VICTORIA CHOSEN FOR THE NEXT CONVENTION

Was the Decision of the Delegates to Meeting of the British Columbia Mining Association.

BUSINESS WAS FINISHED YESTERDAY

Result of Convention Is Pronounced Even A Greater Success Than Was Ever Anticipated.

J. B. Hobson, just before adjournment of Mining Convention:

"Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of this convention: Words, however appropriate or carefully selected, would fail to impress upon your mind the sensations that pulsate from the bottom of my heart at this moment. I consider that I would be a man of stone were I not enthused over the success of this movement. You have laid a foundation, through the adoption of the splendid constitution, that is as solid as adamant, and which will be the means of keeping this association together so long as the mines are being worked in British Columbia."

With cheers which shook the rafters of the City Hall and re-echoed to the streets, the delegates to the big mining convention which has been in progress in Victoria for upwards of two weeks, proclaimed, at 1 o'clock yesterday, the termination of their labors and heralded the satisfaction they felt at attaining a degree of success which exceeded beyond measure the aspirations of the most optimistic.

"Well, it has been a great success."

"The grandest and best meeting of the kind ever held in British Columbia, or for that matter in the Dominion of Canada."

"It beats the California initial convention all to pieces."

"Victoria's all right, and we'll be here next year or sooner."

Such were the sentences caught by the reporters amidst the uproar of gratulation and handshaking as the delegates left their seats on the announcement of the chairman that the convention would stand adjourned sine die.

The concluding labors of the convention were marked by two important incidents—the announcement from Manager Tonkin, of the willingness of his company to lend every assistance to the Commission of Enquiry which is to proceed at once to Fernie in an attempt to settle the disastrous coal strike, and the determination, unanimously arrived at, to select Victoria as the point for the next convention.

With the completion of their labors the majority of the delegates dispersed to their homes yesterday evening. The members of the commission appointed by the convention to endeavor to settle the coal strike at Fernie do not believe they will be able to assemble at that point until the latter part of the week. The conviction is held on all sides that there is every reason to expect that their mission will be crowned with success.

A feature of the concluding session was the noteworthy manner in which opportunity was taken to compliment Victoria on the splendid manner in which it has entertained the visitors. Praise for the hospitality of the people, the energy displayed by the provisional executive to make the affair a success, and of the charms and beauties of the climate and scenery of the place were outpoured in pleasing lavishness and words of unexcelled eloquence.

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 and the minutes of Saturday's session were read and adopted.

The chairman announced that the Minister of Lands and Works had sent for the boiler inspector to come to the city at once to confer with the government in respect to the objections to the provisions of the boiler inspection act. (Applause.)

The chairman next pointed out that it was hoped to be able to conclude all the business before the convention by noon. It was important that this should be over as it was desirable that the delegates forming the commission of enquiry into the coal strike at Fernie should leave on the Majestic that evening for the scene of their labors. He was not yet possessed of information regarding how the mine laborers at Fernie would view such a move; but as he noticed Mr. Tonkin, manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company in the audience, he would ask that gentleman to state whether or not he would, on behalf of the company, accept the good offices of the commission. (Applause.)

Manager Tonkin, on rising, was greeted with applause. He pointed out that he was unfortunately absent when the convention had discussed the appointment of a commission of enquiry, or he would have seized an earlier occasion to express his views; but he would at once thank the convention for the very great interest that it had taken in the matter, and say that it would afford him very great pleasure to heartily cooperate with the commission and offer it ever facility to carry out the objects of its mission. The books of the coal company would be thrown open to the commission and every other information be given which might be asked for. Personally he was very much pleased that the convention had decided to appoint such a commission. (Applause.)

Mr. Seaman, Rossland, a delegate from the Rossland Miners' union, believed that the men would welcome the appointment of a commission most heartily. He had every hope that an early settlement would be arrived at. No matter what was the result, one thing was certain—the public would be informed just who was to blame in a strike which was working disaster to the whole country. He thanked the convention on behalf of the working miners of the country for the splendid way with which it had dealt with such an important matter. (Applause.)

Mr. Hunter, M. P. P., handed in a communication from Stanley, British Columbia, bearing upon the placer industry. Referred to the executive committee.

Mr. Hirschfeld presented the following resolution:

"That the provincial government procure the services of a reliable and competent geologist to report during the present season on the geological conditions and mineral resources."

Mr. Hobson asked that it be referred to the executive committee. Carried.

Smith Curtis, seconded by Mr. Hidemar, moved the following resolution:

"Whereas, The coal and coke supply from the Crow's Nest coal mines has proven quite inadequate to meet the requirements of the smelters and miners in British Columbia, whereby the output of the mines particularly the copper mines of the Boundary and the gold-copper mines of Rossland during the past and present year, have been and are much curtailed;

"Therefore be it resolved, that the Dominion government be requested to take steps for the immediate opening of coal mines on the part of the 50,000 acres held by it in Southeast Kootenay, under such provisions as will insure a large supply of coal and coke at an early date, and at a reasonable price."

Mr. Curtis said the richest and most valuable lands in the province were in the southeastern portion and under reserve. It should have been thrown open years ago. It affected the mining resources of the province to have all this rich area tied up. If the resources were thrown open taxes could be very largely reduced, relieving the burden on the farmers, and, in fact, all classes. The C. P. R. was opposed to throwing the country open. If they got the lands to which they had no right the country would lose a great deal of revenue. A company could be gotten up which would give $5,000,000 for the very lands which the C. P. R. stand a chance of getting for nothing. No favoritism should be shown, the lands should be thrown open, and great development would be bound to take place.

Capt. Clive Phillipps-Wolley asked how Mr. Curtis could have supported crown granting of placer claims, which meant handing over a large portion of Cariboo to companies subsidiary to the C. P. R. His position was most inconsistent.

Mr. Pollen, Fort Steele, feared that if the land was thrown open it would be gobbled up by capitalists.

Mr. Curtis said the interests of the country were well safeguarded by the terms of his resolution.

Mr. Collis, Nicola, who was absent, forwarded a letter to be read at the convention in which he strongly favored throwing open the country.

Mr. Galt, Rossland, told of the efforts of Spokane people who had tried to get title to coal lands in Southeast Kootenay, but though they were prepared to spend large sums of money, they were informed that they were under reserve, and they decided to throw the whole matter up. Today all the lands have been occupied by others. As matters were, the doors were open to the display of favoritism by the government. He was in favor of the resolution.

Mr. Howse, Nicola, favored notice being given when the reserve was thrown open.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gwinn, seconded by Mr. Gilman, moved the following resolution:

"That the convention hereby recommends the appointment by the government of an expert mining commission to examine and consider prospectuses of all newly found mining companies."

The resolution was defeated.

F. Wollaston, seconded by C. H. Arundell, proposed a resolution urging the Dominion and provincial governments to open up Indian reserves for mining purposes. Carried.

Smith Curtis moved that the Dominion government be urged to open up its 50,000 acres of coal lands at Crow's Nest Pass so as to provide an independent coal and coke supply for the province.

Mr. Gilman, of Vancouver, moved that the report of the proceedings be printed in pamphlet form. Carried. The chairman said, in this connection, that the government would be asked to purchase a large quantity of the pamphlets for distribution throughout the province.

A resolution favoring repeal of the act requiring foreign corporations to register power of attorney was referred to the executive committee.

Mr. Davies, Kaslo, said in this connection, that a great injury was done the country owing to foreign companies being compelled to register power of attorney. The law requires a foreign company to do that which was impossible. In the interest of the province in general the words should be stricken out of the act. As it was the company was left to the mercy of the honesty of the agent, who might leave for parts unknown after selling the property.

On motion of Mr. Hirschfeld, the executive committee was empowered to arrange for the preparation of a design of a badge for the British Columbia Mining Association.

Moved by Ralph Smailes, seconded by Mr. Gaunce.

"Resolved, That this Association favors amendment to the Mineral Act, that where a mineral claim has been sub-divided into townsite lots and a plan recorded, the mineral rights only, without any right to the surface, may be offered for sale for taxes, and upon such sale being made that the government have power to vest any surface rights that previously appertained to such mineral claim in the municipality within which it is situated, as to streets, lanes and highways, and in the lot owners as to the recorded lots owned by them respectively."

It was referred to the executive committee.

The chairman read a letter from Frank Moberly urging the importance of the question of transportation. It was referred to the executive committee.

Mr. Curtis introduced a resolution amending a resolution on the minutes of a former session, praying the Dominion government to reduce the fees on railway lands in the province from $5 to $1 per acre.

It was referred to the executive committee.

The chairman announced that he had just been handed a resolution which he hoped the convention would not pass—a resolution by Mr. Hunter, M.P.P., and Capt. Wolley, asking that the placer mining act report be reconsidered.

Capt. Wolley regretted that the chairman had gone out of his way to prejudice his case, and was about to explain when

Mr. Galt pointed out, according to parliamentary practice, notice of motion must be given of such proposed amendment.

Capt. Wolley, continuing, said what the resolution aimed at was the lodgment of a protest against the hurried manner in which the placer mining resolution had been rushed through the convention. The government should know that the convention was by no means unanimous on the question of giving crown grants to placer mining claims. He did not want the matter re-opened in its entirety now, as it was important that the convention should speedily get through with its work to allow of the commission going to Fernie; but he did want his resolution spread on the minutes.

After some further debate and a vote being taken, the convention rejected the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Pearson, a resolution urging the government to proceed with the building of trails on Vancouver Island and throughout the province generally for the convenience of prospectors, was referred to the executive committee.

A resolution presented by Mr. Gallop, urging the government to amend the Companies act, preventing the selling of stock of other than crown granted claims, was lost on a vote being taken.

A resolution, presented by Frank Richardson, of Vancouver, urging the government to seek representation for British Columbia on the Alaska Boundary commission was rejected, on protest from Mr. Lugrin and others that the convention was no place in which to bring up such a matter.

Mr. Lugrin, as the convention was drawing to a close, felt that it was but proper that he should say, on behalf of the Victoria branch of the organization, that the success of the affair had exceeded the expectations of the most optimistic—the convention had been a magnificent success.

Mr. H. Robinson, the representative of large capitalists interested in Atlin, who was present, was here called upon by the chairman to briefly address the meeting. Mr. Robinson created great enthusiasm by stating that he had come all the way from Philadelphia for the express purpose of watching the work of the convention, that he was very greatly pleased with what had been accomplished, and that he had no doubt that the province had a great and glorious future.

U. S. Consul Abram E. Smith briefly addressed the convention. He thought it was the most representative body he had ever seen gathered together during his residence of five years in British Columbia. The gathering before him, representing as it did, the intelligence, brawn and energy of the country could not do otherwise than succeed in putting upon a better footing the greatest industry in the province—the mining industry. In common with all men who appreciated the splendid natural resources of British Columbia, he was glad that the convention had at last decided to open wide the doors and invite the capitalists of the world to come here and reap the grand harvest which was surely awaiting them. When the resources of the country were developed on the comprehensive scale they ought to be, manufacturing industries would, no doubt, spring up all over the country—as the tendency now was to bring the huge manufacturing plants up to the base of supply. When the legislature had passed all the recommendations made by the convention, it should rest from its labors for two years and watch the country go ahead. (Laughter and applause.) As in the United States, British Columbia was likely to suffer sometime from too much legislation. He wished the delegates and their mission every success in the world. (Applause.)

Mayor Burril, of Grand Forks, in a neat and witty speech, told of the formation of the local branch of the association in his city. The convention had been a greater success than it was thought it would be. Much of that success was due to the fact that all classes in the province were represented. The government could not fail to be impressed with the result of their deliberations. The convention had accomplished much; but one of the most important things it had accomplished was to demonstrate that the Lamb could safely lie down with the Lion, and that much was done to advance the cause of the Brotherhood of Man. (Applause.)

Letters were read from Mayor McCandless, extending an invitation to the delegates to hold their next annual convention in Victoria, and from Charles Hayward, president of the Tourist association, expressing appreciation of the honor which had been done the city by holding the convention in Victoria.

Mr. Devereux, seconded by Captain Thompson, presented a resolution asking the government to revise the mineral and placer act, making the language less ambiguous. It was referred to the executive committee.

Mr. Gilman, seconded by Mr. Lamb, handed in a resolution urging the government to appoint a board of mineral experts to report on the mineral resources of the country and make recommendations for their development. Referred to the executive committee.

On motion of Chris. Foley it was arranged that if the two parties selected by the government to act on the board of the commission of enquiry failed to agree upon a third as required, the chief justice should be asked to name the third. Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gaunce, Greenwood, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the mayor and aldermen for the use of the city hall.

On Mayor Dean's, of Rossland, motion, seconded by Mr. Gaunce, the convention unanimously decided on Victoria as the place for the holding of its next convention.

On behalf of the Victoria branch of the organization, Hon. D. W. Higgins, in a neat speech returned thanks for the great compliment which had thus been paid "the lovely city of Victoria."

J. B. Hobson then took the platform. He said:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of This Convention,—Words, however appropriate or carefully selected, would fail to impress upon your mind the sensations that pulsate from the bottom of my heart at this moment. I consider that I would be a man of stone were I not enthused over the success of this movement. You have laid a foundation, through the adoption of the splendid constitution, that is as solid as adamant, and which will be the means of keeping this Association together so long as the mines are being worked in British Columbia.

"And one thing further I want to say to you gentlemen. I do not wish to detain you; I regret heartily that owing to my engagement on committee work I was not present the day before yesterday, so that I might have placed my choice of these nominations—for the president, Mr. Keen, and the vice-president, Mr. Higgins—two gentlemen broadly known throughout the province and the best parliamentarians that I have ever heard. It is well known from the start of this movement to the end that I have had no aspirations for office; but I thank you gentlemen for the honor you have put upon me in placing me as one of your vice-presidents, and let me assure you my efforts will never slacken in the interest of the cause, be I one of the officers or a private in the ranks."

Three rousing cheers and a tiger were given Mr. Hobson.

On motion of Mr. Gaunce, thanks were extended to the Board of Trade and the Tourist association for kindness shown the delegates.

On motion of Mr. Curtis a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the provisional association for its splendid work, and the first convention of the British Columbia Mining association closed with cheers for John Keen, the president, and the singing of "God Save the King."

C. P. R. STEAMSHIPS.

Mr. Arthur Piers Appointed Manager of Atlantic Line.

Montreal, March 2. — Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R. today said Mr. Arthur Piers would be manager of the steamships for the company, and Mr. David Campbell, now manager of the Elder-Dempster line, in this city, would be appointed superintendent of steamships.

A TOUCH OF ORIENTALISM.

Montreal Getting to Know Something of Chinese Ways.

Montreal, March 2. — Twenty-three Chinamen were arrested last night and brought before Police Magistrate Lafontaine this morning, four of them charged with keeping gambling houses and the other 19 with frequenting the same. Joe Loy, one of the keepers, was fined $50, and the other keepers and frequenters $20 each and costs.

As a Token Of Their Esteem

Presentation to J. B. Hobson By His Fellow Mining Delegates.

Many Eloquent Tributes of Appreciation, Esteem and Friendship.

The most pleasing and memorable incident in connection with the convention occurred last night in the Driard hotel parlors, when J. B. Hobson was presented with a valuable diamond ring in recognition of his sterling qualities as a man and his invaluable services in having conceived and successfully carried out the scheme of bringing the mining men together to discuss their needs and formulate a plan for placing the mining industry of British Columbia on a firm and businesslike basis.

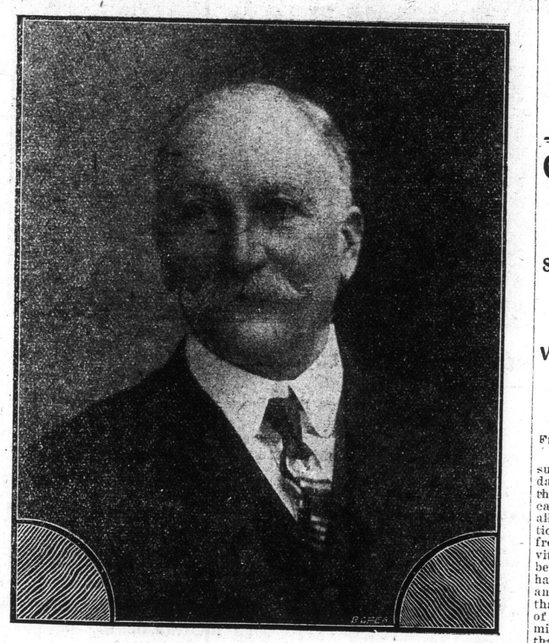
Shortly after the adjournment of the convention yesterday, a few of the delegates met in the rotunda of the Driard, and their talk naturally drifted to the success of the convention and the factors which had contributed to the splendid results attained. To speak of the inception of the movement was to speak of Mr. Hobson, and one of the group exclaimed, "Boys, it's up to us to show our appreciation of Hobson, and I propose that we chip in and make him a little present—a memento of the convention, for which he deserves all the credit."

The proposal was eagerly taken hold of, a subscription list was opened on the spot, and Mr. Hirschfeld, of Atlin, was appointed to call upon all the members of the convention, who could be found, and solicit their co-operation. His task was an easy one, for he did not find a man who was not eager to contribute to such a testimonial, and within a couple of hours sufficient money had been collected to enable the committee to visit Challoner & Mitchell's and buy one of the most beautiful diamond rings in their collection.

At 8 o'clock about sixty delegates and friends of Mr. Hobson assembled in the parlors of the Driard. Mr. Robinson, of Philadelphia, who, although not a delegate to the convention, has taken a great deal of interest in its proceedings, announced the object of the gathering, and introduced Mr. Hobson, who was received with vociferous cheers.

Mr. Robinson called upon Mr. A. L. Belyea, K. C., secretary of the association.

Mr. Belyea said his only claim to the honor of addressing the meeting was the fact that he had been associated with Mr. Hobson since the inception of the movement to form the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, and that now that the work which Mr. Hobson had initiated had taken definite shape and proportion, they were still in harness, working side by side and ready to continue to use their best effort towards the success of the association. (Applause.) Speaking as a Victorian, he would leave it to all present if the provisional executive had not reason to be proud of the work which they had assumed. (Applause.) The result of that work had been the bringing together of the most important gathering of men which had ever assembled for any purpose in British Columbia, and he felt confident that the work which that convention had accomplished would make for the prosperity of the province for the next 500 years. They had laid the foundation of a fabric which would appeal to future generations, though they might not live to see more than the beginning of the results which must surely accrue. The mineral resources of British Columbia practically inexhaustible,



J. B. HOBSON

Father of the B. C. Mining Association, to whom a presentation was made by the Delegates Yesterday Evening.

would now, he hoped, be developed on business principles, and if that were done, it would insure prosperity and wealth to the people of the province. (Applause.)

They were met tonight to do honor to Mr. Hobson, the originator of the great economic scheme, and he was entitled to unstinted praise and honor, for it was due entirely to his initiative that this splendid convention had met. (Applause.) It had been said that the mining industry and the financial conditions of British Columbia were in a bad way, but he thought that every man present could see the rift in the cloud, and the dawn of a brighter era. The dark days were passing away, thanks to Mr. Hobson and the mining convention of 1903. (Cheers.)

Mr. Robinson then called upon Mr. John Keen, president of the association, to make the presentation.

Mr. Keen was received with hearty applause and cheers. He had come to look on at an interesting ceremony, not to speak, but it gave him pleasure to add his tribute to Mr. Hobson. "If it were not for Hobson we would not be here tonight." (Cheers.) Had it not been for the very effectual work of the provisional committee, the carefully prepared circular and its wide distribution throughout the mining districts, Victoria would not have been the scene of the most memorable gathering in the history of the world. A gathering at which representative capitalists, prospectors, businessmen, miners and laborers had sat side by side and discussed their most vital interests freely and fully without a suspicion of friction or misunderstanding—in perfect harmony and unanimity. (Cheers.)

The work of the convention might not prove in actual practice to be perfect. It was like the diagnosis of a doctor. They had diagnosed the case of the mining industry and had prescribed certain remedies. It might be found that those remedies were not efficient, and in such an event they would have to resort to surgery. (Laughter and cheers.)

Mr. Keen told a story of a prospector friend of his who, whenever he found a new lead, declared he and all interested would soon be wearing diamonds, and said he, turning to Mr. Hobson, "our friend here has struck a lead and he is going to wear diamonds"—and presented the morocco case containing the pretty sparkler.

The presentation was the signal for prolonged applause and cheers, followed by the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and "Auld Lang Syne."

When Mr. Hobson rose to acknowledge the honor conferred upon him, he was greeted with loud cheers. When silence again prevailed, he spoke in a voice filled with emotion. He said there were times in one's life when the tongue refused to express the sentiments which welled from the heart. He had not expected any such demonstration of esteem and appreciation, and he could not convey in words the feeling which pervaded him. He did not feel that he was deserving of so much praise from his fellow workers for he had only endeavored to do what he considered was his duty, as a citizen having the good of the whole country at heart. (Applause.) He would always treasure the splendid gift bestowed upon him not alone for its intrinsic value, but as a token of the good feeling which had prompted it, and as a memento of the successful mining convention with which they were all so pleased. (Cheers and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow.")

Mr. Robinson then introduced the loving cup, which was passed around, each one present drinking to Mr. Hobson's health.

Smith Curtis, M. P. P., paid a graceful tribute to Mr. Hobson. He said he had heard men in Vancouver and other places say that the convention was proposed for selfish motives, and that it would not be a success, but he had believed in the bona fides of the promoters and had told the malcontents that in years to come they would bless the name of Hobson (Applause.)

D. W. Higgins conveyed a message from the Mayor and Council regretting their inability to be present, and expressing their sincere sympathy with the object of the gathering. He concluded by paying Mr. Hobson a graceful compliment for the way in which he had conceived the movement and the success which had attended his efforts. (Applause.)

Mr. Robinson contributed a recitation, "Barney McGee"—the gem of the evening—which was very amusing, and was received with shouts of laughter and thunders of applause.

Hon. W. C. Wells was the next speaker. He said he had not come prepared to make a speech, but he could not refrain from saying a few words. He had been struck with the businesslike way in which the convention had been conducted and the excellent system adopted of appointing committees to deal with the different questions under consideration, and to carry out the objects aimed at. He felt sure, speaking as a member of the Government, that the Government and the Legislature would listen with attention and act upon the suggestions of the association for the demands seemed so common sense and reasonable as a whole that he was convinced it would be the duty of the Legislature and the Government to act upon them. (Applause and cheers.)

Mr. Wells' remarks were followed by the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. Rod Tolmie made a substantial tribute to the evening's entertainment, which caused much merriment, and after a few more stories and songs the pleasant gathering broke up with the singing of "God Save the King."

The following were the contributors to the presentation fund: William J. Robinson, Jas. Reid, A. C. Galt, Frank W. Alexander, A. C. Hirschfeld, John Hopp, B. A. Lasell, J. E. Bate, Robt. R. Healey, A. C. Flumerfelt, L. W. Shatford, Albert J. Goodell, H. Carey, G. A. Hartnagel, A. E. Howse, A. B. Fraser, sr., Wm. Brown, E. G. Prior, Smith Curtis, Edmund B. Kirby, Frank Richards, Abraham E. Smith, E. P. Gilman, R. B. Skinner, S. H. Griffith, M. W. Loveridge, James Stables, F. M. Dockrill, H. H. Brackett, G. A. Brackett, John Keen, A. L. Belyea, John Dean, F. Keffer, Rowland Machin, T. J. Smith, A. G. McCandless, Stephen Jones, F. T. Lantz, F. A. Devereux, J. Meinecke, H. C. Bellinger, H. G. Seaman, Geo. P. McDonald, R. Marsh, H. W. E. Canavan, R. R. Bruce, James Patterson, Robt. Irving, W. S. Drewry, H. G. Ashby, Henry Croft, Wm. Adams, D. W. Higgins, J. W. Astley, H. Cuthberson, Leslie Hill, C. Dubois Mason.

J. J. HILL'S PURCHASE.

Quebec, March 2.—James J. Hill, the United States Railway magnate has purchased from Lord Mount Stephen his property at Grand Metis, which includes large water power and salmon fishing rights there. It is probable that the power will be utilized for the purpose of furnishing electric light and tramways for the whole surrounding country, as well as pulp and sawmills.

TO HANG.

Murderers of Women Will Perish on the Scaffold on Wednesday.

Quebec, March 2.—The court of appeals has denied a new trial in the case of Joseph Maturin, the monosamic wife murderer, and Jos. Gosselin, slayer of Mrs. Treman in Bellechasse county. Both prisoners were today removed from Quebec jail to Montmagnuey, where they will on Wednesday, bear the death sentences imposed upon them by Judge Lavergne.

Mrs. Anderson, a prominent society woman of Jacksonville, Fla., daughter of Recorder of Deeds, West, who witnessed her signature to the following letter, praises **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—There are but few wives and mothers who have not at times endured agonies and such pain as only women know. I wish such women knew the value of **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.** It is a remarkable medicine, different in action from any I ever knew and thoroughly reliable.

"I have seen cases where women doctored for years without permanent benefit, who were cured in less than three months after taking your Vegetable Compound, while others who were chronic and incurable came out cured, happy, and in perfect health after a thorough treatment with this medicine. I have never used it myself without gaining great benefit. A few doses restores my strength and appetite, and tones up the entire system. Your medicine has been tried and found true, hence I fully endorse it."—MRS. R. A. ANDERSON, 225 Washington St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Reed, 2425 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it my duty to write and tell you the good I have received from **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

"I have been a great sufferer with female trouble, trying different doctors and medicines with no benefit. Two years ago I went under an operation, and it left me in a very weak condition. I had stomach trouble, backache, headache, palpitation of the heart, and was very nervous; in fact, I ached all over. I find yours is the only medicine that reaches such troubles, and would cheerfully recommend **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** to all suffering women."

When women are troubled with irregular or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhœa, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, flatulence, general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy. **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** at once removes such troubles.

The experience and testimony of some of the most noted women of America go to pr Pinkham's Vegetable Com once by removing the caus and normal condition. If Mass, as thousands do.

No other medicine in th unqualified endorsement. of female troubles. Refuse to buy any substitute.

$5000 FORFEIT if we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness.
Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

C. P. R. Strike Is Spreading

Supt. Marpole Gives Out Statement of the Company's Position.

Vancouver Freight Handlers Idle and More Employees Stop Work Today.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, March 2.—Mr. Marpole issued a long statement on the strike today, in which he claimed that Forrest, the man whose discharge is said to have caused the strike, was not discharged at all, but suspended pending an investigation into a mistake he made in handling freight; that the U. B. R. E. were invited to give the names of employees belonging to the U. B. R. E. said to have been intimidated by the C. P. R., and they did not do so. He claimed that the man named Inches, a member of the brotherhood, discharged, was dismissed for neglect of duty. The charge that the C. P. R. said they would spend a million dollars to destroy the U. B. R. E. was false; that the most cordial relations existed with all regularly organized and properly conducted unions among their employees and the C. P. R. The strikers should not look for help from other unions, but lay their complaints before the heads of the road in Montreal. The C. P. R., however, could not permit unwarrantable interference with the conduct of the business of the company, and no men would countenance acts manifestly aimed at discipline.

The freight handlers, 100 strong, went out today and things are very quiet on the wharves, as the stevedores and teamsters refused to work with non-union men. The painters in the shops go out tomorrow, and the employees at Revelstoke and Nelson will be ordered out tomorrow, and if thought necessary, Winnipeg clerks will be asked to leave their desks. By tomorrow at 8 o'clock there will be 300 on strike. There was a mass meeting of strikers and sympathizers tonight in Labor Hall, and President Estes made a speech in which he said that the fight was on for years, if necessary, and if the worst came, every member of the brotherhood in America, numbering thousands, would be assessed to provide for a living for the striking brotherhood.

DEVLIN CHOSEN.

Montreal, March 2.—The Star's London cable says: Chas. Devlin, former member of the Canadian parliament, and at present immigration agent for Canada at Dublin, has been unanimously selected by the Nationalists as their candidate for parliament in Galway. In thanking the electors, Mr. Devlin pledged every effort to get Galway chosen as a terminal port of the new Canadian mail service. He denied the report that another harbor had already been chosen. Mr. Devlin runs in the constituency left vacant by the conviction of Col. Arthur Lynch for treason.

ILLEGAL FISHING.

A Strange Proposal by the Ohio Fish Commissioners.

Ottawa, March 2.—(Special.)—The fishery commissioners of the state of Ohio have had trouble with fishermen catching fish out of season. When a United States revenue cutter approaches they move over the line into Canadian waters. A request has been preferred to the department here to place two Canadian officers on the United States cutter so that when poachers enter Canadian waters they can be arrested. The proposal is not likely to be entertained by the Ottawa authorities.

MRS. GOUDY DEAD.

Had Only Been Married a Few Days—Deaths in Westminster.

Vancouver, B. C., March 2.—(Special)—Mrs. Goudy died today of heart disease. She had been married to Wm. Goudy of Ladner only a few days. She was formerly married to J. J. Blake, first city solicitor of Vancouver, and before that married to Mr. A. Fawcett. Mr. Fawcett was burnt to death in the great fire at Vancouver, and Mr. Blake committed suicide some years ago.

Westminster, March 2.—(Special.)—The death occurred here on Sunday of Robert Cross, aged 86 years. Deceased was a native of Ireland, but emigrated to Canada, becoming a pioneer of Wellington county, Ontario. Fourteen years ago he removed here, where several of a large family reside, the sons being owners of the floating dry dock.

Edith Muir, of Sooke, died in the hospital here today from consumption.

FIRE AT PORT ARTHUR.

Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 28.—Fire almost entirely destroyed the Board of Trade building this forenoon. The fire originated in the chimney and was fanned by a heavy wind. The total loss will be $6,000, partly insured. The building is owned by J. M. Neelin, and was occupied by F. Witherspoon, harnessmaker, and I. L. Matthews as a warehouse. Mayor Clavel and J. Stokes had a narrow escape from suffocation, the door in which they got egress into the building having closed trapping them. They were liberated by the firemen.

THREE MEN KILLED.

New York Central Road Has a Collision

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The Southwestern Limited train on the New York Central railway, Westbound, was wrecked at the East Syracuse yards shortly after 7 o'clock. Three railroad men were killed and three severely injured. Every car left the track, which was torn up for a distance of 1,000 feet. The killed were Chas. Babcock, conductor; J. D. Gourley, brakeman. All were from Albany. They were asleep in a caboose, which was detached upon a track. Freight cars on the same track when being shifted, struck the caboose, which jumped the switch and slid along another track, lodging across the main Westbound passenger track. The Southwestern at full speed struck it. The engine toppled over, crushing the car and killing the men inside. The engineer and fireman stuck to their posts and were rescued from the wreck. The porter in the buffet car had his left hand torn off. A number of passengers were shaken up and bruised, but none were severely hurt.