#### SEMLIN AND MARTIN

Correspondence Which Passed Between Cabinet Ministers.

#### GROUND TAKEN BY THE PREMIER

Hard-He Says Semlin is an Unfit Departmental Officer and Should Have Resigned Long Ago.

The correspondence between Premier Semlin and Attorney-General Martin, which was referred to in The Miner's special dispatches from Vancouver published during the last three days, which first appeared in the Victoria Times, is as follows:

Provincial Secretary's Office,

Victoria, July 3, 1899. Dear Mr. Martin,-Yours of the 1st reached me this p. m. In it you say you think it would be more satisfactory if I would put in writing the ground upon which I asked you to resign your seat in my government.

I think I mentioned your absence from your office.

The discussion of executive matters outthe council.

Your speech at the Rossland banquet Your speech at the Rossiand danquet, in which you threatened that an appropriation should not be expended because some of those present had offended you.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed)

C. A. SEMLIN.

MARTIN'S REPLY.

Hon. Mr. Martin replied at length as

July 5, 1899

Hon. C. A. Semlin, premier:

Dear Mr. Semlin,—Your letter of the 3rd instant, in which you give your reasons for requesting me to resign, duly re

The first reason is my absence from office. Allow me to point out that this is the first occasion in which you have found fault with me for this, although I have from the very first attended to my private practice, and it has been under stood that I should do so. It has, I un-derstand, not been considered in the past that the attorney-general for the time being should give up his practice, and if such a rule were made it would, I think, be considered by all that it would be impossible to obtain the services of a com petent lawyer to act as attorney-general. Allow me to say, however, that my department is in first-class shape, and I am per fectly willing to have its present state compared with that of any other department of the government. You are quite aware that that cannot be said of your departmental management. If in your opinion the failure to manage a department is a reason why a member of the government should resign his position, then I am surprised that you did not re-sign from the government when it became evident to everyone that you had entirely failed to administer properly the department of lands and works, and you had to admit this by consenting to a transfer to the department of provincial secretary. This transfer took place, as you are well aware, for no other reason except that you were utterly unfit to administer the

This charge has no truth in it whatever, particulars of any such discussion. I think I am aware, however, what you re-I fancy it is the discussion occurred when the Vancouver delegation appeared before the government with regard to Deadman's Island. What I did hen was to inform the delegation that the statements made at that meeting and prior thereto by the Hon. Mr. Cotton were incorrect, and that he was simply expres-sing his own opinion, instead of the opinion of the government. He undertook to You will remember that speak in Mr. Cotton connection telegraphed Mayor Gurden that he government had de ided to dete me fore they considered what disposition they would make of it. You are aware that the government had never decided upon any such policy, but in order to back up his position Mr. Cotton deliber-ately falsified the records of the council to amend the same and strike out from the records a statement to the above effect. been in the records. It appears to me that you would have been quite justified in asking for Mr. Cotton's dismissal upon the

The last reason that you give is that at Rossland I threatened that an appropria-tion should not be expended because some persons present had offended me. You are aware that you have never asked me for any explanation with regard to the correctness of the report in the newspapers

wreck the present government and drive from it all the Liberals, with the idea of

forming a Conservative government.

I am informed and believe that you have already negotiated with Mr. Helmicken and Mr. Higgins with a view of Loss \$15,000.

their entering a government of this kind. I know that you have not consulted either Dr. McKechnie or Mr. Hume with regard to asking for my resignation. This con-templated course on the part of Mr. Cotton and yourself is, in my opinion, a gross coutrage upon the electors of the province Present government parties in the last general election. While it appears that there are in the present house a majority of Conservatives, that is a mere accident, and they were not elected as such. For The Attorney-General Strikes Back and Hits you, therefore, to attempt to form a government which would depend for its support upon these gentlemen who happen to be Conservatives would, it appears to me, entirely nullify the vote which took place on July 9th last. I feel satisfied that your attempt to carry out a conspiracy of this nature will not meet with success. At any rate, you can depend upon every ef-fort being made by me to frustrate it, and I feel certain that the Conservatives of p-sition will be entire.y opposed to any such attempt. I have urged you to call the supporters of the government in the house together in caucus to consider the Deadman's Island question, which has created such an agitation in the city of Vancou-

side of the council and to parties not of aware of the circumstances under which tion of the government, it was intended that the members should elect the leader of the present government party. That caucus had been adjourned for that express purpose. In the meantime you had ed upon to form an administration, and had done so, as I contended, in defiance of your obligations to your sup-When the caucus took place a motion approving of your course was prowithdrawn, as it could get no ipport. It was intended then that a vote should be taken as to who should be the leader of the party. You, however, stated that if you were not confirmed in your position as premier, you would resign from the house. As at that time we had only a majority of one, we could not afford to lose a single supporter, and you were therefore, in a position to compel us to

accept your terms. In doing so you were distinctly informed by a number of members present that they only agreed to retain you as premier because they were forced by your action to do so, and you were distinctly informed that the matter was simply allowed to stand until the party enough to deal with the question upon its merits. You are, therefore, the premier of the province only by sufferance, and in demanding my resignation you do not command a majority of the supporters of the government in the house. If my statement upon this point is correct, then, instead of me resigning from the government it is your duty to take that step at once. If you have any doubt as whether my statement is correct or not that doubt can be dispelled by calling a government supporters the

> Yours faithfully, JOSEPH MARTIN. MR. BOHN'S KITE.

It Seemed to Soar 700 Feet Above Columbia Avenue.

forthwith.

was. Many expressing an opinion that it was the missing aerial ship in which Mr Andre started on his eventful voyage of over ayear ago in search of the north p but finding the climate rather chilly had altered his course and had made up his mind to seek for gold instead, and conse-quently had steered for British Columbia. Upon investigation the weird looking stranger proved to be a huge kite manufactured by Mr. J. V. Bohn, assayer for the B. A. C. That gentleman must be congratulated upon the way in which he knows "how to fly his kite" even higher than the mountain tops. Some declared that it soared higher than Guilderoy's historic kite. Instruments for triangulation to measure its exact height, were not available, but the kite seemed to be about 700 feet above the level of Columbia

From the Boundary Country.

Mr. Ernest Kennedy returned Grand Forks Friday evening. Mr. Ken-nedy's mare, Benledi, won the two events her owner entered for at the sports, and he was correspondingly pleased. Mr. Claude Cregan also returned last night as the same had never been agreed upon by the council, and never should have ant week, including the Dominion Day celebration. Mr. Cregan says the Greenwood men are very much all right, and he speaks in high terms of the courtesy and hospitality extended to him during his recent visit. The fact that Mr. Cregan's entries were successful in the Greenwood sports, gave that gentleman added pleas-ure, but last evening he seemed to think more of the reception he met with than his own good fortune.

of the Rossland matter, and in asking for my resignation upon this ground you assumed that the newspaper reports were correct without calling upon me for an explanation. This, it seems to me, shows that you are hard up for a reason to ask for my resignation when you would fall back upon one of this kind. I was probably indiscreet at Rossland, and I should have been very happy to have given you a full explanation of what occurred there had you asked for the same, and I feel sure after hearing my explanation you would have felt that it was entirely out of place to request my resignation on a ground of that kind.

Now, Mr. Semlin, having dealt with the three reasons given by you for asking my resignation, I beg to repeat in writing what I stated to you on Saturday—that I did not propose to resign my position in the cabinet, and I charge that the reasons given by you are only pretences, and that you have been induced to ask for my resignation by Mr. Cotton, that you and Mr. Cotton have entered into a conspiracy to wreck the present government and drive forming a Conservative government.

Honest Advice Free to Man.

The Rossland Miner is requested to publish the following: All men who are nervous and debilitated or who are suffering from any of the various troubles, recess or youthful errors, are aware that most medical firms advertised upon. Mr. Graham, a resident of London, Ont, living at 437 1-2 Richmond street, was for a long time a sufferer from the above troubles, and after trying in the above troubl Honest Advice Free to Men.

given to those writing out of mere curiosity, but anyone who really needs a cure is advised to address Mr. Graham as above.

Conroy's sawmill at Deschenes, five miles from Ottawa, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$15,000.

Morning and hurried to town as it is evident that the unfortunate man will need immediate medical attendance. John Kirkup, gold commissioner, was seen and he promised to send a party out after him in the morning. The intention is to bring him to Rossland and place him in the hospital," concluded Mr. McQuarrie.

# LOST IN THE WOODS THE GOVERNMENT EMBROGLIO

MIER CAN REMOVE MARTIN. William Edwards Wanders Around for Eighteen Days.

#### WAS FOUND BY W. McOUARRIE

in the Forest.

One of the most remarkable experiences that ever happened in the Kootenays is that which William Edwards recently passed through. He was lost in the woods and after wandering around in them for a resignation is asked for and refused, a period of 18 days without food he was found in an almost dying condiin fact, he was so weak that he could not stand on his feet and would have perished within a few ver. I think that course should still be hours had he not been opportunely found adopted, and I think in addition that it and furnished shelter and food. Edwards adopted, and I think in addition that it is absolutely necessary now that our supporters should be called together to determine whether your course in calling for my resignation is in accordance with their wishes. If it is, I am prepared at once to resign, but I protest against your right to ask for my resignation.

You are, as a matter of fact, the preventile of the pr

> Northport for the purpose of doing some work on a claim which he owns near the work on a claim which he owns near the ing up of party lines in the province, Anaconda. Edwards was the cook of the which is something that has so far been party. On the 18th of June Pritchard and avoided. I am personally opposed to the Sherman returned to camp only to find party lines at present in the province that Edwards had disappeared. They when there is so much to do in the way searched high and low for him and went of developing the material interests of the

> to Northport and came to Rossland in country. search of him. On Friday he was found in an almost dying condition on Sheep creek by Mr. McQuarrie, who was return be called to decide between him and Preing by way of Gladstone from the Boundary Creek country. There is a gap between the Gladstone trait and the one from Rossland and this threw Mr. Mc for Mr. Martin to talk be in fra dig Quarrie off the track and led to the find-

last evening, said: "I was returning yes-terday from the Boundary Creek country by way of Gladstone . When about 15 miles this side of Gladstone on Big Sheep creek I had lost my bearings and tied my horse at the trail and took a walk down to the creek, a half mile, in order to learn where I was at. When near the creek I saw a man lying alongside of a log. What attracted my attention was an excla tion by the man, who said: 'My God, I thought I would see a man again. "I went close to him and he said:
'Come and shake hands with me,' and
then burst out crying for fully 15 minutes before I could get him quieted. He was so wild looking that I was almost afraid of him. The unfortunate man tried to get on his feet and fell twice while making the attempt. He had written in his book that his name was William Edwards and that he had wandered away from the Tunnel claim, near the Anaconda, where he was employed and got lost. In the same book was an account of where his people lived in England, and directions to write to them and tell them that he was dead. morning. Mr. Robertson is at present a condition that the members of the government were unwilling to take any further responsibility with regard to it, unless you gave it up.

Your next reason is that I have discussed executive matters outside of the council and to parties not of the council.

This charge has no truth in 14 members of the government were unwilling to take any further was occasioned in rossland by the Edwards begged me not to go, and when Edwards begged me not to go, and when Edwards begged me not to go, and when it started to go he again tried to follow mens for the Paris exposition of 1900. He made arrangements Saturday with the law of British Columbia mineral speciment was occasioned in rossland by the started to go he again tried to follow mens for the Paris exposition of 1900. He made arrangements Saturday with the started to go he again tried to go he climb. Here I found Joseph Kloman and Joseph Conrads. They accompanied me down the mountain side to where Edwards the Mr. Robertson has been in the Slocan, East Kootenay and Nelson perfecting the was lying. They put him on my horse and took him to their camp. He was so to Trail today, and if possible, induce the weak that he had to be held on the horse. When food was first placed before him special exhibit showing the treatment of When food was first placed before him he was so far gone that he did not seem to care for it. He was given canned milk at first and a little bread. It was feared that if he was given too much that it might kill him, and so only a little was given him at a time. At first he was hysterical like a woman, but gradually he

grew calm and coherent.
"When found the front part of his shoe were almost gone and his toes on the right foot were worn and the flesh was knocked off, and his feet were fearfully He had evidently tramped great deal through the woods. His eyes stood out and he looked all the world like

stood out and he "Edwards said to me that when Pritchard and Sherman left he thought he would go for a walk and after an hour would go for a walk and after an hour he started to return to camp, but found he had lost himself. He wandered around in the woods for three days. Then he got into a swamp and found a cabin and found shelter for a night. Then he walked for three days and came to the same cabin, which was one that had formerly been used by hunters and trappers. Then he lost heart, but kept trying to find a way out of the woods. It was raining a way out of the woods. It was raining and he had matches for the first five days. The only thing that he had to eat were leaves and roots. It rained most of the time, but he said that he kept on walking and walking up one rugged mountain side and down another. He thought he was delerious from hunger most of the time. Where he was found was 30 miles from where he started. He heard blasting on Friday morning and tried to get up to the Joe Joe claim, where Kloman and Conrads were working. He fell where he was found and shouted all that day in the hopes of attracting attention. It was about 3 o'clock when Mr. McQuarrie found him, and Edwards says by that time he had given up all hope and thought he would never leave the spot alive. Edwards said he was overjoyed to see the face of a man again, as he knew that he would be saved as soon as I put in an appearance. Another few hours of hunger would have finished him.

"It was 6 o'clock on Friday night "It was 6 o'clock on Friday night before we got him to the Joe Joe, and I remained there on Friday night. Edwards moaned and groaned all night with the severe pain in his feet, but still he slept fairly well. I had some witch hazel, which I rubbed on his feet and it seemed to relieve him. I left there this morning and hurried to town as it is evident that the unfortunate man will need

DR. SINCLAIR THINKS THE PRE-

Suggests That a Liberal Be Taken Into the Government Instead of Two Con-

Dr. A. C. Sinclair, president of the local Have Perished in a Few Hours-Had No- Liberal league was seen yesterday and thing to Eat But Leaves and Roots Found asked what he thought would be the probable outcome of the recent request made by Premier Semlin for the resignation of Hon, Joseph Martin attorney-general of the province. He said: "In my opinio the Hon. C. A. Semlin, being the pr of the province, has the right to ask, according to the constitution, for the resig nation of any minister in his cabinet. If then he has the right to dismiss. opinion the premier should send for Mr. A. Henderson of New Westminster, take the position of attorney-general. He is an attorney and a Liberal, and should be the man to replace Hon. Mr. Martin The present government is a coalition one, was formed as such and is so supported as As it is coalition, I think it should remain so during its tenure in office, and so carry out the principle and policy intended by those who superintend it at the polls. I do not think it would be fair for government to take Mr. H. D. Helmcken and Hon. D. W. Higgins, who are Con-servatives, into the cabinet. If they do It is no wonder, therefore, that he wept and Hon. D. W. Higgins, who are Consumer of the circumstances under which you obtained that position. At a caucus which took place of government supporters in Vancouver, shortly after the formation of the government it was intended line of travel. It seems that on June 14th J. W. Pritsupport a government, the personnel of chard took Edwards and Sherman from which was entirely Conservative. This would, in my opinion, result in the throw-Sherman left camp going in different ditaking of any such action. I think it rections. On the 19th Pritchard and would be unwise and irrational to draw

> make counter charges against him. I Mr. McQuarrie in telling of the matter think he should resign forthwith. Mind you, I am a supporter of Mr. Martin, but the present instance he has gone be yond the point to which he can leg ly be supported, and his object in doing this, it seems to me, is to hold on to th

"What do I think the probable out come will be? Why, the outcome, in my opinion, will be a general election in the near future. There is one uncertain quantity in this matter and this is Lieutenant Governor McInnes. He has the power to remove the present government and to call for a general election. Knowing his many idiosyncracies I have no faith in him," concluded Dr. Sinclair.

PROVINCIAL MINERALOGIST. Mr. W. F. Robertson in the Camp-Ore For Paris Next Year.

Mr. William Fleet Robertson, success to W. A. Carlyle as provincial mineral ogist, arrived from Nelson Saturday busy arranging for the shipment to Ottawa of British Columbia mineral speci-

ore from the time it reaches the smelter until it is sent out in the form of matte. The Boundary country will next be visited and when this section has been provided for, the provincial mineralogist will take up his regular work. Mr. Robertson said yesterday that about the only complaint he had to make was the size of the territory under his jurisdiction. "It has territory under his jurisdiction. "It has grown so large," said Mr. Robertson, "and of course, is rapidly growing still larger that it is utterly impossible for me to visit every camp of importance in the province in any one year. I desire to treat every section fairly, and to neglect no portion of the province but I can only prepagately impract a cartain procession." no portion of the province but I can only personally inspect a certain proportion of the camps during the season, and am obliged to depend upon the gold commissioners and mining recorders for some of the details of my annual report to the minister of mines. In Mr. Carlyle I have a hard man to follow in order to maintain the very excellent reports issued by that gentleman, and I am glad to know that my first effort in this direction has been so favorably received throughout the province."

In speaking about the appearance of mining men on active duty, Mr. Robertson laughingly told about a recent quest of his for a mining man of name and affice. in an adjacent camp. "I went a long distance for the express purpose of meeting the gentleman," he said, "and near his camp I met a veritable tramp on horseback. We saluted each other, as is the back. We saluted each other, as is the custom on the trail, and passed on, he to look for me and I for him, as I learned some hours later. Subsequently we did manage to get together, but when I'm looking for a mining man now I take no chances, but investigate everyone I meet, irrespective of his looks and apparel. You can't tell mining men or millionaires he can't tell mining men or milli

west." Mr. Robertson stated that there had been several changes in the boundaries of the various mining divisions. He thought that some change might be made here in Trail Creek. A portion of what is now part of the Nelson division may be added to this division on the south and east, and a portion of this division on the north may be transferred to Nelson in order to even matters up. This will cause a little confusion at first, but will be far better in the long run for all concerned. In any case no great change is contem-

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of the mining market leasant development At the time of writi state of uncertainty, assured by one of the ciers that there is of a war between t South African Repu bility of such a cont caused a feeling o pending some definite ficulty. Of course, must obey those sym govern the movemen mining market, as in of the stock exchange of British Columbia own remarkably well, lous to expect them other things were them. The stock exc alley in which some unskilfulness of the trary, it is usual in we are now trend of securities to reason, of course, are entirely swayed hour. They all sell buy together, and as and demand govern shares, as well as in in the absence of bound to give way. that I mean to infer for one market to hother is weak. What understand is that in we are now experi prices is all one way, or depression of caused, of course, by arriving from South the same probably if zuela or Fashoda; Africa and we are all in South African gold issues, the effect is v South Africans in shares in general. There are rumors a Columbian new loan introduced to the man dearth of all high-class appreciation of late ye of the improved prosp especially in regard t be very much surpris

Among other new i limited, and we hear this concern at the I Lands corporation, I days since. This con to have discovered the presented far better West Australia, and attention to Cariboo. Among recent issu the Telford Yukon formed to acquire the syndicate. The issue the hands of Mr. Fra ing broker on the Lor The London issue w shares of £1 each, eq amount offered was of by a very strong g change, which has id the Yukon, and I al that Telfords have b stock exchange at a London register will on the London and be interchangeable this company's prospe ly of, and in view of capital, namely, £50, to have acquired a viclaims, options, etc., f
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