

GRAND FORKS INTELLIGENCE

WORK BEING PUSHED ON THE PHIL SHERIDAN CLAIM.

Development on the Various Properties in the Kettle River Camps—Boundary Shipments to Trail Average 1,000 Tons a Week.

Grand Forks, B.C., June 25.—(Special.)—Forty tons of ore have been extracted thus far from the new working shaft recently started on the Phil Sheridan claim of the Earthquake group, Brown's camp, north fork of Kettle river. The shaft has attained a depth of 20 feet. The returns give \$18 per ton in all values, but some of the assays range from \$20 to \$50 per ton.

W. A. Campbell, formerly of Rossland, and now of Princeton, has instituted an action for \$50,000 against Robert Wood and O. Scott, owners of Greenwood, claiming \$50,000 damages for alleged breach of contract in connection with a Greenwood electric lighting franchise.

J. M. O'Toole, president of the Rathmullen company, who spent the past six months in California for the benefit of his health, is in town. He states that work on the property will be resumed shortly. Mr. O'Toole is a practical miner and will likely formulate a new plan of development.

The Golden Eagle mine, north fork of Kettle river, has shipped 22 tons to the Trail smelter.

Boundary shipments to Trail now average 1,000 tons per week. A petition has been presented to the City Council asking that laborers on city works be paid 30 cents per hour, and that no Japs or Chinese be employed.

R. A. Brown has returned from a visit to the Sunset mine, near Princeton, Similkameen district. He reports that the drift on the 150-foot level has been extended 40 feet in solid ore. Mr. Brown asserts that the ore now being extracted averages 15 per cent copper. He will shortly order a pump and half of a ten-drum compressor. Mr. Brown says the ore on the dump now exceeds four thousand tons, and he expects to have a 50-ton smelter in operation at the mine late this coming fall.

Alex. Miller, local manager of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, has received from the East the plans of the new bank building his bank purposes erecting here. The structure will be a substantial one of artistic design. It will be of brick.

Jay P. Graves has sent a representative to examine properties near Beaverton on the west fork of Kettle river.

The crop outlook in the Kettle river valley is exceedingly bright. The fruit crop promises to be large. There has been an enormous yield of strawberries, which are selling at the rate of two boxes for a quarter.

No little excitement has been created here by the remarkable showing of free gold on the Iron Horse claim, one mile north of the Dewdney trail in Wellington camp. The pay streak occurs in a four-foot ledge and is from three to four inches wide. The quartz is literally bespattered with gold, and the assays run over \$2,000 per ton. At the bottom of a 15-foot shaft the pay streak is widening slightly. There are two copper-gold ledges running parallel to the central vein on which the shaft is being sunk at the rate of a foot per day. The property is owned by James and Patsy Clark of Spokane, Henry Ellis and Mrs. G. A. Fraser of Grand Forks.

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

The Granby Smelter Inspected by Mr. James Breen.

Grand Forks, B.C., June 22.—(Special.)—Work on the Mountain View in Summit Camp was resumed yesterday. The principle owners include J. R. Mackintosh and J. C. Scraftford of the B. C. mine, P. Welch, railway contractor, and G. A. Rendell.

W. A. Campbell, who formerly operated at Rossland, is in town. He has just organized a company to acquire the Lost Horse, a claim adjoining the Sunset on Copper mountain, Similkameen district.

The R. Bell, in which Jay P. Graves recently acquired an interest, has been equipped with a pump and hoist. Dave Evans has a force of men at work on the Snowshoe group in Brown's camp, north fork of Kettle river. The group consists of the Snowshoe, Missing Link and Hartford, and is traversed by the Columbia & Western railway. A ten-foot ledge on the Snowshoe is being stripped. The assays average \$27 gold per ton. There are five feet of solid ore at the bottom of an eight-foot shaft on the Missing Link.

The shaft on the Superior, Brown's Camp, has been sunk to a depth of 30 feet. The ledge averages three feet in width. The ore on the dump exceeds 20 tons.

Jay P. Graves and A. L. White, the latter of Montreal, have gone to Phoenix for the purpose of inspecting the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides.

James Breen, the well-known smelter expert, who sold out his interest in the Northport smelter in Estuary, is here after making a tour of the Boundary. He visited all the camps. Accompanied by Mayor Lloyd A. Manly yesterday he made a thorough inspection of the Granby smelter, which is practically completed. They also inspected the power house and the big smelter dam across the north fork of Kettle river. Before returning to the city Mr. Breen warmly congratulated the superintendent, A. B. W. Hodges, and declared that the plant in the reduction works was the finest he had ever seen. Mr. Breen also stated that the site was an ideal one. He expressed the opinion that ore from the very outcrop could be treated profitably at Grand Forks for \$4.00 per ton, the rate

to include freight and treatment.

Speaking to your correspondent he said: "This trip has been a perfect revelation to me. The Boundary has made tremendous strides. When I came through the district five years ago it was a howling wilderness. After inspecting the Mother Lode, Old Ironsides, Knob Hill and B. C. mines I have come to the conclusion that the Boundary will shortly produce a tonnage that will astonish the world. Some of the sights fairly startled me. In the Knob Hill I actually saw ore blocked out by the acre. The Boundary has a great future. It will soon need not one but a dozen smelters. Will I build a smelter? Well, that depends. I have been in harness for 17 years and purpose taking a rest first. I intend to look the country over and am ready to take up any proposition, smelting or mining, that catches my fancy."

Mr. Breen proceeds to Republic tomorrow, and after re-visiting Spokane, will make a trip to the Similkameen. C. S. Askew, formerly of Victoria, B. C., and Miss S. Smith of Orillia, Ont., were married at the Episcopal Church of Wednesday evening. Rev. Henry Steel officiated.

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

Extensive Development Work on the Silver Plume—C. P. R. Officials.

Grand Forks, B. C., June 20.—Extensive development work is in progress on the Silver Plume, in Summit camp. One shaft has penetrated solid ore for a depth of 35 feet. Average values are said to be \$14 per ton. The claim adjoins the Emma, owned by Mann & Mackenzie, of Toronto.

Ten locations have been made this season in Kettle's camp, on the eastern slope of Euraka mountain, two and one-half miles from Grand Forks.

The B. C. mine in Summit camp has increased its force to 85 men. The new plant has been installed.

Today's visitors to Grand Forks include a party of prominent C. P. R. officials. R. Marpole, superintendent of the Pacific division, was accompanied by Mr. Skinner, a London, Eng., director of the C. P. R.; Captain Troup and C. C. Chipman, chief commissioner of the Hudson Bay company. They were met by Jay P. Graves and A. L. White, and shown through the Granby smelter. The visitors expressed surprise at the completeness of the plant at the big reduction works.

Grand Forks News.

Grand Forks, B. C., June 26.—(Special.)—Hugh Cannon is doing extensive development work on the Yellow Jacket, a promising claim in Brown's camp. It adjoins the Little Bertha.

The drift on the 100-foot level of the Hartford, in Wellington camp, has been extended 100 feet, and is still in ore.

A six-foot ledge on the J. & S. in Wellington camp, is now being stripped. It is six feet wide, and it is reported that the assays average \$50 per ton. It is the intention of the owners to quarry out the ore and make a shipment to the smelter forthwith. The principal owner is John Rogers. The claim adjoins the Hartford and Brandon & Golden Crown.

DOMINION DAY AT GREENWOOD

Great Preparations Being Made for the Big Celebration.

Greenwood, B. C., June 25.—(Special.)—The final arrangements for the big Dominion Day celebration, to be held here on Friday and Saturday, were made tonight at a general meeting of the several committees in charge of the celebration. Only one thing now can possibly mar the two days' sports, and that is bad weather, but if the present glorious weather is any criterion for the balance of the week, the success of the celebration is assured. At tonight's meeting the finance committee reported the collection of \$2,125 in cash, with more to come. The program as already published in the Miner, will be held too. The different events, horse racing and athletic contests will take place on the streets. In the firemen's tournament, teams for the hose reel races have entered from Rossland, Grand Forks and Nelson. The parade on Friday morning will be an attractive feature. It will be headed by two pipers, who are coming over from Rossland. The decoration committee will leave nothing undone to beautify the streets with flags, bunting and evergreens, and in the evening a pretty scene will greet the eye as the excursionists drive up from the station depot, for all of Copper street will be ablaze with light, in the shape of multi-colored electric streamers strung across the road. It is expected that fully 1,000 visitors will be within the gates of the Boundary metropolis, and a right royal welcome will be accorded everyone.

Judge Spinks opens county court here tomorrow morning, and as a consequence there is a considerable number of people in the city. Among tonight's arrivals are H. C. Hanning and Dr. Northrop of Grand Forks; P. Rochuson and Stanley Mayall of Cascade City, and A. H. P. Morris and J. W. Hutchinson of Kamloops.

PLACER GOLD.

A Rich Discovery Made Accidentally on Myers Creek.

Greenwood, B. C., June 25.—(Special.)—R. M. McEntire returned from Myers Creek camp and confirms the report regarding the discovery of a rich placer ground on Lone Star claim. McEntire says that the discovery was made while an upraise for air was being run from the Review tunnel through the bed of a small stream to the surface. In turning this stream so that it would not run down the upraise good looking dirt was uncovered and several pans were washed. Coarse gold was found as high as \$90 to the pan were taken out. The stream crosscuts the Lone Star vein which is an extension of the famous Reco vein, from which so much rich gold was taken out a few years ago. The presumption is that the creek bed down from this vein is rich placer ground and the ground will be prospected immediately.

Dates of B. C. By-Elections.

Victoria, B. C., June 26.—Dates of the by-elections have been arranged as follows: Nominations July 5th and elections in East Kootenay on July 11th; South Nanaimo on July 10th; Lillooet on July 12th and Dewdney on July 10th.

RESULT OF HIGH WATER.

Boats Will Take the Place of the Arrow-headed Branch.

Nelson, B. C., June 26.—(Special.)—Owing to high water, a portion of the Arrow-headed branch has been washed away, which cannot be repaired for about a fortnight. In the meantime steamers will run up to Revelstoke, and in order to do so and make main line connections, they will have to leave Robson at 10 o'clock in the evening instead of 9 o'clock in the morning, which means commencing tomorrow (the 27th). The day bus back of trains at 6 p. m. from Nelson and Rossland to connect, and such doubling back of trains gives an additional service between Nelson and Rossland. Outside of this the Kootenay service will not be interfered with.

NELSON WATER CARNIVAL.

The Winnipeg Four-oared Crew Arrive in the City.

Nelson, B. C., June 26.—The Winnipeg four-oared crew, which is to compete for the championship of the Kootenays against a crew from Vancouver, the race to occur next Monday during Nelson's big water carnival, reached this city this morning. The men are in splendid shape and pronounce the Nelson course as unsurpassed anywhere. They brought with them the shell used by the Winnipeg crew in its race at Henley in 1897. Indications point to the gathering at Nelson of the largest crowd ever assembled in a city in the interior of British Columbia.

WRITES IN HIS OWN DEFENCE

EX-GOV. McINNIS' ATTEMPTED VINDICATION OF HIMSELF.

He Lays the Responsibility for His Dismissal on Sir Wilfrid Laurier—His Correspondence With Ottawa.

Vancouver, B. C., June 26.—(Special.)—Ex-Governor McInnes opens a ten-column vindication of his position in regard to the Semin-Martin and Dunsmuir administrations, in the World today, with the specious words: "Having been officially deposed by the Laurier government." Then he goes on in a lengthy address to the people of British Columbia to say that he is now free for the first time to say a word publicly in self-defence against charges made against him. He declares that the people of British Columbia have overwhelmingly ratified his conduct in calling upon Martin. He says he has never been allowed to say anything in his own behalf. He refers to his "oral reports to Ottawa, and adds: "But Sir Wilfrid did not see fit to lay these reports or any of them, before parliament, although asked by the British Columbia members to do so; and yet, although not a word I had to say in my own defence was allowed to go before you; it was given out that you were the judges. Is this British justice? Is this British fair play?"

"A week after the elections a majority of the newly elected members of the legislative passed a resolution in secret session, at a party convention, asking Sir Wilfrid Laurier to dismiss me. And Sir Wilfrid Laurier, although he had a few days before he declared that the matter should be left to the legislature, to do or not to do as they pleased, passed in secret session and at a party convention, "I defy any member else, to point to a single act of mine in connection with the dismissal of the Semin government, and the formation of the Martin government, that cannot be upheld and justified by precedents established by the Liberals themselves from the time of Pitt, the great commoner, to the present time. Upon the defeat of the Semin government I was convinced that Mr. Martin was the man best fitted to assume control, under the circumstances as they then existed. At the same time I had been made fully aware that Mr. Martin was distasteful to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government, and that if I considered my own interests and my own position merely, I should under no circumstances call upon him. And immediately upon the defeat of the Semin government, I was made fully aware also that the great corporations, whose metallic influence is apparently all powerful at Ottawa, would do their utmost to have me politically assassinated if I should dare to call upon Mr. Martin. I refused to resign, although I had previously offered to do so on several occasions. For had I resigned under such circumstances it would have been construed as an admission that I was in the wrong, and Sir Wilfrid would have been relieved entirely from having had to devise a justification for my dismissal. I may say also that I received instructions from the secretary of state last August respecting the attitude which I should adopt in certain matters towards my ministers. But the secretary of state saw fit to convey those instructions, which I obeyed implicitly, in the form of a letter marked "confidential," consequently I am not free to publish it. And yet, when I continued to follow those instructions in my attitude towards the Martin administration, the secretary of state complained of my having done so, but again under cover of a letter marked "strictly confidential."

MAY STAND FOR VICTORIA.

Ex-Governor McInnes Offered the Nomination at the Capital.

Victoria, B. C., June 26.—(Special.)—A few cranks, who think Ex-Governor McInnes has not been sufficiently kicked, got together this evening and unanimously decided to tender to the gentleman the nomination in Victoria in opposition to Hon. J. H. Turner. People who are not entirely crazy do not think McInnes will consent to receive another drubbing. However, there is no telling.

NEW LIEUT. GOVERNORSWORN IN

T. R. E. McINNIS WRITES COMPLAINING BITTERLY.

He Compares the Present Legislature to Nigger Roasting Lynchers, and Says This Province Is Unfit For Britons.

Ottawa, June 22.—(Special.)—Lieutenant-Governor McInnes was officially notified today that he was dismissed. There is but one opinion expressed here on the subject, and that is it was well deserved. Had he dismissed Dunsmuir, Turner and Eberts for their extraordinary conduct in giving in a resolution to censure a man they swore to faithfully serve he might have gained a little in public esteem, but he lost that chance. Sir Henri Joly was sworn in as Lieutenant-Governor in his place, and M. E. Bernier takes the place of Joly as minister of the inland revenue. Both were sworn into office today. Chief Justice McColl will act as administrator until Joly arrives. The appointments were given out both in the House and in the Senate. The elections in St. Hyacinthe will take place on July 11. Bernier will not likely be opposed.

Lauriers Despatch.

Victoria, B. C., June 22.—(Special.)—Premier Dunsmuir today received a despatch from Sir Wilfrid Laurier announcing Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere had been appointed lieutenant-governor of British Columbia and will leave for Victoria on Monday. He was also advised that Chief Justice McColl had been appointed administrator until the new governor's arrival. McColl telegraphed also that he had been appointed and would leave for Victoria on Monday.

The writs for the by-elections for the other ministers were issued today and will be signed as soon as the administrator arrives. The dates of election will then be announced.

A Wail From Young McInnes.

Victoria, B. C., June 22.—(Special.)—T. R. E. McInnes, son and secretary of the dismissed governor, has a letter in tonight's Times, in which he says referring to the dismissal of his father. "To the Editor: I wish to congratulate you, sir, for as an exposition of downright asininity and ignorance in respect to constitutional reasons for the dismissal of the Governor, your editorial was a masterpiece. British Columbia apparently is richly blessed with constitutional editors of your type, but among them all you now shine as a bright particular star. You say "We are governed by majorities, and if a resolution, signed by the larger number of the members of the Legislature had been presented to the authorities at Ottawa, asking for the removal of the Governor, he would have had to go in any event, no matter whether signatories professed to be Liberals or conservatives." Would he, indeed? The Governor can constitutionally be removed for good sufficient reasons only, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself enunciated these reasons in the celebrated L'Eteller case. The Governor is in a position in which he cannot step into the public arena and explain the charges made against him. He must await the official publication of such a reply as he has made. I feel confident, sir, that not only constitutional editors, but also those members of the Legislature who, while still in heat and passion of a successful political campaign, passed ex parte resolutions against the Governor, will before long admit that they should have awaited the reply of the accused before condemning him. A Chinese chicken thief is accorded a fair trial by us, and is given a chance to speak in his own behalf. It is to be said that the people of British Columbia thus elected representatives have descended to the level of the nigger roasting lynchings of the Southern states, and that against the pioneer of the province, who for over a quarter of a century has filled the highest representative position in the country. British Columbia is no fit home for Britons now."

Eberts to Be Opposed.

Victoria, June 22.—Eberts to be opposed in Victoria, June 22.—Eberts to be opposed in South Victoria by Sangster, B. E. Gosnell, Greenwood, has applied for the Victoria News.

Victoria, June 22.—The government today decided to prorogue the Legislature until July 19. Writing for the other by-elections are writs to be signed. Premier Dunsmuir today was notified that Lieutenant-Governor Joly would leave Ottawa for Victoria on Monday. Chief Justice McColl will come over from Vancouver Monday to act as administrator until Joly arrives.

At the sportsman's tournament, W. A. Billis, Butte, Mont., won individual's championship, and P. J. Holohanap, Wallace, Idaho, the Globe trophy.

High Water.

Ashcroft, B. C., June 25.—There has been little change in the river since morning. The weather is slightly cooler.

Soda Creek, June 25.—The highest water of the season was marked yesterday. It has been about a foot lower today. The weather is raining.

Victoria News.

Victoria, B. C., June 25.—A special Gazette with writs of the election of premier and mainland ministers was issued tonight, but the dates are not announced. Steamer Princess Louise returned from the North tonight and reports considerable damage to Indian huts and totems at Alert Bay by big gales.

Condition of the River.

Lillooet, B. C., June 2.—Little or no change in the river. The weather is warmer this afternoon.

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS.

The Officers Elected—The Next Place of Meeting.

Vancouver, B. C., June 23.—(Special.)—The grand lodge of Masons concluded their business by the selection of Nelson as the next place of meeting. The following grand lodge officers were elected: H. H. Watson, Vancouver, most worshipful grand master; F. M. Young, Nanaimo, deputy grand master; W. B. Chipman, Kaslo, grand senior warden; Rev. Sharp, Esquimalt, grand junior warden; W. J. Quinlan, Nelson, grand secretary; E. B. Erskine, Victoria, grand treasurer, and Rev. E. Flowelling, Kamloops, grand chaplain. There were over 250 Masonic guests at the banquet on Friday evening. W. J. Benson was chairman, and General Smith of Grand Domain, Illinois, made the oration of the evening.

ORIENTAL NEWS.

Two Missionaries Murdered at Yung-ching by Boxers.

Victoria, B. C., June 23.—The steamer Tartar brings Oriental advice of the atrocious murders of Revs. N. V. Norman and C. Robertson of Yung-ching, by Boxers, who tortured and finally disembowelled them.

The village of Laishun has been wiped out by the Boxers on June 1. Seventy-three Roman Catholic residents were massacred with shocking brutality. The American, British and Belgian party fought their way through Boxers near Paoing; 15 were killed. Trouble has been caused between Japan and Corea by the horrible torture and murder of Korean refugees, who were proteges of Japan, and were returned to Korea with a promise of safe conduct. Three hundred boats, engaged in coast fishing off the coast of Murotsaki, were lost at sea in a storm on June 3rd.

EX-GOVERNOR McINNIS.

Will Run For the Commons in Vancouver Re-election of Dunsmuir.

Victoria, B. C., June 23.—(Special.)—After the exciting events of the past week, political affairs at the capital have settled down into a normal condition. It is probable that many of the ministers will be opposed when they go back for re-election. Mr. Dunsmuir will seek re-election in South Nanaimo, this step being considered advisable by his legal advisers. A rumor is afloat to the effect that Ex-Governor McInnes will run for the Commons in Vancouver in the place made vacant by the resignation of his son, W. W. B. McInnes.

Broke Out of Jail.

Greenwood, B. C., June 23.—(Special.)—P. Murphy and J. Elwood, of Camp McKinney, and O'Brien and Hamilton, two messenger boys awaiting trial in the city jail, with the assistance of a brace and bit, bored their way out through the cell early this morning. Murphy and Elwood were charged with plundering the St. Louis Hotel at McKinney. The two boys belonged to the local messenger service, and were charged with stealing cigars from a local firm.

SLOCAN IS BUSY.

Progress of the Work on the Ivanhoe, Near Kaslo.

Kaslo, June 22.—Some parties are spreading abroad a report that there is likely soon to be more trouble in the mining districts. Inquiry in likely quarters has not brought confirmation of the report, and one need not hesitate to say that any person who incites men, or owners, to a revival of the trouble of last year is guilty of criminal folly. The mining industry of this province is just recovering from the blow inflicted by the labor troubles of last year. Take the Slocan for example. Previous items in this correspondence have shown that the great silver camp is putting on its old time air of prosperity. All the news that comes from there is encouraging. The latest property start up is the Chicago, a near neighbor of the famous Freddie Lee. F. P. O'Neill of Spokane, and A. C. Fry, are the owners, and they claim to have the Freddie Lee ore chute. There are four tunnels on the property and four veins, each carrying ore. The mine is situated within a mile of the Kaslo & Slocan railway, and two miles of the C. P. R. branch. The ore carries the average values of the Slocan, namely, 70 per cent lead and 125 ounces of silver.

The Minnesota company, which owns the Ivanhoe and other claims near Sandon is doing fast work in more ways than one. For example, it is getting its big mill put up in rapid time, and also has the distinction of pushing its big crosscut on the Ivanhoe faster than any other similar working in the province. The crosscut is now in 1,250 feet. It was started last November, and it is expected that the ledge will be met in a day or two. Where the crosscut is expected to tap the ledge there is an 185-foot vein. By a connecting upraise of 70 feet the company will obtain a stopping ground of 255 feet from the lower to the next level. The ore comes down from the upper tunnels over the ground through which the crosscut has been driven. It is intended to make a raise, from 300 feet in, right to the bottom of the ore dump, so that the dump can be handled to the head of the tram from the lower tunnel. The Minnesota mill is expected to be running by September, and it is believed that there will then be ore enough to keep it going night and day for some time to come.

The Whitewater Mines company is the defendant in an action brought by one of its men who had his leg seriously injured at mine some time ago. R. A. Bamish is the man's name, and he seeks to obtain \$2,190 from the company by way of compensation. Mayor McAnn has his case in hand.

W. W. Warner is doing quite a lot of work on the No. 1, adjoining the Sovereign. He has just received contracts to run another 100 feet of tunnel.

McInnes to Oppose Turner.

Victoria, B. C., June 26.—Some friends of the late lieutenant-governor met this evening and decided to offer a nomination to McInnes to oppose Turner at the by-election.

CABINET HAS BEEN COMPLETED

WELLS, PRENTICE AND McBRIDE THE NEW MEMBERS.

Lieutenant-Governor McInnes Absolutely Refuses to Sign the Write for the Election of the Ministers.

Victoria B. C., June 21.—(Special.)—The cabinet has been completed. Messrs. Wells, Prentice and McBride were today added to the already sworn-in members. They were sworn in late this afternoon. Wells will be minister of mines; McBride, commissioner of lands and works; and Prentice, provincial secretary and minister of education.

The political sensation of today has been the fact that the governor has declined to sign the writs for the elections in South Victoria and in Victoria City, which must take place before the minister of finance, and the attorney general can take their seats in the Legislature. Only two roads intervene between the present time and the opening of the House, and it is, therefore, evident that no time is to be lost if the two ministers referred to are to have seats in the Legislature at the opening. His Honor, it is understood, absolutely declines to sign the writs. In this course he has a number of defenders among those conversant with the procedure, it being asserted that while he may conduct the men's routine work of his office, it would be indiscreet for him to authorize by-elections in view of his dismissal by the Ottawa authorities. As Sir Henri Joly will not arrive for some time yet it is evident that the action of the Governor places Messrs. Turner and Eberts temporarily in an uncomfortable position.

Mr. Dunsmuir will not require to go back to his constituents, as there is no salary attaching to his position as president of the council.

His Honor was asked today if he had any statement to make in view of the crisis which has arisen. His private secretary however, said that if the Governor did give out any statement it would not be for some time yet, as the correspondence on the subject is still going on between Victoria and Ottawa.

THE BY-ELECTIONS.

The Legislature Will Probably Convene at a Later Date.

Victoria, B. C., June 21.—Premier Dunsmuir completed his cabinet, W. C. Wells; N. E. Kootenay becoming chief commissioner of lands and works; J. D. Prentice, of Lillooet, provincial secretary and minister of education; R. McBride, of Dewdney, minister of mine. They were sworn in by the Lieutenant-Governor. The Governor signed writs for by-elections in Victoria and South Victoria, where Turner, minister of finance, and Eberts, attorney-general, have to be endorsed by their constituents. The elections will be held July 3. The dates of the other by-elections are not yet fixed.

The cabinet tomorrow will probably decide on a later date in July for the opening of the Legislature.

A Vancouver Man Missing.

Vancouver, B. C., June 21.—(Special.)—Ex-Alderman J. W. Hackett, senior partner in the big milling firm of Robertson and Hackett, is missing. Over a week ago he left in a small launch on an inspection tour of the coast logging camps and has since not been heard of. It is supposed he has been drowned.

AMATEUR LEGISLATORS.

The Chinese Empire Reform Association Has a Cut and Dried Plan.

Vancouver, B. C., June 23.—The Chinese Empire Reform Association of Canada, has been holding a convention here during the past three days, with delegates present from branches in all the principal Pacific Coast cities. The association has issued an appeal to the United States, Great Britain and Japan to induce the powers to declare a joint protectorate in China and undertake the government of that country through reinstatement on the throne of the Emperor Kwangshun, the protectorate to appoint new ministers, and the new government thus to be formed to control the departments of customs and telegraphs, establish reform currency, readjust the system of taxation and insure absolute freedom of religious worship.

A FINE IMPOSED.

S. S. Senator Fined \$400 for a False Manifest.

Vancouver, B. C., June 23.—A fine has been imposed on the S. S. Senator, now lying at Moodyville, for contravention of the customs laws. The charge brought by the department was that the Senator made an improper entry at the customs office upon her arrival here. It appears that certain of the ship's stores, consisting of some coal, were sold to the North Vancouver ferry steamer, the amount involved being only \$25. The vessel's manifest read only ballast and stores.

The customs authorities imposed a fine of \$400. The matter has been reported to Ottawa. The offence is not one that could include the seizing of a ship, so that the report stating the vessel had been taken in charge is incorrect.

LACROSSE MATCH.

A Very Rough Encounter—Floods in Squamish Valley.

Vancouver, B. C., June 23.—(Special.)—The lacrosse match between Vancouver and Westminster this afternoon, was about the roughest on record. A riot was narrowly averted when Madison of Vancouver, struck Lynch of the Royal City, on the head, knocking him unconscious. Westminster won by six to nothing.

Serious floods are reported from Squamish Valley district tonight. The water covers many farms six feet deep. The dikes have been swept away and the cattle drowned. People are living in the second stories of their houses.

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