but I think Mr. Herbert Spencer and Lord Coleridge should acquaint themselves with the facts before they express opinions thereon.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH COOKE,  
Managing Director of the Echo.

FIVE GIRLS IN SOLDIER CLOTHES.

Two of Them Taken From a Train Carrying Troops on Their Way to Cuba.

Chicago, May 15.—Five girls are missing from their homes in Waukegan, Lake Forest, Winnetka and Fort Sheridan and there is reason to believe three of them, disguised as soldiers, are on board the train now carrying the Third Battalion of the Fifth United States Infantry to New York on its way to Cuba. The other two are in jail, one in this city and one in Hammond, Ind.

As the train was passing over the Belt Line on its way from Fort Sheridan to the tracks of the Nickel Plate today Lieut. Reeves found a soldier so under-sized and effeminate looking that he wondered how such a strapping could have passed muster. He questioned the youngster so closely that the soldier began to weep and confessed to being a woman. She said her sweetheart was an enlisted man of the battalion and she had intended going to Cuba with him. She said she was Jessie Sherwood. She refused to give the name of her lover. She was turned over to the police at the Ninety-fifth street station.

When the train had gone Jessie remarked to the police that although she had been caught there were four other girls disguised as soldiers, who she hoped would be more fortunate. This information was telegraphed to Lieut. Reeves at Hammond, Ind. Another search brought another of the truant to light. This girl, who gave her name as May Brown, was turned over to the police of Hammond. Whether Lieut. Reeves found any more girl soldiers after leaving Hammond has not been reported.

The Sherwood girl insists that five girls boarded the train when it pulled out of Fort Sheridan. She refuses to give their names. She says they have been in hiding for several days and knew that their absence had been reported to the police. W. R. Wallace of Waukegan, step-father of the girl, came to Chicago tonight and took her home.

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Col. E. S. Topping was among the guests at the Kootenay yesterday.

THE YUKON COUNTRY.

A Visitor From Dawson Believes in the Country.

Mr. E. C. Hawkins, general manager of the White Pass & Yukon railway, has just returned to Seattle from a trip as far as White Horse. He was in Victoria on Saturday, where he expressed himself as greatly pleased with the progress of the work on the extension to the railway and the mining and business prospects. The first fourteen miles of the extension along the shore of Lake Bennett is very

IS INEXPLICABLE

Mah Lin is mysteriously murdered.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS KITCHEN

No Marks of Struggle—No Witnesses—The Fatal Weapon is Missing—The Facts as Known—Theories of the Mystery.

A Chinaman was found dead yesterday afternoon shot through the head under most extraordinary circumstances which lend a most strange air of mystery to the occurrence. An inquest will be held by Coroner Bowes at 7 p. m. tomorrow evening at the City Hall at which it is hoped some light will be thrown upon the mystery. The story, as shadowed by the main facts at hand at this moment, is as follows:

About four months ago a native of the White Cloud mountains beyond the city of Canton, in China, came here and looked for work. He had been for some little time either on the coast or in the States, but where or for how long those of his family name living in this town either do not know or will not say. In fact the man's real name is not accurately known, it is stated, by his own relatives here. His first name, which by China custom is his "seng," or family name, was Mah. His individual or personal name is Lin, but this is not his real name, being merely the appellation of his babyhood. Since he grew up he has had another name assigned him. What that may be is unknown.

It suffices to say that Mah Lin sought service in this city as a cook and was engaged in that capacity by Mrs. Chenoweth, who is residing on the south side of Third avenue, a few lots west of St. Paul street. Here he cooked for Mrs. Chenoweth and her two grown up sons, by a former husband, who are named Stevens. The men are working at the Columbia Kootenay mine, one, it is stated, as a blacksmith and the other on the surface. The boys come on shift at 5:30 p. m. Now, be it remembered, that the Columbia Kootenay mine No. 6 level is a sharp half hour's walk from Columbia avenue.

Mah Lin was not in the habit of sleeping at the home of his employers. He had his own house in West Chinatown, along Le Roi avenue, near Embleton's grocery. At half-past four o'clock yesterday afternoon Mah Lin was seen on his way from his own cabin to the house of his employers. He was going up there to cook dinner for them on the return of the men from the mine. That is to say, he would have dinner ordinarily prepared at a little after six o'clock in the evening. Mah Lin was not seen alive afterwards. The next time that he was seen at all, as far as is at present known was by Mrs. Aylward, a neighbor of Mrs. Chenoweth, at a little after half-past five, and he was lying dead, or dying as Mrs. Aylward wrongly surmised, on the floor of his employer's kitchen. In that short hour Mah Lin had been murdered.

Now Mrs. Chenoweth's kitchen is a sort of outbuilding which is built on the north side of the house and yet is near the main road. There has been some upsetting of the original or squating arrangements of these houses and Third avenue within these blocks, north and east of the C. P. R. depot, has been opened during the present spring. In this kitchen there is a sliding window through which it is the custom of the merchants, with whom the family deal, to place the provisions needed by the household from day to day. In this window a pane has been broken out some little time since it was to this spot therefore that Mrs. Aylward repaired to make a neighborly enquiry of Mrs. Chenoweth wanting to know whether that lady would go to a certain social yesterday evening. As it

happened Mrs. Chenoweth was not at home for she was attending the art lecture given by Mrs. Kenny at the Allan hotel yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. Looking through the window Mrs. Aylward saw the body of the cook upon the floor in a pool of blood and instantly gave the alarm.

The state of the kitchen when the first comers came in showed that the deceased had lit the fire, had prepared the vegetables for the dinner and had set the pots and pans upon the stove. All this takes some time, possibly a half hour's work. This state of preparedness tends to show that the cook was fatally interrupted in his culinary labors at about five o'clock, and seeing their compatriot upon the floor in a pool of blood spread the story that he had been clubbed or struck with an axe. Another hasty judgment, it is reported by a doctor, stated that the man had died from hemorrhage of the lungs. Dr. Reddick came upon the scene not long after six o'clock. Noting the position of the body lying in a semiprone condition with the head to the window upon its right side and face, he also saw that death must have been instantaneous, as there was no sign of a struggle in the arrangements of the kitchen amid the preparations for the evening meal. Again the pool of blood was undisturbed. Sufficient blood had poured out of the mouth of the deceased to have caused the death of any man. But no man bleeding to death but would have moved at all events somewhat, unless stunned and even then the effusion of blood would probably have brought him to his senses. The doctor suspected an injury to the spine, and examined the freshly shaven scalp. There was no contusion. Washing away the clotted blood from the face of the deceased, the doctor discovered the unmistakable wound of a bullet which had entered the right cheek between the upper and lower jaws directly in line with the internal carotid artery, which it must have severed and then lodged in the spine. This would of course explain both the bleeding and the instantaneous death. The coroner, Dr. Bowes, shortly afterwards came upon the scene and selected a jury at once, had the body viewed and the surrounding circumstances noted and they were notified that the inquest would take place tomorrow evening at seven at the city hall. The body was then removed by Undertaker Beattie to his morgue.

The extraordinary part of the story is to account for the manner in which Mah Lin came by his death.

It could not have been suicide, the absence of any gun and the lack of powder marks upon the face of the deceased, which would infallibly have been there had he shot himself, conclusively bar out this theory. It is just possible that smokeless powder might have been used, but the cartridges are rare, and moreover the weapon is absent.

On the other hand, had anybody shot him from the window the snick of the bullet striking the skull would have acted as a blow, and deceased would have fallen from the window. But the body was found with its head toward the window. Moreover had anybody in the broad daylight stood at the window with a gun he must have been seen by the passers by in the street close at hand. The next house on that side is at a little distance there is no narrow passage in which the assassin could have concealed himself.

Had the shot been fired in the open at some distance the holder of the gun must have waited until the Chinaman's head appeared, not only at the window, but at the broken pane thereof, not easily distinguishable at a distance. Otherwise the course of the fatal bullet must have passed through the unbroken glass of the window. Had any one been practising at a mark or firing off a loaded chamber that person must have been heard at his practising or he must be a congenital idiot to discharge fire arms in a crowded locality. Besides it would be an extraordinary coincidence for that chance

bullet to find its way through the vacant pane.

Again, no one, up to the present, has stated that the sound of any shot was heard at the time, 5 o'clock.

This hour is not only fixed by the state of the kitchen but also by the condition of the body which when found was just warm. This was not long after six, and would show that the murder or chance medley had occurred an hour before.

All this would bring the murder to have been committed altogether within the house. But bear the mystery only grows deeper. At this hour, the two Stevens were at their work two miles away and Mrs. Chenoweth was at the Allan hotel with a class of art students.

Moreover, where is the motive. Starting from the motive as a clue, it is quickly seen that no white person has apparently an interest in killing the unfortunate cook. But his own Chinese compatriots may have. During the course of Mah Lin's sojourn at the coast he may have become mixed up with the highlanders and having offended that powerful body fled to Rossland for security. Here an agent of that implacable society may have followed him and taken his life in forfeit for the supposed offence. His relatives one of whom is a roustabout in the town, and the other the head of the chief Chinese firm in the city. Yuen Luen, which by the way is not the name of the proprietor but is the "hong" name or name of the shop or firm, say that the deceased was no highlander, and had no quarrel with any person, Chinese or white. This may or may not be the case, for the experience of the West has shown that the Chinese will ever protect their secret organization even where their own lives and those of their relatives are at stake. But granting that a highlander committed this crime, when and how did he do it? The bullet wound in the face shows that the murderer could not have been at the back of the deceased. He must have seen him. If he saw a strange Chinaman under the supposed circumstances he would undoubtedly have made an attempt to defend himself. Moreover the assassin would hardly have chosen broad daylight when he could have watched Mah Lin on his return home at night and murdered him in the darkness in the unlighted portions of Le Roi avenue near to his own residence.

As far as the facts go at present the mystery is inexplicable, and it is to be hoped that the police who are working hard to get clues will be able to throw some light upon the matter at the inquest.

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DESKS FOR THE SCHOOL.

The School Children Given a Holiday Until Monday Next.

For two or three months past there has been a shortage of desks in the schools of the city and petition after petition was sent to the school department at Victoria for them. The shortage was so great that three and four scholars had to sit in the desks provided for two. Finally, about six weeks since, the department of education at Victoria gave its assent and the seats were ordered to the number of 70 or enough for 140 pupils. Yesterday Mr. H. P. McCraney, one of the school directors, received notice from Victoria that the 70 desks had been shipped from there. They are made by the Canadian Office and School Furniture company, limited, of Toronto, and are similar to those already in use in the schools.

The public schools were dismissed yesterday until Monday next in order to give the children a chance to observe the Queen's birthday holidays.

Says Mackintosh Will Win.

Mr. John Ring, contractor, is in the city from the Boundary country. He reports that the candidature of Hon. O. H. Mackintosh is meeting with a great deal of favor and he is confident that he will win there by a large majority.

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