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Government Duplicity.

The correspondence of the Canadian Company with Mr Ball furnishes another chapter in the history of the unfortunate affair known as the Grouse Creek difficulty. From this correspondence it would appear that Governor Seymour, when at Cariboo, pledged himself to give the Canadian Company a new trial Upon his return to Victoria his Excellency recommended the Flume Company to submit the dispute to arbitration, and named Mr Trutch as arbitrator. The Flume Company consented, and Mr Trutch was under orders to proceed to the mines and hear and decide the case. His letter of instructions had been signed and published, when, to the surprise of the Flume Company and the country, it was announced that no arbitration would take place, and that Mr Needham was to try the case *de novo*. The surprise lasted until Saturday evening, when the arrival of the boat from the mainland placed us in possession of the Cariboo *Sentinel*, from which we learn that the Canadian Company "refused to submit the case to arbitration;" that "they would accept nothing less than the law allows them;" and that they insisted upon having a 'new trial.' Mr Booth, chairman of the Company, enclosed the resolutions to Mr Ball, and requested "as a matter of courtesy" (!) a copy of the Governor's despatch, and then announced the intention of the Company "to communicate by telegraph with the Governor direct." The correspondence and resolutions furnish the reason why the Government so suddenly changed its mind regarding the arbitration and decided to grant a new trial Mr Booth telegraphed that they would accept nothing less than a new trial, and the Governor, like an obedient subordinate officer of the Canadian Company's chairman, acquiesced immediately! Now, we do not pretend to say what influence the Canadian Company may have brought to bear upon the Governor to cause him to change his mind upon the mere expression of their will; but we do say that the course adopted by his Excellency is an extraordinary one. Does not the reader perceive that if he had promised the Canadians a new trial, his Excellency had no right to recommend an arbitration to the Flume Company? and that, if he did not promise a new trial, he acted in a craven spirit in acceding to the Canadian's demand by telegraph? The Canadian Company's ultimatum that "they will accept nothing less than the law allows them," comes with remarkable grace from "gentlemen" who have been striving their utmost for months to place themselves without the pale of the law. Perhaps the law they refer to is *lex talionis*. The letter of the Chairman of the Canadian Company to the Cariboo *Sentinel* is one of the most impudent productions we have ever came across. It carries a gratuitous insult in every line. He says it appears passing strange that a case which has already, through the *blundering of incompetent, or possibly interested officials*, assumed an unpleasant and dangerous magnitude, should be preposed to be submitted to "the decision of an individual in whom the Canadian Company and the miners of Cariboo in general have no more confidence as to his ability to understand and administer British law or British justice than they would have in the ability of a *dancing dervish* to understand and expound the ten commandments! Not only is the nominee of the Governor insulted in the choice terms given above, but as the Governor has had quite as much to do with the case as Mr Spalding or Mr Ball, it follows that he must be one of the "incompetent," "blundering," and "possibly interested officials" referred to by Mr Booth. This is the only sense in which we can understand the letter; and as far as the "blundering" and "incompetency" of the Governor are concerned we quite agree with Mr Booth. The Italian song-writer says that Don Giovanni asked the statue of the Commendatore to supper, because he had no idea his invitation would be accepted; but the statue did come, and said to him, "Don Giovanni, you have asked me to supper and I have come." The Governor blundered when he granted Mr Booth an interview and invited his advice as to how he should govern the Colony; and his conduct ever since that memorable occasion has demonstrated his utter "incompetency" to discharge the duties of the high and responsible position to which in an evil hour he was appointed. Like Don Giovanni, he cannot recall the invitation to the chairman of the Canadian Company if he would, and all he can do is to wring his hands and advise the men who have already sacrificed so much to give up all for the sake of peace and quietness. Are we to be told that it is foolish to resist an attack of this kind? Are we to give up asserting our rights because it may end in our being knocked down and dispossessed of them by the exercise of brute force and treachery? Has the spirit of the Government gone so low that it is prepared to abandon the weak to the tender mercies of the strong?

Monday, Sept 16th.

The Grouse Creek Imbroglio.—A Paper War.—The Government again Bullied!

The following correspondence—the Canadian Company's share in which reflects no credit upon them, but tends to confirm our previously expressed opinion as to their character and object—is published at the instance of the Canadian Company in the Cariboo *Sentinel* of the 9th September. The Governor will, perhaps, awaken at last to a sense of the humiliating position in which he has placed himself and the Government. Even His Excellency's best friends have not a word to say in favor of his policy, but are striving industrously to fasten the responsibility of the failure upon the shoulders of the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr W. A. G. Young, who, they say, influenced the Governor to act as he has done. This, even if true, is a poor excuse. The Governor is supposed to possess common sense, and ought to be able to distinguish right from wrong. We incline to the opinion that His Excellency took the "bit between his teeth," disregarded all advice, and attempted to arrange the little affair himself. How utterly he has failed will be discovered upon perusal of the correspondence:

[Copy.]

Richfield, August 29th, 1867.

SIR,—I have received a telegram from His Excellency the Governor, stating that the matter of the strip of ground in dispute between the Grouse Creek Flume Company and the Canadian Company will be submitted to arbitration, and that he has nominated Mr. Trutch as arbitrator.

The Flume Company has accepted His Excellency's terms with reference to the arbitration, and I have to request you will send me the answer, without delay, for transmission to the Governor, by telegraph.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obdt. servt.,
H. M. BALL,
Asst Gold Com.

Mr. C. Booth; Grouse Creek.

[Copy.]

Grouse Creek, 29th August, 1867.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this morning.

As I am not at present in possession of any written authority that would bind the Canadian Co, by any action of mine, beyond the course of law, I am unable to give a definite answer to your letter, until empowered by resolutions of the company to do so.

I shall, however, call them together at once, and then answer your letter definitely.

Respectfully yours, etc.,
CORNELIUS BOOTH.

H. M. Ball, Esq.

At a meeting of the members of the Canadian Mining Company, convened at Booth's Saloon, Grouse Creek, on the evening of the 30th August, 1867, C. Booth in the chair, it was moved by Dr Wilkinson, seconded by G. L. Shepperd, and resolved—

"That as the matter in dispute between the Grouse Creek Flume Company and the Canadian company, is not only a private, but also a public grievance, the Canadian company beg most respectfully to decline submitting to arbitration any dispute as to their legal or equitable right to any mining property."

It was moved by Benj. Springer, seconded by Joseph Cunningham, and resolved—

"That the Canadian company, in refusing to submit their case to arbitration, therein disclaim all sinister or immunities other than what they are justly entitled to by law; and they will accept nothing less than the law allows them. They are willing at any time, and always have been ready to submit to, and be governed by such a trial as His Excellency guaranteed to them, through their agent, Mr C Booth, at his interview with him, namely, a trial de novo, before any judge of the Supreme Court."

Moved by T H Hall, seconded by William Fraser, and resolved—

"That Messrs Murdoch, Wilkinson and Booth be appointed a committee to draft a reply to Mr Ball's letter of the 29th inst, based upon the foregoing resolutions, and to make public this correspondence, through the columns of the *Cariboo Sentinel*."

[Copy.]

Gold Commissioner's Court,
Richfield, Aug, 10th, 1867.

Constable Sullivan is hereby empowered to take possession in the name of the Government of a strip of ground on Grouse creek, extending from the west line of the Black Hawk Co's lines, a distance of 12ft 2 inches towards the creek, and running 1200ft. from the north-east stake of the Grouse Creek Flume Co's line up stream, and being 37ft 10in, from the flume, easterly. This ground is to be held, and not worked by any parties, until such time as an amendment of the mining law may enable the Canadian Company and the Grouse Creek Flume Company to prove their respective titles to it; the title to the same ground being in dispute at present between the two companies.

(Signed) H. M. BALL,
Asst. Gold Commissioner.

In compliance with the above order, I have taken possession of the ground mentioned in said order, and hereby warn all parties from working said strip of ground.

J. H. SULLIVAN, Constable.

H. M. BALL, Esq.:

SIR,—Enclosed please find copies of resolutions passed at a meeting of the Canadian Company last evening.

You will perceive that it is out of my power to accept any other terms for the Canadian Company in this matter than those volunteered and guaranteed by his Excellency the Governor in my interview with him.

The resolutions will explain the motive of those terms.

Permit me to add that the Canadian Company consider themselves entitled, as a matter of courtesy, to a copy of his Excellency's dispatch, but in the mean time have taken measures to communicate by telegraph with the Governor direct.

I have the honor to be,
Your obdt. servant,
CORNELIUS BOOTH,
Chairman of Committee.

Grouse Creek, August 31, 1867.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CARIBOO SENTINEL.

Sir,—Copies of documents herewith transmitted, for your publication will, I trust, be sufficient in some measure to enlighten an interested public as to the position at present of the contending parties in this much vexed question.

I will not now trespass upon you by any further comments, than merely to observe that it appears to me passing strange that a case which has already, through the blundering of incompetent, or possibly interested officials, assumed an unpleasant and dangerous magnitude, should be proposed to be submitted to the decision of an individual in whom the Canadian Co. and the miners of Cariboo in general have no more confidence as to his ability to understand and administer British law or British justice than they would have in the ability os a dancing dervish to understand and expound the ten commandments.

Why, may I ask, is Mr Begbie and Mr Needham passed over in this matter?

CORNELIUS BOOTH.

THE BIANCHI OPERA TROUPE.—The theatre was filled on Saturday evening by an appreciative audience, who testified by frequent and hearty rounds of applause the high satisfaction afforded them of listening to *artistes* so deserving of support and encouragement as the Bianchi Troupe. Signorina Bellini, for whose benefit the entertainment was given, sang with much sweetness and effect, several solos from the operas of "La Sonnambula" and "Lucia di Lammermoor." The "bridge scene" in La Sonnambula" was effectively rendered, the clear, ringing tenor of Signor Bianchi, the sweet soprano of the Prima Donna, and the full, rich contralto of Signora Carefali, uniting in a glorious trio just before the fall of the curtain. The trio drew forth an enthusiastic *encore*, while bouquets of Flora's choicest treasures were thrown upon the stage as a tribute to the beauty and artistic skill of the fair Prima Donna. The performance closed with the Cavatina "Lurline," by Signorina Bellini; but whether owing to the young lady attempting it in English or a want of practice, there was a slight lack of expression in the delivery quite unusual with the Signorina. With this trifling exception the entertainment was the finest of the season. Signor Bellini presided at the piano, and by his faultless playing contributed greatly to the success of the evening. To-morrow evening the troupe will say farewell to Victoria audiences, and Signor Bianchi will take a benefit. "Ernani," "Traviata," "Barbiere" and "Lucia" are announced. Seats may be secured at the box office from 10 a. m. till 4 p. m. on to-day and to-morrow.

LEFT BEHIND—The Alexandra left New Westminster at 8 o'clock on Saturday morning, a quarter of an hour behind the time advertized. The Cariboo mail, which was in town at the time, failed to connect, and the steamer sailed without it. Yesterday the bags came to hand here by canoe from the "Capital." "Like master like man." Down here the Government despatches are invariably late for the Active; on last steamer day they were left behind. And the dilatory fever of the Executive seems to afflict the subordinate officers at New Westminster.

THE Isabel towed the ship Mameluke, laden with 650 tons of coal for Sitka, down from Nanaimo yesterday.

SAILING OF THE RONA—The English brig Rona, Captain Hayes, sailed yesterday morning for the South Sea Islands. The captain took as passengers Bob Wilson and two young women lately employed at the Park Hotel, Beacon Hill. An elegant tricord Kirkman piano was purchased by Captain Hayes and placed in the cabin for the amusement of his lady passengers. The brig was towed into the Straits by the steamer Isabel.

THE BORE—Great progress is being made with this institution at Chase River Plain On Saturday last a depth of 13 fathoms had been attained; and it was the opinion of the contractors from the character of the metals through which they were working that about half the distance proposed to be bored would be accomplished this week.—*Nanaimo Tribune.*

HARVEST—Harvesting operations are now being pursued with vigor at the farms on Nanaimo River. The principal portion of the land this year was occupied in oats and barley, and the yield and quality of these cereals are said to be superior to anything of the kind ever produced on the river.—*Nanaimo Tribune.*

OVERBOARD.—As the Rona was leaving the wharf yesterday a Feejee Islander fell overboard, and for a few minutes it looked as if the poor fellow was going to join the mermaids of his native isles. He was hauled out with some difficulty by the hands on the schooner.

PICKED UP.—The small boat of the Leviathan was picked up adrift by the Sir James Douglas on Friday, off Trial Island, and brought into port. The boat escaped while the Leviathan was on her way over from San Juan Island on Thursday.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Information is wanted of Hagbath (or George) Hansen, a Norwegian, who is supposed to be in this Colony. Communications should be sent to this office.

THE GOVERNOR will go to New Westminster to-day to meet Judge Begbie and try and explain his recent extraordinary conduct towards that gentleman. Let us charitably hope he may be able to do so satisfactorily.

COMMEMORATION DAY—Tuesday being commemorative of the opening of the Collegiate School, divine service will be held in the Cathedral Church at 10½ a.m., when a sermon will be delivered by the rev. Principal.

JUDGE BEGBIE reached New Westminster on Friday. It is said that he is much chagrined at the course the Government has adopted in recalling him from Cariboo.

THE PRIZE FIGHT—The last deposit of $1000 aside for the championship of Cariboo has been made at William Creek, and another $1000 is about to be staked.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO—The ship Day Dawn, bound for Burrard Inlet, arrived yesterday morning.

THE ship Silas Greenman is undergoing repairs at Esquimalt.

THE Alexandra, on Saturday night, brought down about 30 passengers and a Cariboo express.

AT THE INLET—The ship General Cobb has arrived at Burrard Inlet to load with lumber.

THE CHOIR of St. John's Church will proceed up the Arm on a pic-nic to-morrow.

The Grouse Creek Affair.

BARKERVILLE, Aug. 6, 1867.

EDITOR COLONIST:—We are just in receipt of Mr W. A. G. Young's extraordinary communication to Mr Trutch, upon the selection of the latter gentleman as arbitrator between the Grouse Creek Flume Co. and the Canadian Company. In justice to Mr Young, I wish to say that he cannot be blamed for being totally ignorant of the facts in the matter, as he has not been upon the ground at all. It was, however, most ungenerous on the part of His Excellency to furnish the "data" for that letter and allow any misrepresentations to creep in—still more ungenerous not to openly give the instructions himself, relieving the Colonial Secretary from the necessity of making excuses for his own action, and using specious arguments to justify his apparent cowardice.

I do not intend to be tedious, and I will simply call attention to a further (charitably called) mistatement: In the matter of the appeal from the decision of Mr Spalding (subsequently confirmed by Mr Ball), Mr Young states that "Chief Justice Begbie determined that there was no appeal." This is contrary to fact. The appeal was taken, but upon the *request* of the lawyers of the Canadian Co., in the presence of Mr Booth, permission was given by Mr Begbie to *withdraw the appeal*, giving no judgment for costs upon either side. I think the records of the Court will prove this.

Mr Young states, subsequently, that "the Canadians" acquired the rights of the "Black Hawk Co." How could they do this. The ground claimed by the Black Hawk Co. only came to the lines claimed by the Canadian Co., and the dispute between the different parties was concerning totally different pieces of ground. No judgment was ever obtained by the Canadian Co. against anyone but the Grouse Co. (a totally distinct one from the Flume Co.) In no manner could they "acquire the rights of the Black Hawk Co."

I do not wish to lengthen my letter, as you are probably pretty full of the matter, but in my opinion nothing can be more unworthy of the Chief Magistrate of a Colony like this than the disingenuous manner in which he explains the mitigation of Mr Ball's sentence of the rioters. Why did he not openly say (what is known and publicly avowed to be the case) that he "coaxed" the Canadians into to going to gaol by a *specific promise* of a change of sentence to 48 hours? And why does he say that the same parties were "locked up in the cells which had been vacated that morning by the exit of two murderers, &c," when it is a notorious fact that they would not allow themselves to be locked up at all, but spent the time in gaol pleasantly conversing in the Court house grounds?

AJAX.

Mining Intelligence.

(From the Cariboo Sentinel, Sept. 2:)

WILLIAM CREEK.

Mining prospects have never been so gloomy during any previous season on this creek as they are at this moment, for while a scarcity of water prevents a large number of productive claims from working, the upper portion of the creek, the continued obstruction to the bed rock drain renders it at the lower end equally as unprofitable.

Cornish co. are taking out good pay. Old California co. washed up for the week 40 oz. Barker co. got flooded out of their new shaft, in which they were taking out good pay last Friday. Hibernia co. washed up for the week 50 oz. Davis co. cleaned up 51 oz. for the week. Aurora co. had 190 oz. for the week. Never Sweat co. are taking out wages. Last Chance and Cameron cos. are starting to wash. Raby co. washed up last week 70 oz. Prairie Flower co. took out for the week 50 oz.

STOUT GULCH.

The Floyd co. will have removed enough tailings from their cut by the end of the present week to enable them to take out pay. Alturas co. cleaned up for the week 243 oz. Taft Vale co. washed out for the week 67 oz. Mucho Oro co. had for the week 60 oz. Total for this gulch 370 oz.

CONKLIN GULCH.

The United co. who continue to hunt for the lost lead washed up for the week 37 oz. Reid co. washed out for the week 55 oz. Hood co. has been laid over at present. Renfrew co. washed out for the week about 75 oz. Galour co. have run in their tunnel 360 feet. and find very good indications; they are not near bed rock yet.

RED GULCH.

There was another strike on this gulch on Saturday, in a claim located on the ridge dividing this gulch from Musquito, and nearly opposite the Willow co. A company called the Job co. took out of their shaft 5 ounces of very coarse gold, some of the pieces weighing from $10 to $12.

LOWHEE CREEK.

The Flume co are doing well, working over old tailings. Last week they found a small spot of solid ground from which they took out 35 oz. Chittenden, Moorhead and Sagemiller companies are making good wages. First Chance co did better last week than at any time during the season, having washed out 120 oz for 5 days' work.

A HARD BED.—An old lady from the country slept one night lately in the house of a friend in town (says a Scotch paper). Her bed happened to be a plain hard mattress, so much recommended as more healthy to lie upon than a bed of down. Next morning the lady was asked how she had slept overnight. 'Not very weel,' was the reply, 'for my auld bones are sair wi' that hard bed o' yours.' 'O, but Janet, do you not know that all the great physicians say that it is more healthy to sleep on beds hard as a board?' replied the host. 'Ou ay,' said Janet, 'as I suppose that's what you town bodies ca' a Board of Health.'

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