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THE CHARTER AGAIN REFUSED.

The railway committee of the House of Commons by a large vote yesterday decided that the charter to the Kettle River Valley Railway company should be refused. This is the third time that the people of this country have applied to Parliament for redress against an evil which is sapping the vital interests of the community and the third time that their appeal has been denied.

The fact that Mr. Blair, the minister of railways, made a strong speech in favor of the bill, and cited irrefutable reasons why it should be carried, does not acquit the government of complicity in the strangulation of the interests of the people of this district.

LIBERAL CONVENTION.

The accounts of the proceedings at the provincial Liberal convention now in session in Vancouver make very interesting and lively reading, but we should imagine that they will scarcely be pleasing to the loyal members of the party throughout the province.

BOUNDARY IS INDIGNANT.

From a gentleman who arrived from the Boundary Creek country last evening it was learned that the people there are most indignant over the defeat of the Kettle River Railway charter in the Dominion legislature.

prosperity of this country should be buried simply because the C. P. R. is able to expend a few, a very few, thousand dollars in buying members of parliament and in exercising its dominating influence over a government which has done so much to advance Imperial interests and which so shamefully neglects its own internal affairs.

THE LABOR TROUBLE ENDED.

The labor troubles in the Rossland camp were terminated last evening by the adoption of the contract system under the terms laid down in the final draft prepared by the mine owners.

Too much praise cannot be given to those who assisted in the matter and acted as mediators. To the Honorable Minister of Mines, the Hon. Dominion Labor Commissioner, and the member of the provincial Parliament from Nanaimo is due in a large measure the settlement of the dispute.

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION.

The Conservative convention for the purpose of selecting a candidate for this riding will be held here on Tuesday, and already most of the delegates from the various parts of the constituency have been appointed.

GOING INTO THE FIELD.

Those who staked claims last year or previous to that time and those who hope to find valuable locations during the present season are getting out into the hills. The former will begin the work of doing assessment work and perhaps do more than that and endeavor to demonstrate, in a measure, the worth of their properties.

this charter has been denied, and in each instance it was due to the baneful influence of the railway which is seeking to monopolize all the inland carrying trade of Canada and which does not care a button for the interests of the people anywhere so long as it is given the power to charge them what it pleases.

We firmly believe that notwithstanding the fact that the entire division was over-run during the years mentioned by a veritable army of prospectors, that for many years to come new discoveries will continue to be made by lucky prospectors, and that these will be made outside of the large number of prospects which have already been staked.

It is evident from earliness of the season this year that the prospector will have at least a month or perhaps six weeks' longer stay in the field than last year. This will, of course, increase his chances of success. It, therefore, seems palpable that the season of 1900 will witness a larger number of finds than were made in 1899 when the season was late and when disagreeable weather, rains and occasional flurries of snow continued during the greater portion of the open season and as a consequence greatly hampered the work of the prospector.

CIVIC ADMINISTRATION.

The letter signed Insurance Rates, which appears in this morning's issue of the Miner, draws the attention of the citizens in a very forcible manner to the worst feature in the mal-administration of civic affairs during the past year, and shows very clearly and concisely not only how the money of the ratepayers has been foolishly and recklessly squandered, but how to this cause is owing disabilities from which the citizens are at present suffering and the prospect there is in the not distant future of another large expenditure to repair the result of faults which ought never to have been committed.

GROWTH OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

The English language was spoken in 1801 by 20,520,000 people, and in 1890 the number had reached 111,100,000. The French language was used in conversation in 1801 by 31,450,000, and this number had increased to 51,200,000 in 1890. German was talked by 30,320,000 in 1801, and in 1890 this number had reached 75,200,000. Italian was used by 15,070,000 people in 1801, and the number had got up to 33,400,000 in 1890.

FROM GREENWOOD CAMP.

News of Interest From the Boundary Activity at the Smelter Works. Greenwood, B. C., April 9.—Springtide, and with it comes the formation of athletic clubs for the coming season. The Greenwood Bicycle club was one of the first organizations to get to work. It has a membership of over 20. The football players are out every afternoon getting fit and ready for a match. Baseball enthusiasts are going to organize a nine, and the lovers of cricket make Midway their mecca on the Lord's day.

naturally double many times it advantage. With this there should naturally come a large increase in the British population. This should logically tend to a greater dominance of the British people and thus should come an increase in the number of the other races who will speak English. It is hardly safe to guess the number, but it seems within the range of possibilities that 400,000,000 will speak English within the next century.

CHOICE OF THE CONVENTION.

The result of the Conservative convention which was held yesterday, will undoubtedly be received with favor by the people of this constituency in general, because, as we said yesterday, those among the electors who may not vote for Mr. Mackintosh, will yet have the assurance that if their own candidate is not elected the constituency will at least have a good representative. The unanimity of sentiment expressed at the convention and at the public meeting subsequently held, was an indication of the high esteem in which the candidate is held, not only in Rossland, but in the Boundary country, of the confidence felt in him by the various classes of the community, and the belief that the district as a whole will have its interest well looked after by Mr. Mackintosh if he is elected to the assembly.

DATE OF THE ELECTION.

Lieutenant Governor McInnes is usually credited with being of a highly nervous disposition and a poetic temperament, and it is well known that he possesses a full sense of his personal dignity and the deference due the elevated position he occupies. He must therefore, during the past few weeks, have realized in no scant measure the force of the poet's remark, "Un-easy lies the head that wears a crown."

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FROM THE RECORDS.

Bill of Sale. April 5.—Montreal and Leicester Light, all; G. A. Pfunder to T. S. Gilmore; \$1. Certificates of Work. April 4.—To J. McLaren on the Vernon for T. Beamish. April 5.—To J. D. Anderson on the Big Four (Big Sheep Creek) for J. B. McArthur et al. April 5.—To A. W. Smith on the Queen for A. W. Smith. April 5.—To A. W. Smith on the Grand Union for A. W. Smith. April 6.—Paid by Messrs MacNeill and Dean, \$100 in lieu of work on the Alledale. April 7.—To R. Smith, on the Viking for T. A. Cameron et al. April 7.—To R. Smith, on the Putnam for T. A. Cameron et al. April 7.—To J. Vogel, on the Little Mand, for J. Vogel. April 7.—To J. Gloy, on the J. D. for J. Vogel. April 10.—To J. Gloy, on the Maggie, for J. Gloy. April 10.—To J. Gloy, on the Violet, for J. Gloy. Certificates of Improvement. April 5.—To J. B. McArthur, 3-4 interest, R. Dalby Morkill and C. R. Hamilton, 1-8 each on the Big Four (Big Sheep Creek). April 6.—To H. J. Raymer, 1-4 interest, T. W. Shipley, 1-2 interest and M. Sullivan and I. M. Dunn, 1-8 each, on the Standard.

to thoroughly explore small sections, as it is their impression that better results can be obtained in this way. This seems to be a sensible idea, for often the prospector who covers a large area does it so hurriedly that he probably often overlooks, by the very reason of his haste, locations of value. Usually the only finds made by the man who is hurrying over a country at breakneck speed are ledges where the outcroppings are so large and well defined that he cannot pass without seeing them. Finds of this sort are infrequent, however, and it is only by extreme good luck that they are encountered. In prospecting, like a great many other things, the adage of "the more hurry the less speed" is applicable, and should be borne in mind by he who wishes to make valuable locations.

ROSSLAND MASONIC INAUGURAL

FORMAL OPENING OF THE NEWLY FINISHED MASONIC TEMPLE.

It commenced by an Address by R. W. Bro. Goodeve—Vocal and Instrumental Music—A Supper and a Dance. The formal opening of the new Masonic hall took place last night, and it was a very successful affair. There was an opening address by Mayor Goodeve, and a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music followed. After a supper, which occupied the intermission between the first and second parts, dancing commenced and was continued until a late hour.

The worshipful master, Bro. George Herring, took the chair and the proceedings began by an overture rendered by the Wylie orchestra. Then came the time-honored opening ode, sung by all present. R. W. Bro. Goodeve gave an inaugural address, giving a short resume of the history of the Masonic fraternity, dating back to the building of the temple in the time of King Solomon. Mr. White then sang with good effect the "Star of the Desert." Miss Odling, in the next number, gave "Knowest Thou the Land," and was encored persistently, and kindly rendered "Within a Mile of Edinboro' Town."

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HON. C. H.

The Conservative Candidate Yesterday

The meeting was called for 7 p.m. with Mr. A. W. and Mr. W. Wylie. There were present R. E. Bowes, W. B. McKenzie, C. Howson, H. Orde, A. S. Goodeve, by Morkill, A. Sharp, A. Dick, A. C. Galt, A. Clute, Jr., J. B. Johns, Mayne Daly, From Nesbet and A. W. Re A. Belgrave, Midway, W. C. Heywood; Phelan; Greenwood, R. Clive Pringle; Eholt, J. Forsk, C. Cummings, J. R. F. Petrie and F. K. Hayes and Dr. Perdue. The committee on Messrs. J. B. Johnson, M. Thibault. No pro After the report was read the following let C. S. Mackintosh:

"Dr. Edward Bowes, Conservative Association."

"Dear Sir: From a newspaper, an int conveyed by leading m servative association, probable that my nam at the forthcoming con date for the Rosslan Kootenay. In view of fair to state my posit "I am not solicitous only what my friends is a duty to the Prov umbin could for one to enter the political proaching political an attempt, with the des interests of a political confidence thereof, to ber of the convention c constituency. "While I believe the has at all times endeav late ante-election prom experience I have lear speed that party. I am the mellowing influen various positions has of emergency, to be broader than mere pe lieve the present crisi the province demands on the part of those w in the future of Brit while do not presume upon the opinion of who differ from me, it to suggest a halt, to 'what does duty dem circumstances? "The uncertain state practically demonstrat platforms erected by th desire to advance the province; and, not, u might be lost in the maced as a panacea for meeting the body politi custumance, I prefer multitude, rather than of those who breed of vinced that it is bette in the windows before taken down, thus en hearts worn to the our great political and to cast a reasonable and am convinced that hu see eye to eye with m to co-operate in atten problem of how best interests of British Colu to redeem it from the into which it is rapid force that I would ditions of the Conserv the counsel of duty a I to accept a conservat out certain reservat should the opportunity promises to those whi ous to co-operate in the province from its regret that a general plan adopted, inas ability being reached to leadership, issuing and, like prospectors, try with scores of cl values. This being th bent upon every can views and abide by jority. "I am quite aware maxed condition of opportunity for those tive honors, as well tion to men who en believe in party gov be inspired by motiv ous; nor can I for has proved that, wh the commonwealth, a believed in constitu ed in very great good where representatives cease for the purpos ment official ag methods pointing nothing save disast cohesion is not the r of principle, but of mas, and blindness t events which have re tablish the potent fa electors are anxio common ground, and mote such policy will "I believe the el sanction the latter n not only the intere country, but those a district in British Co a reasoning and reas those every latitude charged with the res of that property, constitutional rule, w