

WOOD IN COUNCIL.

N. W. M. P. Commander Takes Major Perry's Place in Legislative Body.

THE LABOR OF CITIZENS WASTED.

Telegram From Governor-General Received Today.

BRINGS ELECTION IN SIGHT.

Clement Says About Two Months Will Have to Pass Before It Can Take Place.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

At a citizens' committee meeting held last evening in McDonald hall, some thing happened which has set the politicians once more upon the anxious seat. A telegram was received from C. J. Jones, secretary to the governor-general, stating that no time will be lost in consummating the election after August 13th, when the law goes into effect.

This telegram is in reply to one sent by the committee July 14th, inquiring the probable date of election and what arrangements had been made for holding it.

The text of the telegram received Saturday is as follows:

"Governor general desires me to inform you that act authorizing election of two members to council comes in action August 13. His excellency is advised that no time will be lost in bringing on the election of the two representatives for the council."

Alex. McDonald, C. M. Woodworth and A. Noel were appointed a committee to wait upon Commissioner Ogilvie at once and ascertain the date of the forthcoming election.

Then there was a long discussion concerning the advisability of suggesting to Commissioner Ogilvie that in view of the very great need of a quorum of the council members' taking immediate steps in the matter, it would be well if he could recommend the Ottawa government to appoint some citizen of this place to the council, temporarily, in order that the election ordinance, if one be necessary, may be passed without delay.

The committee was to have seen Commissioner Ogilvie this morning but the sitting of the court of revision rendered an interview impossible as the commissioner's time was fully occupied with the matter in court.

This afternoon, however, it turns out that all the labor of the citizens' committee, so far as making the suggestions indicated are concerned, has been lost, as the commissioner has received a telegram from the minister of the interior stating that Major Wood has been appointed councillor in place of Major Perry.

This telegram solves the problem of how to get a quorum of the council to pass an ordinance which will make it possible to hold an election as soon as may be after the 13th inst., when the election act becomes a law in force.

Legal Adviser Clement is of the opinion that it will require about two months after the passage of the required ordinance to prepare for the holding of the election, as much time will be consumed in notifying the proper authorities in other districts within the Yukon territory, and in giving them the time necessary in which to perfect arrangements. Besides the candidates themselves need time in which to develop their strength, so that the time suggested by Mr. Clement may not be too long after all.

Col. Steele's New Commission.

Durban, Natal, July 4.—The expedition planned for the flying column of Strathcona's Horse, under command of Lieut.-Col. Steele, from Kosi Bay through Jongaland and Swaziland into Transvaal territory, has been abandoned for the present, and the transports Wakool and Columbia, which carried the troops from Cape Town, have returned from Kosi Bay to this port for further orders. Although the route and purpose of the expedition had seemingly been kept a strict secret to others than the commanding officer and the

military authorities, the whole expedition has been "blown," as a telegram from Sir Alfred Milner to Lieut.-Col. Steele very tersely expresses it.

The regiment had orders to disembark at Kosi Bay and march with all possible haste in a northwesterly direction through Jongaland and Swaziland to Barbarton, and from there on to Kamati Poort, a junction point on the Delagoa Bay railway in the Transvaal Republic just on the border of the Portuguese territory. After destroying the railway the troops were to entrench themselves upon a hill close by, affording a commanding position over the line, and prevent it being reopened for traffic. Here they were to remain entrenched until the second column, composed of A and B squadrons, under command of Major Belcher, which had disembarked at Durban and moved on to Nashai, Zululand, came to their relief. The two columns were then to co-operate together under orders from headquarters. It is therefore seen that it was a risky task, which the Canadians were entrusted with, Lord Roberts having personally admitted so, but at the same time saying that if it was to be done, the Canadian Mounted Infantry was the force to do it. The expedition meant a forced march of 130 miles, the most of it over a very mountainous country, with the possibility of encountering the enemy in large numbers towards the end of the journey. All this with no place of retreat, made it a most hazardous undertaking. But Lieut.-Col. Steele, with his well known intrepidity and courage, and with confidence in his men, accepted it.

However, shortly after the troopships had cast anchor alongside the cruiser Doris, in Kosi Bay, and while preparations for disembarkation were in progress, a gunboat brought a telegram stating that the Boers had got wind of the game, and in the country through which it was proposed to march the Boers had already gathered in force to oppose our advance. Within 30 miles of the point of disembarkation, 400 of the enemy were awaiting our approach; near Barbarton was another force of similar strength, and at Kamati Poort, where it was proposed to blow up the railway, as many as 800 Boers had entrenched themselves on the very hill which the Strathconas intended to occupy, and had made themselves secure in their entrenchments by placing wire entanglements around the hill.

With the country so infested with the enemy, it took but a short time to decide that an advance would be a fool-hardy step. A small force of 200 men to start on such an expedition without any support to fall back on in case of a reverse, would stand an excellent chance of being cut to pieces. Col. Steele wired to the militia authorities at Cape Town, that he would land his men and march according to orders, but would not accept the responsibility of the consequences. The next afternoon the order came to sail back to Durban, as the expedition planned was now a hopeless undertaking with so small a force.

Up to this time on Sunday afternoon the men had no idea of the work they would be required to perform after disembarkation. Just before the transports weighed anchor for the return trip to Durban the non-commissioned officers and men were collected together in the men's quarters and in secrecy Major Jarvis, commanding B squadron, informed them of the object of the expedition and why it was necessary to abandon it. Needless to say, the troops were all much disappointed, and while a few expressed the opinion that they could succeed, the majority agreed that it was hopeless to attempt to face an enemy of such overwhelming odds.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, immediately after Major Jarvis had addressed the men, the transports sailed for Durban, arriving here early this afternoon.

While the troopships were lying at anchor in the harbor this afternoon, awaiting orders to disembark, a tug pulled up alongside the Wakool and an officer boarded the troopship with a message for Col. Steele. Soon after Col. Steele boarded the tug and went ashore. The message, as was afterwards ascertained, was from Gen. Buller and requested the officer commanding Strathcona's Horse to meet him at Pietermaritzburg, the Natal capital, 60 miles distant from Durban. Col. Steele left Durban on a special train. It is an interesting fact that Gen. Buller and Col. Steele are old friends, the latter having served with the former in the Red River expedition of 1869.

The Coming Match.

The sports around town are taking a lively interest in the coming ten-round go between Frank Slavin and Frank Smith. It is a well known fact that the men have a small private affair to settle as an incident to the go, and that will undoubtedly serve to stimulate the activity of both in the ring. The contest will be for \$2000 a side and the winner to take all the gate receipts.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. SHAMEFUL IF TRUE.

Documents Which Implicate Prominent Englishmen Found

WITH BOERS IN CITY OF PRETORIA.

Members of House of Commons Favored Boers All Along.

ATTEMPT ON THE SHAH'S LIFE.

The Czar's Turn Next—Fluch Gold From Australia—For Russian Loan—Chinese Affairs.

London, Aug. 2, via Skagway, Aug. 7.—The capital has been startled by the announcement in a dispatch from Pretoria that important documents have been discovered in the Boer capital whereby several members of parliament and others prominent in pro-Boer demonstrations are implicated in a movement on behalf of the Transvaal.

While the documents themselves have not been disclosed they are known to be sufficiently specific to warrant the statement that startling developments will soon occur.

Botha Surrenders.

London, Aug. 2, via Skagway, Aug. 7.—A special cable from Pretoria dated Aug. 3, states that Botha has surrendered his entire force of 4000 men. On the 30th ult. Mrs. Botha was a guest of Gen. Roberts at dinner. A skirmish occurred at Frederstad, as a result of which 13 British were killed and 39 injured. The Boer losses are unknown.

Attempt on Shah's Life.

Paris, Aug. 2, via Skagway, Aug. 7.—An attempt was made here today on the life of the Shah of Persia who is here on a visit. A man broke through the police line with a revolver in his hand as the Shah was entering his carriage, but being apparently frustrated, he did not shoot. The Shah seeing the revolver, jumped from the carriage and struck the would-be assassin over the head with his cane, when the fellow was overpowered and placed under arrest. He refused to give his name, only saying, "This is an affair between me and my conscience." At the time the Shah was assailed he held in his hand a letter just handed him by his secretary, dated at Naples and posted at Paris which said: "Today you shall meet the same fate as did King Humbert."

The Czar's Turn Next.

Rome, Aug. 2, via Skagway, Aug. 7.—Regicide Brissl maintains the excited demeanor which he has borne since killing King Humbert. Today he exclaimed "The czar's turn comes next."

Li Hung Chang Talks.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2, via Skagway, Aug. 7.—Li Hung Chang has sent word to the American government that all foreign ministers will be allowed communication with their respective governments provided that the allied forces cease their march upon Pekin.

New Russian Loan.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2, via Skagway, Aug. 7.—Prince Vochtasky has left Russia for America for the purpose of negotiating a new Russian loan.

The Chinese minister at St. Petersburg on behalf of the Chinese ministers of the other European capitals, has cabled his government requesting that the members of the foreign legations at

Pekin be permitted to reopen communication with their various governments.

Hunker a Raging Torrent.

From Sergeant J. J. Wilson, who visited Hunker creek Sunday it is learned that for once this season there is no grounds for complaining of a shortage of water, the recent heavy rains having transformed that stream from a rivulet to a raging torrent. Work has been suspended on many claims until the water recedes. On other claims the water has left the creek channel and is cutting new ones and in many places carrying away portions of dumps as well as parts of claims. It is a regular ground sluicing proposition which offers no chance for a cleanup.

Jordan in Limbo.

Capt. Ernest Jordan, who was at the wheel of the steamer Florence S. when that craft turned turtle in the Thirty-mile river, at which time three lives were lost, was brought to this place last night in custody of an officer on the steamer Columbian and was lodged in jail. It is understood that he was to be brought before the court this afternoon on the charge of manslaughter.

Laying Out Streets.

Fourth street has been opened and cleared through to half way up the hillside in the eastern part of the city and will be doubtless treated to a layer of sawdust as have many other of the new streets. The work of constructing new 8-foot sidewalks on several of the streets and avenues has taken on a late impetus, and it looks now as though the working season will be closed by the ring of the hammer and whirr of the saw. In the meantime there are several sections of very bad sidewalk here and there, and no symptoms of their condition being bettered.

Death in a Coal Mine.

John W. Bowen, aged about 25 years, was instantly killed yesterday evening at 6:30 o'clock while at work in the mine of the Jones, Tabor, Hulme & Powell Syndicate, which mine adjoins that of the A. E. Co. on Rock creek, about 20 miles up the Klondike from Dawson. The young man was caught under a large body of falling coal which had been loosened by a blast. Bowen formerly worked in the mine of the A. E. Co., and was a first-class miner. Nothing is known of his family. The body was recovered and is now in a cabin on the coal claim, but will probably be brought to the city tonight or tomorrow.

Missing Persons.

The following missing persons are inquired for by friends and relatives. Any information regarding any of them should be given to the town station, N. W. M. P.

Charles Bertrand, Basel, Switzerland; Justus Douglass, Spokane; Edward Joseph Pryor, Butte, Mont.; Anastasia M. Leopold, New York City; Sam James, San Francisco; Elmer Dilly, Tehachapi, Cal.; Otto Rurtates, Milan, Italy; Emil Kratert, Chicago, Ill.; Turner Carlo, Victoria, B. C.; O. C. Goddard, Mullins, S. C.; Thomas Hall Hoyland, Barnsley, England; H. P. Gaillard, San Francisco; Chas. Weaver, Western Kansas; Thomas Mahanna, Dawson; Richard Hall, New York City; Edward T. Sugg, Mount Vernon, Ill.; Theodore Felsberg, Newark, N. J.; Thomas Graham Patterson, Seattle, Wash.; Edward G. Gillam, Victoria, B. C.; N. S. Abraham, Redlands, Cal.; Mrs. John Lovell, Cleveland, O.; R. W. Scott, Cripple Creek; Alex. H. Somerville, Princeton, Ont.; Mr. Sayer, Hackensack, N. J.; Frank Harmon, Munhall, Pa.; Frank Magnus, San Francisco; Rector J. Place, Winchester, Mass.; James Theodore Geoghegan, East Sound, Wash.; James F. Cowie, Fergus Fall, Mont.; Ashley Jackson Fulk, Skagway; S. F. Bushman, St. Louis, Mo.; James Anderson, Fairview, B. C.; Dave Choat, San Francisco; William Arthur Bass, Flint, Mich.; Hugh William Jones, Vancouver, B. C.; P. H. Trudell, San Francisco; P. J. Gessner, San Francisco; C. Dickéy, San Francisco; Oscar J. Wright, Portland, Or.; Joseph A. Richardson, San Francisco.

Berries Command a Good Price.

Berrying parties are now the popular thing and has almost assumed the dignity of a "function." Sunday afternoon Mrs. J. B. Woods, Mrs. B. H. Moran, Miss Jennie Vaughn and Messrs. Fletcher and Murray made up a party to gather in the succulent fruit from the dewy huckleberry bushes.

Their efforts were crowned with success and fully a quart of berries was the result. A Siwash urchin was seen with a large piece of silver after the party left West Dawson, but probably that was a coincidence.

Always the Same.

Marriage makes no change in men. "The wife observed, with clouded brow, 'John's up to his old tricks again. When he came courting me, I vowed I couldn't make him go home then, and I can't make him come home now.'"

SKAGWAY WILL ACT

In Matter of Closing the U. S. Customs House at That Place

IF PRIVILEGES ARE NOT EXTENDED

Which Will Enable Her Merchants to Compete

FOR THE TRADE OF DAWSON.

Mr. E. O. Sylvester, Merchant Prince of Skagway, Reaches Dawson on a Pleasure Trip.

Mr. E. O. Sylvester, a prominent merchant and member of the Skagway city council, was an arrival on the steamer Nora this afternoon, and is today the guest of his old time friend, J. L. Timmins of the Royal grocery. Mr. Sylvester is one of Alaska's pioneer newspaper men, having engaged in that business in Juneau ten years or more ago. He is an active member of the Skagway Board of Trade and is one of the heaviest individual property owners of the "Gateway" city.

In conversation with a representative of the Nugget this afternoon Mr. Sylvester said:

"I am here merely on a pleasure trip, as I have long had a desire to visit the Yukon metropolis. I am delighted with Dawson, as it has more the appearance of a city than I expected to see."

Mr. Sylvester is one of the Skagway wholesalers who feel that the Yukon interior is to a great extent their field, but owing to the present bonding privileges extended to Canada, they are virtually shut out from competing with British Columbia merchants. He believes in the old J. G. Blaine principle of reciprocity and thinks it eminently unfair that Canada should be allowed to bond whisky, for instance, through U. S. territory, when Canada will not allow the U. S. to bond whisky through Canadian territory.

He said that when Acting Secretary of the U. S. Treasury Spaulding was in Skagway last week the situation was presented to him and that promises were made by the secretary to endeavor to ameliorate the present conditions. That while the present bonding privileges can not be recinded, the customs house at Skagway can be discontinued at any time and that such step will surely be taken if such accessions are not made as will give the American exporters an equal show with those of Canada.

As will be seen, Mr. Sylvester talks wholly from the standpoint of a Skagway man, but there is no reason why Dawson supplies should not be purchased there as well as elsewhere provided they can be laid down here at the same cost.

Mr. Sylvester will remain here a week or ten days, during which time he will probably make a tour of the creeks to size up the mining industry.

Must Have an Invoice.

U. S. Consul McCook has received from the department of state a letter in answer to one he wrote some time since asking to be advised as to whether it was necessary or not that a consular invoice should accompany all gold dust going from here into U. S. territory. The reply states that for all amounts exceeding \$100 in value the invoice must accompany the dust.

Attached to another letter from the same source was one from E. B. Smeed, of Hartford, Conn., making inquiry for a brother-in-law, A. R. Whitney by name, who was last heard of in September, 1899.

Officers Elected.

At a meeting of the Dawson Athletic Association held last night the following permanent officers were elected: President, J. T. Lithgow; vice-president, H. G. Wilson; treasurer, E. E. Tiffin; secretary, W. C. Young. Captains of the various teams were also appointed. It was decided to hold an athletic tournament during the third week of October.