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THE NEW GOVERNMENT HOUSE SCANDAL

The Miner predicts that the McBride administration will find itself utterly discredited and probably dismissed from office...

The arbitrators were appointed to adjust the differences between the contractors and the lands and works department...

The government is now in possession of an award, which is unpleasant and is not in possession of the evidence on which it is based...

The government has submitted to an arbitration which is equivalent to granting a Petition of Right. The government has been cast in the suit...

The gist of the award is known. The more important facts brought out in evidence are also available. The Opposition can kill two birds with one stone...

For upwards of a year The Miner has made repeated demands for a thorough investigation of the lands and works department...

THE SOPHIE MOUNTAIN ROAD.

The McBride government seems determined to ignore the demands of Rosland and Trail-Ymir districts for a wagon road from Rosland to Sophie Mountain...

The Miner has been particularly zealous in this matter for nearly a year. Through the efforts of this journal it was brought to the attention of the Rosland board of trade...

Wright, the legislative members respectfully for Rosland and Trail-Ymir. Heed for the wagon road and promised their best endeavors to secure an adequate appropriation...

Considering that Smith Curtis actually succeeded in getting an appropriation of \$12,000 for preliminary work on this very road last year, it is nothing short of outrageous that the present administration should prevent its being available this year simply because it was not used last summer...

ONE SOURCE OF WEALTH.

Scanning the columns of the Mining Journal of London one better comprehends where so large a proportion of the wealth of the people of Great Britain comes from...

In its issue of December 19, 1908, the journal prints a list of 25 mining companies announcing dividends. These range from \$4. (6 cents) a share up to 10s. (\$250 a share)...

THE LE ROI AND CONCERN-TRAINTION.

The Miner presents to its readers this morning a statement of facts and figures concerning the adaptability of the Le Roi ore to concentration...

While realizing fully that the installation of an effective and economical concentration system on a large scale would involve the outlay of a considerable sum of money, it would seem that circumstances fully justify the step...

The Miner does not presume to offer advice on the management of Le Roi. That gentleman is fully acquainted with all the possibilities and advantages of milling. He is, we believe, making a thorough investigation of the situation and may be expected to do whatever is necessary without a moment's unnecessary delay...

THE BOARD OF TRADE AND POLITICS.

A. H. MacNeill, president of the Rosland board of trade and the Rosland Conservative Association, has informed the board of trade that the McBride government will appoint a commission on taxation and that the board can make strong representations to this commission when its suggestions come...

It will be remembered that when the secretary of the Victoria board of trade wired Mr. MacNeill, asking him to call a meeting of the Rosland board of trade to protest against the passage of the Iniquitous Assessment Act, Mr. MacNeill, although he had the telegram in ample time to call either a special general meeting of the board or a special meeting of its council, deliberately failed to do so...

U. S. PRESIDENCY.

The Massachusetts Democrats despairing of getting Grover Cleveland into the presidential field have nominated Mr. Cleveland's lieutenant and

confidential friend, Richard Olney, who has been in front of the Cleveland movement ever since Mr. Cleveland's definite retirement. That the most which is reported to hate Mr. Cleveland as cordially as his followers in the east worship him, will like Mr. Olney any better is not plain...

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DEMAGOGUES ALL.

A dispatch from Victoria says: "Hawthornthwaite was successful in his effort to secure an eight-hour day for engineers."

THE WINTER CARNIVAL.

Plans are now fully launched for Rosland's Seventh Grand Mid-Winter Carnival, and the indications are that it will equal, if not exceed, anything of the kind ever held in the Golden City. It is too early for The Miner to be able to announce all the many interesting features that will be arranged for the great event this winter, but it is a certainty that there will be many new and added to the long list of established sports and amusements...

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

One of the leading demands in the "immediate program" of German Socialism is the very reasonable one of freedom of the press, and the final responsibility of proprietor or editor for whatever appears in public journals. The Socialists despise the notion of fettering out the unknown man who put into form what the editor desires to print and clapping them in jail. They insist upon the right of any journalist to print whatever he pleases and so that it is not indecent or libelous and does not give aid to the public enemy in time of war, the editor or proprietor being solely responsible for whatever appears. If Socialism is to be more than this, we would all be Socialists in this country, and the fact that German Social Democrats are at present fighting for little more than what Canadians consider elementary rights accounts for the rapid growth of that party in Germany...

MAGNITUDE OF THE ST. LOUIS FAIR.

When the well-metred plans of the managers of the St. Louis Exposition were first made public most people wondered where they expected to get exhibited to fill the vast buildings to be erected. They are many times larger than any other group of world's fair buildings ever erected, but the demand for space, which has come from every quarter, is far in excess of their capacity. Inner courts have been roofed over to increase the area for exhibits, and yet is said that the buildings were three times their present size they could easily be filled.

The magnitude of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition will be better understood by the general reader, however, when it is stated that the ground occupied by it is nearly double the area of that of the Columbian Exposition at Chicago. The fair grounds at the latter city covered 688 acres; those at St. Louis embrace an area of 1240 acres. Everything else about the lat-

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THE LILLOOET CASE.

A. McDonald, the member of the legislature for Lillooet, has by his own confession violated the independence of parliament not by accepting pay as a road boss subsequent to his election. His explanation is that he did so on the advice of the government agent, who thought there would be no objection so long as Mr. McDonald had not taken the oath. Both Mr. McDonald and the government agent must have had rather hazy ideas as to the status of a member if he believed that the taking of the oath had anything to do with the matter. It is evident that Mr. McDonald being at the time in the employ of the government as road boss—which fact is attested by his afterwards receiving pay—was not qualified as a candidate. He states himself that "although he continued to discharge his duties as road boss for the next two months he did not accept pay for it." He did, however, accept pay for the twelve days of September subsequent to his election. Now mark the trickery of the government in connection with this matter. The plan was, honorable course for Mr. McDonald is to resign and go back to his constituency for re-election in order to rehabilitate himself. No person would want to see him punished as the act provides for an unintentional violation of the law, but his resignation is clearly called for. Instead of taking the ordinary and legal course, however, the government seeks to come to his rescue with a bill to "remove doubt as to the validity of his election." Which means that the government is afraid to face the feeling of Lillooet by a by-election, seeing the very strong probability of a defeat there and its own consequent overthrow. It therefore seeks to keep Mr. McDonald in his seat by a crooked device, trusting to the complacency of its regular supporters and the Socialist dictators. The premier has no doubt received assurance from the latter that they will support this hatched attack on the constitution in order that they may perpetuate their own power. Manifestly if McBride and his colleagues had any confidence in their own strength they would advise Mr. McDonald to resign and ask for re-election. Their present action is the best possible proof of their conviction that they are utterly discredited before the country.

SPREAD THE KNOWLEDGE.

If the readers of The Miner will endeavor to secure the publication of the real facts in connection with the present status of mining in the Rosland and other parts of the province, much good can be accomplished. Once Canadians are informed that by means of concentration, now successfully applied here, milling ore carrying over \$5.00 per ton will realize a profit, the viewpoint in respect to Rosland mining will be revolutionized. Thousands of Canadians hold shares in Rosland mines and regard them as valueless. Omitting the confession that in some instances these certificates are worth no more than the paper they are printed upon. In scores of cases, however, the companies retaining the shares really possess mines having mark, and if funds were forthcoming for development and equipment the properties would soon turn profitable. When Canadians are advised of the changed conditions prevailing here in respect to mining they will see the advantage of providing such funds, and it is certain that such individuals will take the precaution to ascertain in advance whether these funds will be presently expended on properties meriting expenditure. Send a marked copy of today's Miner to some of your friends in the east and dealing with the publication of the article dealing with the changed conditions brought about by the inauguration of concentration. It may be "bread cast upon the waters."

GOVERNMENT HOUSE JOB.

A committee of the house is now investigating the facts in connection with the building of the new government house at Victoria, and it would seem that if the investigation is faithfully made some revelations more interesting than anything will result. From the government's tactics so far, however, it may be certainly expected that the endeavor will be to suppress the truth instead of bringing it out fully. That such may be judged from the refusal to make public the award of the arbitrators who tried the issue between the government and the contractors in regard to the extra claim. The ministerial plea was that the arbitrators' report offered some reflection on the architect, who had not been given the opportunity to defend himself. Men who are in a position to know something of the case say it is not the architect but the department officials that the government wants to shield.

A FAULTY ACT.

The provincial government's new assessment act has been wounded in the house of its friends, that is to say in Vancouver. At a recent meeting of the board of trade of that city the measure was severely condemned, and even good friends of the government could do nothing better than offer some faint approval. An extract from the discussion will show how the merchants of the coast view the act: "W. J. McMillan stated that any one familiar with the act knew that its provisions were manifestly unfair. It classified all lines of business differently, and taxed the merchant on his investment, on what he owed, and what was owed him. It was a double assessment on the same thing. He moved that the action of the Victoria board be endorsed."

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