MR. EBERTS

Wby He Followed Mr. Turner in Rejecting Mr. Rithet's Proposition,

But Receives Pretty Positive Instructions From His Constituents

To Re-Open Negotiations and Carry Out His Pledges Made to the Electors.

Hon. D. M. Eberts, attorney-gener-British Pacific Railway as Messrs.

Hill, last evening. Mr. David Stevens, Jr., who presided, importance to the province and especially to the island. No doubt their representative, who was a member of the government would explain why the prehis associates had ben discarded with so little consideration. He called upon the attorney-general to address the meeting.

Hon. Mr. Eberts was pleased to meet present who were not residents of the district. He agreed with the chairman that the question under discussion was fide proposition been made to the govof vital importance, not only to Victo- ernment by Mr. Rithet? or vital importance, ing districts, but to Mr. Eberts—You know my position in history of the British Pacific from 'he vulge anything that comes before time the Canada Western Company was executive till the proper time comes. formed in 1889, when a charter and u road to Yellowhead pass. The time the (Applause.)

company was formed was an era necessary for the construction of the will support it. road, but as nothing had been done until three or four years after this, financial depression became prevalent, several transcontinental lines had been built, and it was not then an easy matter to interest sufficient capital to construct a (Hear, hear.) transcontinental road. In 1893 another route, but the members in their wisdom considered it preferable to not interfere with the charter granted to the original promoters and they were granted an 'xviewed Mr. Turned in London last year. The results of these interviews Mr. Turner had made public. The premier was told that a company was being organized and that it would submit a proposition to the government. Mr. C. Armstrong, who represented the English capitalists came to Victoria in February and the proposition published was submitted to the government for its consideration. Mr. Eberts characterized the chairman's remarks charging the government with giving the proposition

little consideration as being flippant. The government gave the proposition their most earnest consideration coming to the conclubefore sion that it was of such magnitude that it was certain to cripple the province financially. A guarantee of \$3,-000,000 which meant \$240,000 a year, was more than the province could stand. Besides the government had no guarantee that the company could surcessfully complete the work. The government knew nothing of the members of the company with the exception of ernment considered that there were province and of these 35,000 lived in the province. He would be pleased to solely because he pledged himself to see such a railway built. He fully beli- support the British Pacific. The pre

ture of \$240,000 a year.

and you will get a revenue. (Hear, good example. (Hear, hear and cries of hear.)

Capt. John Irving-Retrench and Mr. Eberts—Capt. Irving says pro-trench and another says build the Brityou'll have sufficient to pay the sum. ish Pacific and the province will theresecure the additional revenue requirproblematical as this is taking a jump in the dark, and it is not at all certain that the revenue would be increased to such an extent to pay off the additional the taxpayers. Mr. Eberts showed at charges, that it was impossible to curtail the expenditure for education, the administration of justice, hospitals and endangering their efficiency. Mr Eberts was eloquently describing the great progress made by the province through the liberal assistance from the government, when he was abrubtly checked by a gentleman at the back of the hall who shouted "You are getting

away from the British Pacific."

Mr. Eberts-I am coming to that. able assistance. Mr. Turner in one of tions before taking his seat.

Capt, John Irving-Has any bona

the entire province. He reviewed the such a matter. I am sworn not to di-Mr. Munroe Miller-If the people grant of 20,000,000 acres was made elect you to a certain position to repreby the legislature to build a railway sent them, will you obey their voice or from the northern end of the E. & N. will you do what you consider is right.

Mr. Eberts-I was elected to carry of railway construction and out the wishes of my constituents and I doubt the company expected wil certainly do so. (Hear, hear.) If to be able to obtain the capital a business proposition is submitted,

Mr. Miller-Who is to be the judge of what constitutes a business proposition, the people or Mr. Eberts? (Hear, hear.)

A Voice-The people or Mr. Eberts. Mr. Miller-I wish to explain why I ask transcontinental road. In 1995 another a the question. The government of to-day charter to build a road along the same is practically an island government as the majority of its supporters represent island constituencies. When the Mainland asked for assistance to build railways it was cheerfully granted to them tension of time. Through the effort of and if all the constituencies on the is-Mr. Rithet English capitalists were in-Mr. Rithet English capitalists were innegotiations, we would soon

we ask for. (Applause.) Mr. Eberts-In order to earry out any proposition it is necessary to have a majority of the 33 members in the ouse irrespective of where they come He always wished to be in touch with his constituents. If he erred, he wished them to plainly point out the error and he would then correct the same or step down from the position in which they had placed him. (Applause.) Loud cries for "Helmcken" brought

the third member for Victoria to the platform. He congratulated the Attorney-General on making such a good defeace, but he would endeavor to show the fallacy of the line of argument used. Mr. Eberts had reiterated that as the company in its correspondence asked for \$240,000 a year as a guarantee and by this he (Eberts) implied that it was useless for the government to suggest a modified proposition. Mr. Eberts and other members of the government evidently overlooked the fact that Mr. Bodwell in his first letter distinctly states that the proposition sub-Mr. Armstrong, whom Mr. Turner met mitted was only a basis for negotiation. incidentally in London. When the gov- (Hear, hear.) In addition to this, Mr.

Bodwell, who represented the company, only about 65,000 white people in this finds fault with the government for not suggesting another proposition. (Hear, the cities which controlled and used the hear.) Mr. Loerts had pictured in glowmoney raised by taxing real estate, they ing terms the rapid strides made by felt that they could not consistently different portions of the province burden the remaining portion with an through having received assistance from additional tax of \$240,000 per year, the government. Mr. Helmcken agreed Even if the government had agreed 10 with him but would it not be suicidal the proposition it was very questionable to discontinue such good work at the if they could carry it in the legislature, present time? Would it not be prefand if defeated the government of to- erable for the government to further day would be compelled to resign, when consider a scheme such as is under disthe promoters would be in a worse posi- cussion so that this progress spoken of tion than ever. The premier, the speak should not be confined to certain porer and the other members of the govern- tions but extended to the entire provment had only acted in the interests of lince. (Applause.) He was elected

eved that the British Pacific, if cor- mier owes his position to the fact that structed, would prove beneficent to the the people of Victoria believed in his whole province. (Applause.) The quest public utterance during the last election tion had ben asked, why didn't the gov- campaign. If the premier did not beernment bring forward a more reason- lieve in the British Pacific he should able proposition, but it could easily be have at the time stated that the scheme seen throughout the whole correspond- was such as the province could not afence of Mr. Bodwell, who was acting ford to consider. (Applause.) Had he for the company, that the sine qua non done so he would never have been was \$240,000 a year. Mr. Eberts main- elected in Victoria. (Renewed applause.) tained that the government had no This transcontinental railway, guarantee that a transcontinental line built, would be of the greatest importwould be established. The charter ance, not only to the entire province implied such a route, for although the but to the Dominion and for imperial government could not grant a charter purposes as well. The premier and his beyond the Rockies, it was never in predecessor stated that they were tended that the line should end there. pledged to support this railway. They He repeated the statemnts made by the must have known that this support premier that the Northwest Central and would include money as well as land the Mauitoba & Northwestern lines He was pleased that the Attorney-Genwere in litigation If a connection was eral interpreted the Premier's phrase made from Yellowhead to Brandon an "equitable assistance" as it was so Eastern connection was practically as- beautifully indefinite that it might mean sured as the Northern Pacific runs to anything or nothing. (Hear, hear, and there, but there was nothing to show laughter.) He was pleased to hear the the government that such connection Attorney-General say that it meant as-

would be made. The lack of these sistance commensurate with the magni-

guarantees was sufficient to induce the tude of the scheme and the finances of

position, but the chief reason for refusal attending a rousing meeting in Met-

"we will.") If the members of the government who were pledged to support the British Pacific had suggested tween the government and the com- the McInnes brothers had a narrow espany and a scheme submitted to the cape from being burned on Sunday

nouse that would meet with the approv- night. The discovery was first made To build the road on anything al of the majority of the members. (Ap- by T. R. E. McInnes, who, on proceedplause.) The personnel of the company was subjected to criticism but all knew that Mr. Rithet was the central figure away in such a manner as threatened of the company and surely no one can soon to consume the house entirely. He expenditure without further burdering cayil at his influence and position as a lost no time in beating out the flames business man. (Applause.) Mr. Helm- with one of the door mats and made some length that there was paid out eken referred to the Dunsmuir propo-every year about \$300,000 for fixed sition outlined in the Times. If cereken referred to the Dunsmuir propo- everything perfectly safe again. tain people think the city of Victoria on the N. V. C. Co.'s wharf yesterday. should come to the rescue of a wealthy. He was engaged in trying to extricate corporation with a guarantee of \$2,000 - a huge piece of coal from between the other necessary departments without 000 for extending the E. & N. railway coal truck and the platform, whn anto the terminus mentioned in the char- other Chinaman, not knowing Loy was ter, then the province is surely remiss in such a position, started the car, with in its duty if it did not materially assist the result that Loy was badly crushed a scheme of greater magnitude and of and only lived a few hours after the acgreater importance to Victoria and the cident.

question a most pertinent one, but while behalf of the prosecution. he believed that a member should not | The Indians of the coast intend hold-(Hear, hear,) I believe in progress; I be above his constituents, that he ing a big meeting on Kuper Island for believe in the British Pacific: I believe | should be subject to them and his par- the purpose of protesting against the acal and member for South Victoria, is the government should assist it, and the liamentary career should be guided by tion of the government in prohibiting new in the same position regarding the government has not refused it reason- them, he agreed with the Attorney- the holding of potlatches. General that he was in a different posi- will be made by the chiefs of the vari-British Pacine Ranway as messis, his letters to Mr. Bodwell states but tion. While he was elected to give ous tribes. should a proposal be made, an ade- utterance to the views of the electors Nanaimo, March 25.-Now that the Esquimalt district, in consequence of a quate amount of capital be subscribed, of South Victoria, as Attorney-General present government have decided upon fac-simile of the resolution passed at an a guarantee given that the line be he was in a measure responsible to the April 24th as the last of the existing the Metchosin meeting, having been unthe Metchosin meeting, having sentative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment which a representative ment would be prepared to give equiranimously carried at a representative ment which a representative ment which a representativ animously carried at a representative able assistance, which, Mr. Eberts ex- sisting Mr. Rithet in his advocacy of order that they may do their utmost plained, meant equitable as far as the the British Pacific. He hoped before to carry the constituency. So far harscheme is concerned in opening out the the close of the present session to see mony prevails, although there are a few Mr. David Stevens, Jr., who prevails, although there are a few regarded the British Pacific as of much magnificent agricultural land of the a scheme submitted that would secure jealous individuals who think they ought Peace river and other portions through from the government a promise that to have the nomination, but it is expect which the railway is to be built; and the equitable assistance spoken of will ed everything will be worked off all equitable in so far as the financial cou- be given. (Applause.) Such assistance right by the day of the election. dition of the province is concerned. if would not, as suggested by Mr. Pooley government would explain why the proposition intend giv-position submitted by Mr. Rithet and such a proposition is submitted Mr. Fb- at the Metchosin meeting, tax the peo- ing an entertainment in the opera erts will not be slow in giving it his ple to death. Metchosin had sent its hearty support. (Hear, hear.) Mr. message, Cowichan-Alberni had asked Eberts closed by giving Mr. Rithet its members to urge the Premier to remuch credit for his enterprise. He open negotiations. He noped the elect- dismissed vesterday in the provincial Hon. Mr. Eperts was pleased to meet would be pleased to answer any ques- ors of South Victoria would fall in line court. so that when a modified proposition is submitted by the promoters, the govern- here yesterday, and is expected to comment will consider the wishes of the plete her cargo of the N. V. Co.'s coal people and give it great consideration, to-day,

> (Applause.) Mr. Munroe Miller moved a resolution similar to that passed at Metchosin. It reads as follows:

"That in the opinion of this meeting the unqualified rejection of the minded the prisoner that he had to conproposals lately made by the promoters of the British Pacific railway to the government was not in accordance with the pronounced position which the government assumed before the Roman Catholic faith. the last general elections, and this meeting requests the representative of South Victoria district in the local house to use its best endeavors to obtain such public aid as may be necessary to secure the early completion of the British Pacific railway.'

Mr. Miller had not the slightest intention of embarrassing Mr. Eberts. Wuile he believed that everything should be done to assist Mr. Rithet-a man that showed laudable enterprise. and who had never made a failure of anything he had undertaken-still there was another view to be taken of the discussion. It was most singular that all hospital suffering from a broken leg, the railways assisted by the government on the Mainland were absorbed by the C. to extend their line, the chief benefits would be derived by themselves and not by the people. They should encourage the building of the British Pacific so that it would act as a balance of power between the monopolies at present running the railways of the province. (Applause.) The competition between the different lines would be beneficial to the whole province.

The resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Joe Nicholson was carried unanimously and a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a

ANOTHER VICTIM OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

Because He Had Not Learned of South American Kidney Cure.

Locking the stable door after the horse is stolen is disappointing, and yet | Fish Creek countries during the coming in the particular matter of kidney trcuble it is done in many cases. Every day the newspapers are telling of the death of people by Bright's disease, and Bright's disease is only a development of kidney disease, which can positively be cured by South American Kidney cure. It is not necessary until one has Bright's disease to take this medicine. Why not take it when some of the earlier symptoms of kidney trouble have become manifest? There is only one way to talk of this medicine, and that s to call a spade a spade, and say that it positively and absolutely cures all dangerous and it's most distressing.

THE CLAIMS OF THE SEALERS. Secretary Olney Gives the Foreign Committee Some Information.

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Hall & Co.

Washington City, March 26 .- The senate ommittee on foreign relations has had Secretary Olney before it, and asked him questions concerning the treaty for the ommission to hear and adjust the claims of British sealers against the United States for seizure in Behring sea. The committee some time ago amended the treaty in some minor particulars, and reported it to the senate. It has not been referred back to the committee, but it is probable that such a request will be made when the senate is next in executive session in order that next in executive session, in order that is next in executive session, in order that changes suggested by Secretary Oiney and members of the committee may be made. Although there are not now pending any claims of American sealers against Great Britain, the amended treaty will provide that if there are any such, they may be considered by the commission. Other foreign matters were discussed with Mr. Oiney although it was supposed at first that ney, although it was supposed at first that his visit had some reference to the Cuban

THOSE MONSTROUS HATS.

That Women Wear at the Theatre of an Evening.

Columbus, O., March 25 .- The house has passed the Fosdick bill to prohibit the wearing of high hats by women in fining the manager of an opera house or would not stand the additional expendi- a message to the Premier through their to wear an obstruction in the shope of one hauling ore from the Ruth. representatives, and he trusted the neo- a hat or headwear was adopted. A Voice-Build the British Pacifi: ple of South Victoria will follow their bill now goes to the senate.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Nanaimo, March 24 - The residence of ing to investigate, found that one of the portiers in the front room was blazing

A Chinaman named Loy was killed

entire province. (Applause.) Mr. The case against John Clever was fur-Helmcken considered Munroe Miller's ther remanded to next Wednesday on

Speeches

The Athletic Association intend giv-

house some time next month. The charge against the Indian shooting a species of water fowl was

The steamer City of Everett arrived

Nanaimo, March 26.-John Clever was yesterday sentenced to three months' hard labor for indecently assaulting his twelve-year-old daughter. Magistrate Simpson, in imposing the sentence, resider himself fortunate that he had not been sent to a higher court for trial. The child has been handed over to the Sisters of Saperton to be brought up in

A Chinese vegetable vendor named Mah Sue, while crossing Nanaimo river on Tuesday afternoon by a ford, was carried away by the current and drown-The horses and wagon have been ed. located but nothing has been seen of

the body of the Chinaman. At the coroner's inquest touching the death of Ah Loy, the jury returned the following verdict: "We, the jurymen, agree that Ah Lov came to his death accidentally by being jammed by a piece of coal, but would recommend that one man be appointed to attend the brakes of the coal cars in future."

result of a log falling on it. Geo. Gartley had the small bone of P. R. If the Dunsmuirs were assisted his left forearm broken on Tuesday by a fall of fifteen feet on to some rocks. W. McLeod, a prominent tailor of this city, and Miss Mable Raper were quiet-

ly married on Tuesday evening by the Rev. R. R. Maitland. The Gabriola Coal Company have received the new diamond drill to be used in boring on Gabriola and expect to get it to work at once.

REVELSTOKE.

Kootenay Mail. The first carload of machinery for the Columbia Hydraulic Mining Company, who are operating on the Columbia just above the mouth of Smith Creek, arrived to-day from Chicago, and another carload has been dispatched.

A large number of letters are being received from outside parties who are seeking for a field for investment, and it is expected that there will quite a rush into the Trout Lake and summer

A carload of Silver Cup ore was shipped from Arrowhead for Tacoma last Sunday and another carload will be shipped this week. The Silver Cup continues to improve as development work

There are now five teams hauling ore at Thompson's Landing. Two teams are hauling from Trout Lake and three teams from Thompson's to Arrowhead. Two loads of Silver Cup ore and one horse went through the ice to the bottom of the North-East Arm, the driver of one of the sleighs narrowly escaping the same fate. The horse belonged to features of kidney disease. It's most Hillman Bros., who are doing the teaming across the Arm from M. McGillivray. The ore, which is the property of Mr. D. McGillivray, was valued at \$1.200.

> NELSON. Nelson Tribune.

Advices from Pilot Bay are in effect

that the smelter company is making preparations for adding another stack and for the erection of a refinery. It is current rumor that the Noble and others. Tim Ryel and a chum had Five mines, in Slocan district, have not been quite so successful on their been bonded to, or that an option has been obtained on them by C. F. Law in the interest of a Toronto syndicate, Blackstock the noted lawyer, and othis said to be \$350,000. Mr. Law left Nelson this week for Toronto. It was reported on Wednesday last

bringing the necessary water power by flume from Kaslo creek.

Thomas McGovern, of Ainsworth, says that work on the Little Phil is gopeting for ore from this section. Rawhiding is practically at an end for

The All the machinery is in place in the the Quesnelle river. They have done C. & K. S. N. Co.'s new boat at Nelson, some prospecting work and are about

and the carpenters and painters are putting on the finishing touches. She will be launched about April 1st, and when she strikes the water she will be ready Quesnelle Lake Dam Company is makto make her initial trip. She is to be ing hopeful progress in the formation named Pilot Bay in honor of the smelter town on the east side of Kootenay take the erection of a dam to pen lake and it is said sae will make two round trips a day between Kaslo and for mining the whole of the South between Nelson and Spokane.

A correspondent writes from Ains- probably the richest in gold worth under date of the 20th: "In ex- ground in the province. In fact cavating in the main street for a sewer ers found it literally paved with broken quartz was found carrying free Some of the old-timers went to washing with the result that from a few the candidature of Mr. Bostock cents to a dollar's worth of the precious Dominion house did not materi yellow was obtained in almost every asmuch as it was found that pan. It has created considerable excite- a number were eligible to be on ment and it is not improbable that sluicing will be commenced at once. The more than two or so who were gold is most contained in white sugar on, and great disgust was experi quartz much of it ragged showing that This state of things indicates it has not been washed far. Many nug- wrong in securing correct res gets worth from 25 cents to . dollar have been found in the last few hours."

The following returns of shipments of bullion matte and ore from the mines since last week's report were obtained from the custom house at Nelson and from data furnished by the secretary of the Columbia & Kootenay Steam Navigation Company:

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Value. Pounds. Hall Mines smelter, Nelson, matte 146,226 Pilot Bay smelter, sil-ver-lead bullion 159,161 \$18,026 Approx Slocan Star, mine, Sandon .
Whitewater mine, Slocan dis
Reco Mine, Sandon
Ruth mine, Sandon
Last Chance mine, Cody . .
Washington mine, Slocan dis
Wellington mine, Slocan dis \$12,500 5,900 4,000 3,000 3,200 3,200 1,500

Preliminary steps were taken at Nelson on Wednesday of this week toward forming an organization that, if perfected, will be a powerful factor in caring for the political rights of the men engaged in the mining industry. The action of the provincial government in attempting to levy burdensome taxation on the industry shows clearly that a strong organization is needed to prevent like attempts in the future. Mr. Croasdaile was called to the chair, and the meeting started out to discuss the name and scope of the proposed organization. It was finally decided to call it the British Columbia Miners' Association, and to give it a scope corresponding with the name. H. E. Croasdaile was elected temporary president, A. L. Davenport- vice-president; John Houston, secretary-treasurer. A meeting for permanet organization is to be held on

FORT STEELE.

Wednesday, April 22.

A cattle quarantine station has been established between Elk river and Rock creek, for cattle coming from the South. Two large bands are expected early in May from Montana for the West Kootenay market.

The International Transportation Co. has been formed by the Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Co. and Capt. P. D. Miller. They will run from Jennings to Fort Steele and Fort Steele to Canal Flats, connecting with the Columbia river steamers for Golden. The boats will be the Ruth, a steamer 130 feet in length, 22 feet beam, 4 feet 6 Morning Star company in Butte and now inches depth of hold; the engines 10x74, F. Aug. Heinze is reported to be after the Gwendoline, which is now being rethe Derby and adjacent claims in addi and intended principally for a freight boat.

C. M. Edwards has returned from a visit to the North Star and Sullivan group. He reports that the Star has an immense amount of ore in sight, and that there is 2300 tons at the landing, 700 tons at McGinty, and about 3000 tons on the dump. Messrs. Smith and Clever are pushing development work on the Sullivan property. The shaft is down 33 feet and in solid galena, and there is a large amount of ore in sight. A small cut was run on the Hope, showing galena in the face. It is reported that ore has been struck in the lower tunnel of the St. Eugene

QUESNELLE FORKS.

Quesnelle Forks, Mach 20.—"What glorious weather!" is the general exclamation here. The first two or three nights this month the thermometer registered ten and twelve degrees below zero, but since that the lowest has only been slightly below freezing, with fine sunny days up to 45 and 50 degrees. Snow is rapidly disappearing on the hillsides, but there is still about two and a half feet on the flats.

A beautiful sight was witnessed between seven and eight o'clock on the night of the 12th inst. in the snape of a shape of a brilliant meteor, which shot right across the heavens from about the Pointers to the Pleiades. The night was very clear, with but slight frost, and the stars were shinig brightly. The predicted comet has not come, but perhaps this meteor might be an advance spark

from it. Trappers have had varied success this winter. Hunter and Willett came into town the other day with a large variety of skins taken about the Keithley mountains. David Conway has been in the most lucky vein in the neighborhood of Pooley's Creek, having in a short time caught caught ninety-five marten, a dozen of fifteen beaver, besides minx beat near the head of Cariboo Lake and Harvey Creek.

Fred Littler, Robt. Barr and James made up of Gooderhams, the stillers, Sivewright (a trio of old-timers whose united ages exceed 200 years), who are ers. The price of the bond or option working the "Golden Gate," on Snow Shoe Creek, have just made a lucky strike. Whilst drifting they got over 7 ounces of gold to the set, which means that some of the people interested in the | \$10 to \$12 to the cubic yard of dirt. It Kaslo & Slocan railway had it in mind is splendid nuggety gold-one nugget is to build a concentrator on railway valued at \$11, whilst many others are ground within the corporate limits, \$5 and \$4 each. Well may the "old boys" be jubilant.

McTanahan and Fawcett claim that

they have located the outlet of the old channel on which the Cariboo Hydrauing on apace, the ore going to the smellic Mining Company has so successfully ter at Pueblo, Colorado, that smelter worked during the last season, at a giving better rates than any other com- point a few miles down the Quesnelle river. If their surmise is correct they hove no doubt made a good hit. this season in Slocan district. E. R. few months ago the Radford Brothers, government to refuse to accept the pro- the province. He had the pleasure of theatres. An amendment to the bill, Atherton, of Sandon was in Nelson this of Victoria, together with Breckenridge week and reported that all the rawhide and Parrott, located what is alleged to was that the revenue of the province chosin. The electors there had sent theatre \$10 for permitting any person outfits had been pulled off except the be very promising ground on the Four Mile Creek, about two miles up from

getting out lumber ready for spring. There is some little whisper that the company which is speedily to un the waters of that lake and so la Nelson that is if trains are run daily river bed, which from diving and tests, is known to be immensely

> some parts. The meeting called in further: minion electoral roll there we tion, for which the Dominion ment are justly blameable. is a very easy matter to arrange simple machinery by which rolls shall be up to date. Is the pr

administration se fossilized as to pref darkness rather than light. No mail in last week, complaints ar numerous, and are sometimes not pressed in the most choice language The Dominion government are co able in the highest degree in that the have just made a new mail without providing for a weekly so in fact the whole postal arrangeme this district need to be re-modelled a money order office established members surely do not represent our

wants properly in Ottawa. Now that we are anticipating large appropriations from the provincial gov-1,500 1,500rnment for roads, trails, bridges, it might not be out of place to call at tention to the fact that in future government ernment works should be performed by men of our own nationality as far a possible and not, as in the past, most by aliens and strangers whilst those our own race, color and kin have experienced want in not being able to obtain employment. It is felt that such a matter only needs to be mentioned to our esteemed chief commissioner to secure the desired remedy, and whilst on this matter of roads, etc., we have a very forcible reminder of the necessity fo something being done on Keithley trail at once to remedy the dangerous condition of the slide on the road above Kangaroo bridge. The writer as well as several others have recently had vernarrow escapes in passing along from the cannonading of rocks and the sliding of slum and mud.

St. Patrick's day has come and gone with but slight celebration, the natives of the emerald isle being few in number in this locality. Several freight teams have come in

this week. Evidently the teamsters are rushing so as to make the best of the snow for sleighing before it gets too much broken, and in their rushing Mc-Rae's hotel has been full up. The new wing is fast approaching completion and a large room outside for public purposes dances, etc., has also been added; in short "mine host" is determined to meet requirements, and give a good time to all comers.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland Miner. tion to the Nick of Time which he recently acquired.

The hanging wall of the vein on the Jumbo has at last been reached, and there are from six to ten feet of shipping ore alongside it. From what we have heard we feel confident that the grade is over \$30 per ton and not far

from \$40. F. P. Gutelius, general manager of the Trail Tramway company, says their road will be completed into Rossland by

the 1st of May . The understanding between the owners of the Rossland townsite and the Trail Creek Tramway company is at an end. Negotiations which have been going on for the past two weeks have resulted in an agreement satosfactory to both parties. The tramway company is assured of a right of way and depot grounds. These depot grounds consist of a block and a half just across the creek and above the old sawmill site. On the map they are shown as the west half of block 34 and the whole of block 21. The passenger and freight depot will be located at the corner of Spokane street and Victoria avenue.

MRS. DAVIDSON GOES FREE. Acquitted of the Charge of Blackmailing Rev. Dr. Brown.

San Francisco, March 25 .- To the surpris San Francisco, March 25.—To the surprise of almost every one, Mrs. Mary A. Davidson was acquitted of the charge of extorting \$500 from Rev. C. O. Brown in the superior court to-day. The rapidity with which the verdict was rendered almost took the breath away from those interested. Dr. Brown, the only witness for the prosecution, was responsible for the verdict by his own testimony. He testified that he paid the money to Mrs. Davidson and, when asked if the money was paid through fear, said it was paid only to secure written evidence in the form of a receipt against Mrs. Davidson. Brown was asked the question half a dozen times in various forms, but stuck to his reply. Thereupon the court instructed the jury to acquit, court instructed the jury to acquit

which was done.

The attorney for the defence argued from the statutes and from the supreme court decisions that in order to secure a conviction of Mrs. Davidson of blackmailing, it was necessary for Brown to admit that fear had induced him to pay over \$500 to Mrs. Davidson. Brown could at least have said that fear was one of his motives. He had plenty of chances to say so. His attorney almost put the words into Brown's mouth, but Brown refused to acknowledge any fear. He admitted that when Mrs. Davidson at first threatened him with exposure some time before the payment of the posure some posure some time before the payment the money that he felt afraid of the re the money that he felt afraid of the rest which such a charge would have in t public mind, but maintained that when paid the money his object was to seed evidence which would result in her punis ment as a blackmailer. The consequent was that the corpus delictifell out and to crime of extortion could not be proved after relating the familiar circumstance under which he paid the money Brow persistently refused to say he was afra of anything. The court wanted the que persistently refused to say he was an of anything. The court wanted the q tion of motive left to the jury, but Brow attorney, specially retained for the proution, declined to ask the jury to yict on such testimony, and Judge Bahad no recourse but to instruct the jury implicitly obeyed structions without leaving their seats, Mrs. Davidson was free

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