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Conservative Leaders' Pleasant Sojourn in Rossland--An Interesting Meeting at the Opera House -- Opposition Leader On Timely Topics

The leaders of the conservative party in Canada have visited the Golden City and gone again, leaving behind them an impression of bright, energetic politicians filled with the esprit de corps of confidence in the future of that party and glowing with pride in a record which they maintain is untarnished.

Such was the party of conservative leaders that spent the last day or so in Rossland, and their visit was enjoyed by citizens generally irrespective of party affiliations.

Robert Laird Borden and his colleagues arrived in Rossland on Sunday evening, and were accorded a hearty welcome by the delegates to the conservative convention, who had been traveling companions on the trip down the Arrow lakes, and by citizens who had assembled at the depot on the arrival of the train.

Part of yesterday was spent by the conservative leaders in visiting the principal mines. At the Le Roi the party was personally conducted by John H. Mackenzie, M. E., general manager, William Joseph, M. E., old the honors at the Tompe and Nickel Plate and C. Vernon Jenkins and Carl Davidson looked after the visitors at the War Eagle and Centre Star mines.

The latter portion of yesterday afternoon was devoted to a reception in the parlors of the Hotel Allan. In the course of the afternoon many citizens were presented to Mr. Borden and his colleagues, and all were impressed by the kindly and affable bearing of the conservative leader.

On the platform were the members of the visiting party, with several Trill and Rossland conservatives. Arthur S. Goodie presided, and His Worship Mayor Clute was present in his official capacity as a tribute to the presence of the conservative leaders.

Mr. Lefuray is the most interesting member of the party in one particular. He has the distinction of being the youngest man ever attaining parliamentary honors in Canada and is the youngest sitting member of the present house of commons.

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Robert Laird Borden, M. P., leader of the opposition at Ottawa, was received with enthusiastic applause and a hearty round of cheers. He spoke for the best part of an hour, impressing all with his cultivated, earnest manner, modest demeanor, considering the exalted position in the councils of the party which he occupies, and his unassailable confidence in the past, present and future of the liberal-conservative party.

Referring to his visit to British Columbia, Mr. Borden remarked that he was impressed beyond measure with the vast mining resources of the country, which he felt had only been touched on the outskirts as yet.

This concluded the addresses, and the meeting closed formally with the National Anthem and more plaudits for Mr. Borden. An informal reception was held, at which those present were afforded another opportunity of meeting Mr. Borden and his colleagues.

Much Pleased With the Appearance of Things at Kaslo.

KASLO, B. C., Sept. 13.—The Hon. Senator Templeman has been visiting the city for the last couple of days and expresses himself as delighted with the general surroundings of Kaslo. He took a trip up the lake on Monday to Laido and back on Tuesday to Nanaimo.

He thinks that the Slokan has undoubtedly a great future before it, and what impresses him the most is the enormous amount of work that is even now being carried on in the Kootenay.

The following is the tonnage of ore shipped through Kaslo, from Sept. 15 to Nelson, 84 tons; American Boy to Swift, 41 tons; Sunset to Trail, 20 tons; Rambler to Frisco, 119 tons; Antoinette, 20 tons; Bismarck to Nelson, 20 tons; Whitewater mines to Nelson, 43 tons.

FIRE NEAR GRAND FORKS. GRAND FORKS, B. C., Sept. 15.—The sawmill of B. Lequime & Co., situated at Smelter Lake, several miles from this city, was destroyed by fire yesterday. A large number of volunteer firemen from Grand Forks, headed by Mayor Holland, hastened to the scene with the hose team and fire engine and it was the flames also consumed from 150,000 to 200,000 feet of lumber, a loaded C. P. R. freight car and 300,000 lbs. The origin of the fire is unknown, as the mill, as usual, was not in operation Sunday. The night watchman, who was asleep in the engine room, had a narrow escape. The loss is estimated at between \$10,000 and \$12,000. No insurance.

CABLE STEAMER COLONIA. (Special to The Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 15.—The cable steamer Colonia will remain here till Wednesday taking on supplies.

The Victoria Sealing Association are considering the advisability of making the home port of part of the fleet in Hakodate, Japan, so that outfitting for the Japanese cruise will be cheaper.

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Prize. Points. 1-48 D. C. O. Rifles, Ottawa...3703 2-13th Regiment, Hamilton...3655 3-6th D. C. O. Rifles, New West-...3651

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A case bearing all the earmarks of a swindle on no small scale has come to light in Rossland. Yesterday morning several miners came into the office of J. B. Johnson & Co. to ask for insurance policies on which they had paid premiums of \$10 to \$20.

For several weeks a man traveling under the name of J. E. Harper has been selling accident insurance policies on Red Mountain, his operations being particularly extensive among the men working in the Le Roi mine. He purposed to represent the Fidelity Mutual Aid Association of 303 California street, San Francisco, and his proposition was to guarantee the payment of \$10 weekly to policy holders injured while carrying policies in the Fidelity.

The passage of Rossland's water famine was marked yesterday by the serving of notices upon citizens that lawn sprinkling might be resumed and continued in moderation. It is desirable that there should be no wanton waste of city water, not because the supply is not ample, but because of the fact that one of the storage tanks leaks somewhat and this lower sprinkling will draw in hard to keep full. It goes without saying, however, that there must be an abundance of water or else the authorities would not permit the resumption of sprinkling at this juncture when the country generally is burning up with drought.

WATER FAMINE IS TO SETTLE THE ANCIENT HISTORY FOUNTAIN QUESTION

The committees in charge of the "Father Pat" memorial fountain is now about ready to proceed with active measures toward putting their ideas into effect. The design for the fountain has been submitted to the committee and accepted; specifications for the work have been completed and placed in the hands of the committee and all that remains to be done is to call for tenders and see that the construction is proceeded with before snow flies to interfere with operations.

John J. Honeyman, late of Rossland and now of Vancouver, prepared the plans and specifications for the fountain, devoting his services gratuitously to the enterprise. An effort is now being made to prevail upon the Canadian Pacific to transport the marble required for the fountain from the quarries at Kaslo to Rossland free of charge to the committee, whose funds are somewhat limited. As the quantity of material thus required is not large the company will probably agree to the proposition.

The fountain will be attractive in appearance and decidedly ornamental in design. Its utility is undoubted and when completed it will be a beauty spot on Columbia avenue.

Seven of Crew of British Steamer Bewick Picked Up. LONDON, Sept. 16.—The mate and seven of the crew of the British steamer Bewick, which was on her way to Stockholm with coal, have arrived at Boston, England, in a trawler, which picked them up September 14th in an open boat in the North Sea. The report is current that the Bewick's cargo shifted during a gale and that the steamer went on her beam ends. The captain and ten men remained aboard the steamer. The trawler, which brought the mate and his seven companions to Boston, saw no trace of the disabled steamer.

100,000 ACRES OF LAND SOLD. WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 16.—Hon. George E. Foster, ex-minister of finance, arrived in Winnipeg from the east today. In conversation he said his trip to the west was purely of a business character and that, for the present, he was not interested directly in politics. He is going as far as the coast, and expects to spend about six weeks in the west altogether.

Archer B. Baker, representative of the Canadian Pacific in England, and W. R. Baker, assistant to the second vice-president of the company, arrived from the east today.

The Saskatchewan Valley Land company has sold 100,000 acres of land in the Saskatchewan district for a syndicate of American capitalists for a sum approaching \$600,000.

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