

THE PREMIER IN ROSSLAND

Addresses Local Conservatives on Some Provincial Issues.

Predicts Success for the Party at the Next Elections.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Hon. Richard McBride, premier of the province, arrived in the city last night on a flying trip through the Kootenays.

A delegation of Conservatives was at the C. P. R. depot to meet the premier and escort him to the committee rooms at the Grand Union hotel.

Owing, probably, to the lateness of the hour—for it was approaching midnight—there were not so many present as might have been desired; but regardless of that fact, those in attendance listened to Mr. McBride with rapt attention.

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FOLEY REPATRIATED.

Former Rossland Man Takes Out Naturalization Papers.

(From Sunday's Daily.) When the applications for naturalization were read in the county court yesterday one name was mentioned that caused the people in the courtroom to lean forward and listen, says the Vancouver Province.

J. Edward Bird, the barrister, was reading an application and an affidavit in support thereof. He was not speaking very loudly, and little attention was paid the formal reading until the name, Chris Foley, was heard.

Sure enough Christopher Foley was applying to be taken back to the arms of his beloved country Great Britain. Mr. Foley wants to become a subject of King Edward once more. It was stated that Mr. Foley had become a naturalized United States citizen many years ago, but that he had been repatriated upon taking up his residence in Kootenay years afterwards.

The certificate of repatriation was lost, however, and Mr. Foley had nothing to show to prove his nationality if he were put to the test. To avoid any possible future trouble, Mr. Foley decided to take the oath again, and have the fact that he is a British subject recorded in black and white in the registrar's books.

THE LARDEAU'S FAME

DISTRICT ATTRACTS THE ATTENTION OF OUTSIDE CAPITAL.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) A REPRESENTATIVE OF MINNESOTA PEOPLE PAYS IT A VISIT.

KASLO, July 13.—Dr. A. H. Hocking, of Granite Falls, Minnesota, arrived here on the steamer Kaslo this afternoon on his way on a prospecting trip into the now famous Lardeau district.

Dr. Hocking comes as the representative of a number of Minnesota capitalists who are seeking mining ventures of merit in the Kootenays, and who have been attracted by the phenomenal finds on Poplar creek.

He says: "Some of my people are already interested in the Handy group, on Lynch creek, and we are so well pleased with the future prospects that we are again in the market for meritorious investments in the same territory. The developments on the Handy group have been especially gratifying, and ample funds are being provided by my people for the operating of those properties now controlled by us, as well as for the purpose of prospecting any new ventures offering. This is certainly a delightful country, and you seem to have untold treasures of wealth laid up in your hills and valleys. It seems to me to be a tourist's paradise, and from all accounts is equally as attractive to the sportsman."

ARE COSTS TOO HIGH

BOARD OF TRADE ASKED TO PETITION FOR REDUCED COURT COSTS.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The matter of costs of litigation in this province will be taken up at the board of trade tomorrow night. Recently a memorial passed by the New Westminster board was received with the request that it be endorsed in Rossland. The memorial was referred to A. H. MacNeill, K. C., president of the board for an opinion. Mr. MacNeill has drafted some extended notes on the question, which will be presented to the board.

The general tenor of President MacNeill's memorandum seems to be opposed to the idea set forth in the New Westminster memorial.

That men of moderate means fear to engage in litigation to secure just rights lest they should be ruined by excessive costs or worn out and harassed by too great a facility now afforded for appealing to the supreme court is set forth in the memorial.

Mr. MacNeill says certain actions can be remitted to the county court, thereby escaping the excessive costs referred to, and points out that a person who desires to appeal rarely thinks the facilities too great. Mr. MacNeill also points out that if an appeal is successful, thereby demonstrating that he was wrong by the original judgment, he can see no reason why the right of appeal should not be granted.

Paragraph "A" recommends the extension of the county court's jurisdiction to \$2500 from \$1000, and Mr. MacNeill gives the opinion that no objection can be taken to this, but believes that most litigants with claims exceeding \$1000 would prefer bringing action in the supreme court. Section "B" proposes that in actions of contract or tort (damage suits) where the sum recovered does not exceed \$500 only county court costs should be allowed in the supreme court. Mr. MacNeill says that many such actions are brought to settle disputes, and as to titles and various rights, where the damages proven are small, yet where the principle is of great importance, and it would be rather hard on parties under such circumstances to confine them to county court costs. He believes that the present practice in that the matter of appeals to be preferred to the New Westminster suggestion that appeals should only be on a question of law and in the shape of a case stated, and not then unless judgment exceeds \$500. It is not the practice of the court of appeal to interfere on pure questions of fact, so nothing would really be gained.

FOR MORE ORE CARS

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT MARPOLE DISCUSSES BUSINESS ON C. P. R.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) "While we have had no absolutely definite information on which to base the belief that there will shortly be an increase in the ore carrying business on this division, fifty new thirty-ton ore cars of the standard type have just been delivered on the division and are in use, while another lot of fifty is to be ordered immediately," said Richard Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division, on his arrival here last night. Continuing, he remarked: "The bounty on Canadian lead will make a great difference to the silver-lead producing districts and to the Kootenays generally. The government has taken just the action required to assist the lead miners for the next five years and set them on their feet permanently, we hope."

Mr. Marpole is registered at the Hotel Allan with his party, and will leave tonight for the main line. His visit is simply one of inspection.

An order for a new Shay engine has been placed for several months, and we expect delivery here in September," remarked the general superintendent, referring to business on the Rossland branch. "Two of these Shays are now running on the Eholt section, and are admirable down grade and up, and especially suited to handling heavy ore cars on the grades we have to overcome between Rossland and Smelter Junction."

"It is too late this season for building operations at Slocan Junction," he continued in reply to a query as to the company's intentions about a summer hotel at the famous fishing pools, "but by next summer I think we will have something of the kind on the bungalow principle for the accommodation of tourists and fishermen. I am taking the plans of the proposed building back to Vancouver, and will submit them to Mr. J. L. G. Abbott for his advice as to location, etc. Our idea is to erect a structure that will be suitable for visitors during the summer months, and which will be so constructed as to permit of extensions should the patronage warrant. In various details the opinion of Mr. Abbott, who is thoroughly familiar with the ground, will be of value."

Up to the present time the press has contained practically nothing as to the nature of the strike instituted by the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, information being apparently wanting entirely. Mr. Marpole did not say anything about the closing incidents of the trouble, but makes no secret of the fact that the company won on every point of issue, leaving the inference that the U. B. R. E. has succeeded on all points it sought to establish.

IN THE FIELD OF SPORT

(From Sunday's Daily.) Max Crowe is out with a deft in four figures. He has a nameless Cornish wrestler in Butte who will be here for the sports in connection with the Canadian Pacific picnic. Max will match his champion against all comers for \$1000 to \$1500, only requiring that the referee be impartial and that the bout be governed by Cornish wrestling rules. The Count declares he is very much in earnest, and is anxious to talk business to anyone. No wrestler is barred, the stipulation being that the match eventuates in Rossland.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

E. Temple Cornwall, honorary secretary-treasurer of the Victoria Tennis club, requests The Miner to publish the appended list of events at the Victoria annual tournament.

Championship of British Columbia. Winner takes first prize and is entitled to play the present holder of the challenge cup, Mr. A. T. Goward, for championship of British Columbia. Winner of latter event is entitled to hold the cup for one year. Cup must be won three times in succession before becoming the property of any holder. Entrance fee, \$1.00.

Gentlemen's Doubles.—Entrance fee, \$2.00 each pair.

Ladies' Singles.—Championship of British Columbia. Winner takes first prize and is entitled to play present holder of trophy, Miss M. Goward, for championship of British Columbia. Winner of latter event is entitled to hold trophy for one year.

Entrance fee, \$1.00. Ladies' Doubles.—Entrance fee, \$2.00 each pair.

Mixed Doubles.—Entrance fee, \$2.00 each pair.

Entries must be sent into and received by the honorary secretary on or before Thursday, 30th July, 1908. The rules of the Lawn Tennis association of England will be observed. All games to be played in grass. No games to be played without at least two line-men to assist the umpire.

VANTAGE OUT.

Rossland and Trail Tennis clubs met here yesterday afternoon, with results that were not particularly satisfactory to the home players. The Trail club had intended to play the full club match series, but at the last moment was disappointed in securing several players, so that the match will be concluded later. Two doubles and a single were played as follows:

LaBarthe & Blaylock, Trail, defeated Buckingham and Claudet, Rossland, 6-0, 3-6, 6-3. This game was the semi-final in the men's open doubles for the Nelson tournament, and leaves Trail to meet Nelson in the final game.

Buckingham, Rossland, defeated Blaylock, Trail, 7-5, 6-1.

Kamm & Turnbull, Trail, defeated Phipps & Carmichael, Rossland, 8-6, 7-6, 6-2.

The result of the games so far as the club match are concerned is that Rossland wins the event and Trail two, with two matches yet to be played.

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They are doing like kids, and in the second game in Rossland against Revelstoke they played an entirely different game, and Otto Becker, secretary-treasurer of the Nelson club, who saw both games, remarked after the last one that he never for a moment imagined it was the same team that played at Kaslo, and if he did not know some of the boys personally he would not have believed it. It must be remembered this was some time ago. Now the improvement is still going on at about the same rate, so why should the boys doubt their ability to make it warm for Nelson, even if Nelson did put up such a good game against New Westminster? Even if Rossland cannot defeat Nelson at present it is a certainty they will never be able to do so unless they play them and keep after them until they can beat them, and the home team is confident that any match against Nelson will be well worth watching and not a one-sided affair as many might suppose.

The Nelson team deserves great credit for the scene and bagged both men. Gleason's gun was secured, but the knife that Marshall was supposed to have flourished was not in evidence when the arrest was made.

A little later a cutting affray took place at the Central hotel. The victim was John McKinnon, and his assailant was Otto Jackson, a Finn. The story is that the men had trouble and Jackson drew a hunting knife with which he attacked McKinnon. The latter was painfully cut across the thigh, but it is stated that his wounds are not dangerous. Jackson ran from the place and at last reports had not been captured. McKinnon was removed to his home for treatment.

Borelli's Comet. Prof. Campbell Says It is Daily Growing Brighter.

(From Sunday's Daily.) SAN JOSE, Cal., July 13.—Professor W. W. Campbell, of Lick observatory, says: "The comet discovered by Borelli at Marcella three weeks ago has been under observation by the various members of the Lick observatory staff. It promises to be an unusually interesting object. Its brightness has increased very much, until it is now as easily visible as a fourth magnitude star. On Monday evening observers should experience no difficulty in detecting it about one or two degrees southwest of the bright star Alpha Cygni. Its motion is carrying it southwest about five degrees daily. Our photographs have recorded two prominent tails, each several degrees in length. While it is always unsafe to make predictions as to how bright a comet will grow, yet there is little doubt that this one will be a fairly conspicuous object in the evening sky. In fact I expect it to be the brightest comet of the past ten years."

BLOODSHED IN BROOKLYN. NEW YORK, July 13.—John Boland, a driver for the International Packing company, ran foul of a number of Italians in Brooklyn today and was stabbed to death by one of the foreigners.

The stabbing created a great deal of excitement in the neighborhood, for the reason that it was in the same block earlier in the day that two shooting affrays, in which Italians were wounded, took place.

round. Let the citizens be generous in this matter and the ball lacrosse clubs will endeavor to do their part towards making the proposed celebration the grandest success possible."

BOUNDARY MINING.

A Large Number of Men Employed at Mines and Smelters.

PHOENIX, July 11.—Over a thousand men are now directly employed in the mines and smelters of the Boundary country, and the indications are that this number will be considerably increased in the near future, if the smelters, now all in full blast, can secure the necessary coke to keep them running.

This the Crow's Nest people have promised this week through Mr. Tonkin, the manager, who visited the Granby smelter on Thursday. Not only have the low grade mines, the largest shippers, a considerable number on their respective payrolls, but the high grade properties cut no small figure in the total of those employed.

The following is a list, approximate, of the mines, with the number of employees at each, the number at the larger properties varying, of course, from time to time:

Table with 2 columns: Mine name and No. Men. Includes Granby, Mother Lode, Snowshoe, Sunset, B. C. mine, Emma, Oro Denoro, Elkhorn, Providence, Athelstan, Flourish Unum, Gold Pinch, Miscellaneous, Granby, Mother Lode, Sunset, Total 1119.

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PRINCE OF WALES.

Paid a Visit to the U. S. Flagship at Portsmouth.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The Prince of Wales visited the United States European squadron this morning and breakfasted with Rear Admiral Cotton on the flagship Kearsage. All the ships in the harbor along the channel feet at Spithead dressed ship, manned sides and fired a royal salute as the prince boarded the American flagship.

The prince was received on the quarter deck of the Kearsage by Admiral Cotton and his officers, and the party descended to the admiral's cabin for breakfast, at which President Roosevelt and King Edward were toasted.

Admiral Cotton subsequently escorted the Prince of Wales around the ship, after which the prince landed, with the warships firing another salute, and took train for London.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

A Bolt Among Men Who Had Gathered in a Boat House.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—During a terrific thunder storm here yesterday lightning struck a boat house near the Potomac river in which a dozen men had taken refuge. One man was killed, another so badly injured that he may die and still another was severely hurt.

The dead man is Robert B. Smith, aged 33. Seriously injured: Charles Slaughtor, colored, may die; William Lyons, will recover.

All 12 felt the effects of the thunder bolt. The structure itself was wrecked. C. H. Bannigan, the policeman on duty at the beach, while hurrying to the emergency hospital for aid, was twice rendered temporarily unconscious from the effects of lightning striking trees near him. Physicians from the hospital succeeded in restoring most of those who had been hurt to consciousness and the remainder were taken to the hospital.

SILVER FOR COINAGE.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—The director of the United States mint today purchased 75,000 ounces of silver, for account of Philippine coinage at \$3.85 cents an ounce delivered in Philadelphia.

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H. N. Galer, of Grand Forks, assistant manager of the Granby company, who has been making a visit of inspection to the company's mines here, stated that all the machinery of every kind for the company's furnaces is now on the ground, and the work of erection is well under way, so that there seems but little doubt that in the course of six weeks they will be ready for operation. Mr. Galer was also asked about the probable coke supply by that time and said:

"At present we have a good supply of coke, considering the amount coming in from Eastport, Wash., and more is arriving every day, so that for the present we are all right for four furnaces. I notice that Mr. Tonkin, manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, is reported to have staked in Rossland a few days ago that by the first of September he will have a continuous supply of coke for all the smelters in the province, and will even have to look for an outside market for the surplus. Should this prove to be the case, we will have no trouble in keeping all the six furnaces in blast for an indefinite period, as we can readily get out ore enough for twice that number at our mines, and we will have all the power we need. The only thing required is plenty of coke, about 300 tons daily for the six furnaces. Of course, the operation of these furnaces will also require a larger force of men in our employ at both mines and smelter."

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