The Mining Convention

Victoria Delegates Meet and Discuss Subjects to Be Submitted.

Reception Committee Considering Ways and Means For Entertaining Visitors.

Delegates Arriving From Every Mining District of the Province.

A meeting of the delegates to represent this city in the mining convention which will assemble tomorrow, was held in the rooms at the Board of Trade yesterday afternoon. The meeting was held with the idea of securing an expression of opinion on any matters which might as a matter of course be expected to come before the convention. D. W. Higgins occupied the chair, and there was a full attendance of delegates.

Mr. Belyea thought that the local delegates should take into consideration any matters affecting mining, etc., in this portion of the province. One subject in particular would be the question of free miners' certificates as affecting a title to a mining property. It would certainly come up at the convention, and the Victoria delegation should be thoroughly prepared to consider the matter.

Some discussion on the subject, as well as other matters, took place, after which Mr. J. H. McGregor offered the following suggestions, which were voted on and passed:

That the Victoria delegates be prepared to support the application of the Kootenay miners for a duty of 1½ to 2½ cents per lb. on lead ores, etc.

An application to amend the 2 per cent tax on ores.

Such general amendments to Mining Act and Placer Mining Act as will substitute certain money penalties for the present penalties of loss of mining claims and other property for cases of neglect to comply with said Acts.

Amendments whereby holders of hydraulic leases and other placer claims may obtain crown grants subject to increasing rates of taxation when crown granted property is not worked to a specified amount per annum.

That the convention be asked to consider means that will insure a better understanding between capital and labor, so that strikes may be averted in the future.

Dr. T. J. Jones was sure that the question of lead ores would come up before the convention, and it would be right for the Victoria delegates to secure an expression of opinion on this subject.

Several members thought that it would be well for the delegates to go into the convention entirely free to act as the preponderance of the arguments advanced for or against the suggestions would dictate.

Mr. Julius Meinecke, during the course of the discussion, related the experience of himself and some other parties in connection with the securing of a mining claim. Their agent had gone to the gold commissioner and had asked for instructions to make out the necessary papers. This information had been given, and the instructions followed, but a slight omission in one of the papers caused a lawsuit, and it had cost $15,000 and three years of litigation in order to straighten it out. There should be some finality as to the constructions to be put upon the Mining Act. Different constructions had been placed on certain clauses. He himself had had a ruling from one official, and this had been reversed by the gold commissioner for the district, and then the latter decision had been upset by the Minister of Mines.

J. Mortimer Lamb wished to bring up the question of the proper adjustment of matters between capital and labor. He would suggest that the convention should take the matter up, to see if it were not possible to adjust the trouble between mine owners and miners, and prevent the constantly recurring strikes in the mines.

N. S. Clarke said that he would go even further than that. He thought the miners' unions of the province could run their own business without the help of the Western Federation of Miners. There was always trouble wherever they interfered, and it was not necessary to go across the line for advice.

A meeting of the executive had been called for 5 o'clock in the same room, and there being no further business to bring before the delegates, they adjourned.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

A meeting of the executive of the Mining Association was held immediately on the adjournment of the delegates' meeting. The principal business was deciding of the place of holding the meetings of the convention. It was decided to hold the meetings in the assembly room of the Board of Trade, and the first meeting will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow (Wednesday) morning. As to the method of entertaining the visitors, some discussion arose, it being pointed out that a committee had this matter in hand.

Mr. Hobson, in answer to a remark that a visit to "San Toy" might be included for the entertainment of the delegates, stated that he would be glad to contribute his check for $100 for this purpose.

F. Peters, K. C., said that he would promise the executive another $100 for a similar purpose.

Arrangements were completed for the reception of the visitors, and as to the accommodation of the rooms, and the meeting adjourned till 5 p.m. today at the City hall.

DELEGATES ARRIVING.

From every corner of the province delegates are now assembling for the big mining convention which opens here tomorrow for the purpose of effecting permanent organization of the British Columbia Mining Association.

A. L. Belyea, K. C., chairman of the provisional committee, anticipates that there will be at least 250 delegates in attendance, assuring representation from all over the province. Among the largest deputations from individual points are those from Rossland and Nelson—the former sending 20 delegates and the latter 15; Atlin comes next, sending 14.

Up to yesterday afternoon the provisional executive had received notification of the appointment of the following delegates from the points named:

Nicola Valley—J. W. Collis.
Nicola Lake—A. E. Howse, J. E. Bate.
Fairview—L. W. Shatford, Byron Guest.
Cedar Hill—W. F. Love, J. Shopland, C. E. King.
Lillooet—John Marshall, Dan Harley, W. W. Brown.
Camp McKinney—Henry Nicholson.
Fort Steele—J. A. Hervey, Hon. H. Pollen, J. T. Laidlaw, J. B. Langley.
Kamloops—H. G. Ashby, M. Delaney, A. N. Gray, T. J. Roodley and J. H. Morrison.
Van Anda—Alex. Grant, J. D. Fraser.
Barkerville—John Hopp, Fred. C. Laird, H. E. C. Carry.
Quesnel Forks—J. McRae.
Bullion—J. B. Hobson, F. W. Alexander and J. K. Barker.
North Saanich—T. W. Paterson, M. P. P., George Sangster.
Clinton—F. W. Foster, John M. Gillvrey, J. W. Pearson.
Golden—H. G. Pearson, O. D. Hoar.
Armstrong—F. C. Wolfenden.
Trout Lake—Four (names not obtainable).
Hedley City—F. Devereux.
Ladysmith — Clermont Livingston, Thos. A. Wood, Harry Smith.
Olalla—L. M. Peterkin.
Windermere—R. S. Gallop, R. R. Bruce, G. A. Starks.
Ferguson—D. G. Forbes.
Lac la Hache—R. D. McClure.
Vernon—Mr. Muller.
Slocan City—Five (names not obtainable)
Stanley—1.
Soda Creek—2.
150-Mile—5
Quesnel Lake—1.
Horsefly—2.
Ashcroft—4.
Atlin—14.
Nelson—15.
Alexandria—1.
West Coast Vancouver Island—5.
Grand Forks—5.
Rossland—20.
Crofton—1.
Vancouver—20.
New Westminster—5.
Hazelmere—2.

A large number of places are yet to be heard from, but the success of the convention, in point of attendance at least, is assured.

All the transportation companies are giving special rates to delegates and their wives. Kenneth Burns, local agent of the Great Northern railway, states that a rate of one and one-third fare and single fare will be charged delegates over that company's lines and connections. The former applies to parties ranging from 25 delegates up to 50, while the latter reduction will be made for parties of greater size.

CARIBOO DELEGATES.

E. A. Carew Gibson, Robt. Borland and J. Yorston are the three first delegates from 150-Mile House, Cariboo, to arrive for the convention. There were seven delegates chosen, and four or five are expected to be here for the meeting. They have well defined instructions from the meeting which selected them in reference to the proposal to crown grant placer ground, a subject in which Cariboo is greatly interested. These instructions are to endorse the principle of crown grants to placer claims, provided such precautions are taken that will ensure continuous working of the ground. It is suggested that some scheme similar to certificates of improvement in the Land Act for preemptions might be adopted, and on no condition should the grant be made to extend beyond the eight leases which may be taken up in a block at present. This is to prevent large blocks of ground being held without work being done on all the claims. Another suggestion is that should ground not be worked the taxes upon such should be so heavy that the holder would be forced to abandon it, so that someone else could take it up.

MR. BORLAND'S VIEWS.

Robert Borland, of Veith & Borland, who are well known men of the Southern Cariboo district, is registered at the New England. He is a delegate to the mining convention. Speaking about mining in Cariboo, with which he has been associated since 1869, Mr. Borland says the miners are taking out much gold; in fact Cariboo is giving a good account of itself. The placers of Keithly creek, Snowshoe, Spanish and Placer creeks are being worked by a number of men. The water supply is good, but the season is short. He has just sold a good quartz property on Snowshoe, which is a tributary of Keithley creek. This property has a ledge of free milling ore 30 feet wide, the miners having already stripped it for 28 feet.

There are a large number of Chinese washing gold on the placers of Southern Cariboo, and some of them—there are over one hundred in all—are doing very well. Some have good sized hydraulic propositions. The majority, however, are working abandoned ground. They seldom find anything new. Some Chinese who are working on Keithley are doing very well.

There are between 150 and 200 men working altogether on Keithley creek, and with those working at the Forks, Horsefly and elsewhere, there are between 300 and 400 in the district. On the Ward claim, the Cariboo and Hobson properties, much work is going on. R. T. Ward is prospecting on his property, and they are putting in a dredging plant to pick up the deeper gravel. The Onward property, on Keithley, in which Mr. Borland is interested, declared a dividend of $2,000 a few days ago.

Mr. Borland will offer suggestions at the coming convention on behalf of those he represents for the encouragement of capital, and that it is in the best interests of the mining districts to give absolute title to the ground as long as it is worked, but no longer; that the ground be thrown open again to the public as soon as work is stopped. Mr. Borland says the two per cent tax, of which the Kootenay contingent complained, does not affect the Cariboo.

FROM GREENWOOD.

A despatch from Greenwood says: The public meeting held in the city hall to consider the advisability of forming a branch of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia decided to fall in line with other important mining centres and organize a local branch. The meeting then resolved itself into a committee of the whole and added the names of Eholt, Midway and other district residents to its numbers. It was resolved to send the following five delegates to Victoria to represent the association: Mayor Snailes, W. G. Gaunce, F. Keffer, A. I. Goodell, superintendent of the Montreal and Boston Copper Company's smelter at Boundary Falls, and Capt. Harry Johns, manager of the Sunset mine.

AT LYTTON.

Lytton, Feb. 20.—A large and enthusiastic meeting was held here last night, to discuss the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia. Mr. Clark was in the chair, and various matters connected with the association were discussed. It was finally decided for all those present to form themselves into a local branch, of which a chairman and secretary were appointed. Mr. Graham, manager of the Fraser River Gold Dredge was appointed as the delegate to attend the convention to be held in Victoria. It was unanimously declared that Mr. Graham was the most suitable delegate to the Victoria convention, as this part depends almost entirely upon the future of the gold dredging industry.

HANBURY OBSTINATE.

He Will Not Admit Canadian Cattle on Any Conditions.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—A news cable says: Mr. Hanbury, minister of agriculture, in a speech on Saturday, said if every cabinet minister were against him, he would not admit Canadian store cattle. If he opened British ports to Canadian cattle, he was not sure Canadian cattle alone would enter. It was also better for Canada to feed animals at home than export them to England. Robt. Price will bring his motion to raise the embargo before parliament this week, and hopes Canadians in the House of Commons will support him.

NOTES FROM WINNIPEG.

Deputy Minister of Labor Coming to B. C.—New Appointments.

Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—(Special)—W. McKenzie King, deputy minister of labor, passed through Winnipeg yesterday en route for British Columbia, where he will try and bring about a settlement of the Fernie coal miners' strike there by arbitration. Mr. King was sent on his present mission by Sir William Mulock.

George Harcourt, editor of the Northwest Farmer, has been appointed superintendent of farmers' institutes and fairs for the Northwest Territories.

Wm. Bell, formerly chief clerk in the sleeping and dining car department of the C. P. R., has been appointed to succeed Mr. Walter Pratt as superintendent of the Western division.

The Mining Association

Delegates Elect Will Meet Tomorrow Afternoon For Preliminary Work.

Full List of Subscribers to the Funds of the Association.

The Victoria mining delegates meet at the rooms of the Mining Association on Monday next at 4 p.m., to arrange the business to come before the convention. Suggestions in writing from miners will oblige and will receive every consideration.

ENCOURAGING NEWS.

H. Mortimer Lamb, secretary of the association, received the following despatches last night:

Nelson, Feb. 21.—Very enthusiastic meeting. Kaslo sending several delegates. Nelson membership over 300.

Rossland, Feb. 21.—Organization successfully completed. Over 20 Rossland delegates will go to convention.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Following is a full list of subscribers to the Association:

The Giant Powder Co. Victoria	$ 100 00
John B. Hobson, Con. Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co., Bullion	50 00
Vancouver Engineering Works, per Colin F. Jackson, Bullion	50 00
Hamliton Powder Co., Ltd., Victoria	50 00
Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd., Victoria	25 00
Turner, Beeton & Co., Ltd., Victoria	25 00
E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd., Victoria	25 00
Hudson's Bay Co., Victoria	25 00
Hon. Senator Jas. Reid, Quesnelle Forks Quartz Mining Co., Vancouver	20 00
Redon & Hartnagle, Driard, Victoria	20 00
J. H. Todd & Sons, Victoria	20 00
R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., Victoria	20 00
J. A. Sayward, Victoria	20 00
Jas. Stables, M. P. P., Victoria	15 00
John Brydon, Victoria	10 00
Victoria-Phoenix Brewing Co., Ltd., Victoria	10 00
Weiler Bros., Victoria	10 00
L. Goodacre & Sons, Victoria	10 00
B. Wilson, Victoria	10 00
Henderson Bros., Ltd., Victoria	10 00
Pither & Leiser, Victoria	10 00
Victoria Truck & Dray Co., Victoria	10 00
Geo. Riley, M. P., Victoria	10 00
C. F. Jackson & Co., Ltd., Vancouver	10 00
R. B. Skinner, Vancouver	10 00
I. G. McQuade, Victoria	10 00
S. J. Pitts, Victoria	10 00
Simon Leiser, Victoria	10 00
J. H. Brownlee, Seattle	10 00
A. Henderson, Victoria Transfer Co., Ltd., Victoria	10 00
Stephen Jones, Dominion Hotel, Victoria	10 00
Jas. Anderson, Roberts and Kitchener Mines, Victoria	10 00
Dr. W. G Mitchell, Atlin	10 00
Fred Peters, K. C., Victoria	10 00
Henry Croft, Victoria	10 00
A. M. Jones, Stenographer, Victoria	10 00
Capt. Jno. Irving, Victoria	10 00
Findlay, Durham & Brodie, Victoria	10 00
F. S. Barnard, Victoria	10 00
F. R. Stewart & Co., Victoria	10 00
H. E. Newton, Victoria	10 00
J. S. H. Matson, Victoria	10 00
B. C. Electric Ry. Co., Ltd., Victoria	10 00
Victoria Chemical Co., Ltd., Victoria	10 00
Challoner & Mitchell, Victoria	5 00
Lemon, Gonnason & Co., Victoria	5 00
David Spencer, Victoria	5 00
Rowland Machin, Victoria	5 00
A. C. Galt, Rossland	5 00
M. W. Loveridge, Victoria	5 00
Col. Meinecke, Star Explor. & Mining Co. Victoria	5 00
Osmond Ferguson, Victoria	5 00
A. E. Radford, Victoria	5 00
S. S. Taylor, K. C., Nelson	5 00
F. A. Devereaux, Victoria	5 00
W. A. Dier, Mts. Sicker & Brenton Mines, Victoria	5 00
Henry B. Thompson, Victoria	5 00
H. Mortimer-Lamb, Victoria	5 00
A. L. Belyea, K.C., Victoria	5 00
A. C. Hirschfield, Atlin Claim, Atlin	5 00
C. H. Lugrin, Victoria	5 00
A. W. More, Victoria	5 00
C. Dubois Mason, English Counties Syndicate, Victoria	5 00
R. Cassidy, K. C., Victoria	5 00
Geo. B. Shaw, Victoria	5 00
N. P. Shaw, Victoria	5 00
Hamilton Smith, Victoria	5 00
Capt. Livingston Thompson, Victoria	5 00
Wm. Munsie, Victoria	5 00
A. Stuart Robertson, Victoria	5 00
H. D. Helmcken, K.C., M.P.P., Victoria	5 00
W. S. Fraser & Co., Ltd., Hardware Merchants, Victoria	5 00
A. B. Fraser, senior, Victoria	5 00
E. B. Marvin & Co., Victoria	5 00
Hendrick McGregor, P.L.S. Victoria	5 00
Dr. T. J. Jones, Beatson, Victoria	5 00
Geo. Powell & Co., Victoria	5 00
Lenz & Leiser, Victoria	5 00
John Piercy & Co., Victoria	5 00
H. Siebenhaum, Victoria	5 00
W. McKeon & Co., Oriental Hotel	5 00
Hickman Tye, Hdw Co., Victoria	5 00
G Harold Grant, Victoria	5 00
W. & J. Wilson, Victoria	5 00
Paterson Shoe Co., Victoria	5 00
Brown Jug Saloon, Victoria	5 00
T. N Hibben & Co., Victoria	5 00
Heisterman & Co. Victoria	5 00
Thos. Shotbolt, Victoria	5 00
W. T. Oliver, Mgr. Bank of B.N.A., Victoria	5 00
A. J. C. Galiely, Mgr. Bank of Montreal, Victoria	5 00
Justin Gilbert, Stenographer Victoria	5 00
W. M. Brook, Gen Man. Con. Spruce Cr. Placers, Atlin	5 00
Chas. Hayward, ex-Mayor, Victoria	5 00
E. Crow Baker, Victoria	5 00
R. C. Davis, Victoria	5 00
H. Moon, Victoria	5 00
Brady-Houston Packing Co., Victoria	5 00
E. E. Leeson, Hotel Victoria, Victoria	5 00
H. P. Bell, C.E., Victoria	5 00
Hiram Walker & Sons, per J. W. Amsbery, Victoria	5 00
Dr. J. D. Helmcken, Victoria	5 00
F. W. Nolte, Victoria	5 00
Victoria Machinery Depot Co., Ltd., Victoria	5 00
B. C. Marine Railway Co., per W. F. Bullen, Victoria	5 00
Times Printing & Pub. Co., Victoria	5 00
Colonist Printing & Pub. Co., Victoria	5 00
Fred Norris, Victoria	5 00
B. L. Sullins, Mount Sicker	5 00
A. Lipsky, Empire Hotel, Victoria	5 00
W. J. Pendray, Victoria	5 00
Carter & McCandless, Victoria	5 00
Mrs. J. G. White, Balmoral Hotel, Victoria	3 00
J. Wenger, Victoria	2 50
J. R. Collister, Victoria	2 50
Pope Stationery Co., Victoria	2 50
Army & Navy Clothing Store, Victoria	2 50
Fletcher Bros., Victoria	2 50
E. E. Billinghurst, Victoria	2 50
A. A. Clayton, Victoria	2 50
Sea & Gowen, Victoria	2 50
Arthur Crease, Victoria	2 50
Clarke & Pearson, Victoria	2 50
Wm. Christie, Victoria	2 50
Herbert Cuthbert, Victoria	2 50
Thos. Earle, M. P., Victoria	2 50
A. G. Howard Potts, Esquimalt	2 50
H. W. Windle, Victoria	2 50
Raymond & Sons, Victoria	2 50
Dr. G. L. Milne, Victoria	2 50
Dixi H. Ross & Co., Victoria	2 50
Savoy Theatre, Victoria	2 50
Young Bros., New England Hotel, Victoria	2 50
C. S. Baxter, Victoria	2 50
H. M. Grahame, Victoria	2 50
Joshua Kingham, Victoria	2 50
Chas. A. Bury, Victoria	2 50
Allen & Co., Victoria	2 50
J. Sheasgreen, Victoria	2 50
W. H. Pennock, Victoria	2 50
Nesbitt Electric Co., Victoria	2 50
J. Colbert, Victoria	2 50
Fairall Bros, Victoria	2 50
Geo. S. Russell, Victoria	2 00
Thos. Walker, Victoria	2 00
A. W. Huston, Victoria	2 00
A. J. Morley, Victoria	2 00
H. E. A. Courtney, Victoria	2 00
J. J. Shallcross, Victoria	2 00
P. C. McGregor, Victoria	2 00
D. W. Higgins, Victoria	2 00
A. K. Munro, Vic. Book & Stat'y. Co., Victoria	2 00
Mrs. Blygh, Stenographer, Victoria	2 00
Briggs & Chamberlain, Victoria	2 00
H. T. Cole, Victoria	2 00
W. Curtis Simpson, Victoria	2 00
R. Erskine, Victoria	2 00
A. J. Garesche, Victoria	2 00
J. A. Hinton, Victoria	2 00
C. E. Redfern, Victoria	2 00
Hastie's Fair, Victoria	2 00
Thomas & Grant, Victoria	2 00
E. Andernach, Victoria	2 00
Chas. Tulk, Victoria	2 00
Hicks-Lovick Piano Co., Victoria	2 00
W. T. Andrews, Victoria	2 00
Dr. S. F. Tolmie, Victoria	2 00
Sidney Shore, Victoria	2 00
Watson & Hall, Victoria	2 00
Dean & Hiscocks, Victoria	2 00
Hall & Co., Victoria	2 00
D. E. Campbell, Victoria	2 00
H. E. Levy, Victoria	2 00
J. Teague, Victoria	2 00
S. Tollick, Victoria	2 00
John Braden, Victoria	2 00
Wm. Harrison, Victoria	2 00
A. G. McGregor, Victoria	2 00
A. J. Clyde, Victoria	2 00
McDowall & Rosie, Victoria	2 00
R. Bray, Victoria	2 00
H. T. Owen, Prest. Yreka Copper Co., Quatsino	2 00
C. D. Lynn, Vice-Pres. Yreka Copper Co., Quatsino	2 00
S. T. Lewis, Mgr. and Secy. Yreka Copper Co., Quatsino	2 00
W. C. Spicer, Treas. Yreka Copper Co., Quatsino	2 00
N. S. Clarke, Supt. Yreka Copper Co., Quatsino	2 00
W. & T. Russell, Victoria	1 50
Hon. Abraham Smith, U. S. Consul, Victoria	1 00
T. W. Sageman, Brunswick Hotel, Victoria	1 00
Frank I. Clarke, Victoria	1 00
A. & W. Wilson, Victoria	1 00
D. F. McCrimmon, Victoria	1 00
Geo. Munro & Co., Victoria	1 00
H. L. Salmon, Victoria	1 00
C. W. Rogers, Victoria	1 00
A. T. Emery, West Victoria	1 00
E. J. Wall, Victoria	1 00
H. Kent, Victoria	1 00
J. Hector, Victoria	1 00
G. T. Fox, Victoria	1 00
A. Bancroft, Victoria	1 00
A. B. Kingsley, Victoria	1 00
Wm. Bickford, Victoria	1 00
Speed Bros, Victoria	1 00
J. F. Rausch, Victoria	1 00
M. Bantly, Victoria	1 00
W. A. Jameson, Victoria	1 00
Alex. Peden, Victoria	1 00
F. W. Hall, Victoria	1 00
A. B. Oldershaw, Victoria	1 00
Wescott Bros., Victoria	1 00
G. A. Richardson, Victoria	1 00
J. W. Haskins, Rosella Hydraulic M. Co., Victoria	1 00
H. H. Jones, Rosella Hydraulic M. Co., Victoria	1 00
C. A. Jones, Victoria	1 00
Hitt Bros., West Victoria	1 00
J. Sears, Victoria	1 00
A. Holmes, Victoria	1 00
J. H. Warner, Victoria	1 00
W. B. Shakespeare, Victoria	1 00
J. Sluggett & Son, Victoria	1 00
J. R. Davis, Victoria	1 00
W. H. Watson, Victoria	1 00
J. Heaney, Victoria	1 00
A. C. Topham, West Victoria	1 00
C. H. Smith, Victoria	1 00
R. A. Murrant, Victoria	1 00
M. Lenfesty, Victoria	1 00
W. Nichols, Victoria	1 00
H. W. Walker, Victoria	1 00
C W. Kirk, Victoria	1 00
T. Astle, Victoria	1 00
Jay & Co., Victoria	1 00
Schaper & Reid, Victoria	1 00
C. F. Cullin, Victoria	1 00
Chadwick & White	1 00
Chas. Morley, Victoria	1 00
E. H. Anderson, Victoria	1 00
F. Landsberg, Victoria	1 00
K. E. Brett, Victoria	1 00
S. Greenhalgh, Victoria	1 00
C. A. Goodwin, Victoria	1 00
Geo. E. Atack, Victoria	1 00
J. H. Baker, Victoria	1 00
R. F. Verrinder, Victoria	1 00
W. H. Phillips, Victoria	1 00
J. P. Burgess, Victoria	1 00
Keown & Tite, Victoria	1 00
W. W. Neill, Victoria	1 00
J. L. Forrester, Victoria	1 00
Harper & Trew, Victoria	1 00
C. Kosche, Victoria	1 00
James Mitchell, Victoria	1 00
Robertson & Robertson, Victoria	1 00
D. S. Mowat, Victoria	1 00
W. A. Ward & Co., Victoria	1 00
Chas. E. Pooley, K.C., Victoria	1 00
John Bray, Victoria	1 00
A. F. Gwin, Victoria	1 00
G. W. Coe, Victoria	1 00
J. Sehl, Victoria	1 00
John Black, Victoria	1 00
John Haggerty, Victoria	1 00
J P. Walls, Victoria	1 00
H. C. Brewster, Victoria	1 00
VANCOUVER.	
Haywood & Prescott	25 00
W. H. Malkin	15 00
Wood, Vallance & Leggatt, Ltd.	15 00
W. Braid & Co.	15 00
Greenshields & Co.	10 00
McClary Mfg. Co.	10 00
J. T. Griffin & Co.	10 00
Pellew, Harvey & Gilman	10 00
Antel Leland	10 00
R. Kerr Houlgate	10 00
Mackay, Smith & Co.	10 00
J. W. Peck & Co.	10 00
G. Sheldon Williams	5 00
Chas. E. Tisdall	5 00
E Mahon	5 00
C. A. Godson	5 00
John Burns	2 00
R. Martin	2 00
Total	$1,463 50

GRAND FORKS DELEGATES.

Grand Forks, Feb. 21.—The Grand Forks delegates to the provincial mining convention at Victoria leave tomorrow for the Coast. They are as follows: Mayor Bottrell, Wm. Spier, Thos. Foulson, W. K. C. Manly, Ernest Miller, F. M. Kirby and George A. Fraser.

A local branch of the Provincial Mining Association was established here on Friday night. John Rogers was elected president and Forbes M. Kirby secretary of the local association.

AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Feb. 21.—(Special)—There was a well attended mass meeting of the Vancouver branch of the British Columbia Miners' Association at the City hall last night. Mr. Hobson delivered an interesting address, in which the inadequate mining laws of the province were referred to and dealt with in considerable detail.

ALBERNI TAKES PART.

Alberni, Feb. 18.—A meeting was held today at the court house to discuss the formation of a local branch of the Provincial Mining Association. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m., Mr. A. W Neill, M. P. P., was voted to the chair, and Mr. Leonard Frank acted as secretary.

Mr. Neill explained the object of the organization and pointed out that the mining industry should be given encouragement by the legislature. Other speakers were J. Redford, J. Wilkins, J. Clark, Leonard Frank and A. E. Waterhouse. About thirty were present and all joined the association. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. H. E. Newton, who is largely interested in mining in this district, to represent the newly formed branch at the convention to be held on February 25 in Victoria.

RUSH TO RUBY CREEK.

Rich Ground Thrown Open and Eagerly Taken Up.

Last week in Atlin, Ruby Creek, which has been blanketed for some time by hydraulic leases, was declared open and a rush was made for the creek. It was first announced that Macpherson had schemed to get all those who would vote for him in the by-election, claims on the creek. This was incorrect, however, and the locators, with few exceptions, were not voters.

THE PRODUCTION OF GOLD.

The production of gold from all recorded sources of the world, rose in 1899 to $312,911,383, the highest figures yet attained. Owing to the South African war production dropped in 1900 to $260,743,830, and in 1901 it was only $264,840,477. Last year, 1902, many mines in the Transvaal having resumed operations, and the ores of Western Australia having been more successfully treated, the total production from all sources rose to $306,723,462, or within $6,000,000 of the highest mark. Of this enormous yield, about one-half may be credited to territories within the British Empire, the figures being as follows:

Canada	$19,500,000
Newfoundland	43,614
Guiana (British)	625,000
United Kingdom	199,754
Transvaal	35,211,345
Rhodesia	3,390,000
West Coast of Africa	516,750
Borneo (British)	500,000
India (British)	9,508,000
Australia	81,315,100
	$150,809,562

For the foregoing figures we are indebted to The Engineering and Mining Journal, whose statistics are compiled with very great care, by an experienced and well organized staff. Yet the Mining Industry, published by the same organization, repeats the erroneous claim, that "the United States continues to occupy the foremost position as a gold producing country." The British production of gold was last year, eighty per cent. greater than that of the United States, and this year it will be much more than double. If the calculations of Mr. Thomas Haight Leggett and Mr. J. Hays Hammond are borne out, then in the course of three years the output of the Transvaal alone may run up to $150,000,000.

Vancouver 11 Victoria 3

Such Was the Result of Yesterday's Junior Rugby Match.

Connaught's Own Beaten by Fifth Regiment at Basket Ball.

The game yesterday afternoon between the Vancouver and Victoria Rugby Juniors resulted in a win for the formers by a score of 11 to 3.

Quite a fair-sized crowd witnessed the match, and were very enthusiastic. The weather was all that could be desired, and the field was in splendid condition. Mr. Moresby refereed the game and gave great satisfaction.

Victoria had by far the heaviest forward line, but did not pack as well in the scrum as Vancouver, thereby losing at times the advantage of the extra weight. Their following up was not nearly as quick as it should have been. This caused them to lose ground several times, and also gave their opponents great advantages, which they were not slow to take. The marking in the throw in was poor, and taking the team as a whole, they showed the want of practice together, but individually there was some very pretty play. Odgen played a good game at back, but made one or two mistakes, and kept a trifle too near the scrum, but his precise kicking into touch went a long way to mitigate his errors. The half backs were a long way from being strong, fumbling the ball several times, and missing splendid opportunities. Marshall was the backbone of the team, and if he had had the proper support of the other three different, and as it was he scored the only point that the locals got. It was a treat to see him sprint when he got a chance, and two or three times when he saw a man coming, he leapt right through his opponent's arms. He has the making of a first class player, and if he had the weight he would be a valuable addition to the Seniors. Jeffs, Miller, Newcombe and Janion were conspicuous amongst the forwards, for their hard work, especially Jeffs, for his speed and tackling. He is practically a novice at the game, this being his first season, but shows the ear marks of a first-class player. The visiting three-quarter line showed the results of constant practice together, which enabled them to do fine combination, with which they got themselves out of many tight fixes. The full back also played a star game, and taking them all round they are a first class team, and thoroughly deserve the championship. The local boys have learned a lesson, and it is to be hoped that next season they will remedy the defects, as they have better material than their opponents, and with careful training could easily defeat them.

THE GAME.

The spin of the coin went to Vancouver, who kicked up the field. Vancouver went at it with a rush and carried the ball down to the local twenty-five yard line, where a series of scrums took place. The visitors gradually pushed the Victoria boys over the twenty-five yard line, and after a few minutes' hard work, Shoebotham secured the leather, made a splendid dash and got over and scored; **M. Johnson** converted.

The locals lined up again with fresh vigor, and rushed the play down to the visitors' twenty-five yard line, and made things extremely hot for their opponents. The scrums oscillated from the half to the quarter line for a few minutes, and went from one side of the field to the other in Vancouver's territory. The visitors got a chance and made a splendid run to half way. Considerable annoyance was caused at this juncture of the game by the spectators crowding on the lines. The referee refused to let the game go on till they got back and gave the touch judge room to see. Victoria held their opponents down and had a most decided advantage for a time, till Vancouver got an opening, and after making a good dribble and doing some nice combination, Johnson got across the line and scored; the kick was not converted.

After the kick off, Victorias rushed their opponents inch by inch down the field, past the half line, up to the twenty-five, where a battle royal waxed long and fierce, neither side having much advantage, till Vancouver was awarded a free kick. This relieved the pressure for them for a time, but not for long, as the locals were soon back with the pig skin, making things hum and look bad for their opponents, who were working might and main to protect their line. Vancouver again got a good opening and reversed the tables, pushing their opponents up foot by foot till things in turn commenced to look blue for the locals. Finally the back division relieved the pressure by a well directed punt into touch by the half way line, and from there the play gradually worked up to the visitors' quarter line, where it remained till the whistle for half time was blown.

On the line up again, Victoria seemed to have realized that their combination was poor, and made a decided improvement on it. If the forwards had followed up well the score might have been different. For the first few minutes play remained in the centre of the field, till the local three-quarters broke away, and pretty nearly got over, being just stopped a few feet from the line. The scrums came fast and furious for a while, the locals gaining inch by inch, and if the forwards had heeled out well at this juncture of the game, the three-quarters would have had a splendid opportunity. The visitors got the pig skin down to their quarter line, but it did not remain there long. Marshall, after one of his brilliant runs, got over, after passing the Vancouver backs, and scored, the only point the locals made. Todd failed to convert the kick.

The leather remained about half way, going from one side of the field to the other, with a slight advantage in Victoria's favor. The locals, by a well directed kick into touch, gained considerable ground, and again they were in dangerous proximity to the Vancouver's line, till the visitors were awarded a free gick. This relieved the pressure, and they in turn did the attacking; but their rush was soon put an end to by the local three-quarter getting a chance and taking the sphere back to their opponents' twenty-five yard line, where a series of scrums took place. The heavy weight of the Victoria forwards seemed to be telling on the endurance of the visitors, who seemed to lag a little at this point of the game. Their half backs relieved the pressure by passing out to the three-quarters, who made a splendid dash down to half way, where they were checked. Presently they got another opening and after making a good dribble, the leather was passed over to Shoebotham, who took it over; the kick failed. Shortly after lining up again, Walker, of the home team, met with a painful accident, spraining his ankle very badly, and had to retire. Fawcett took his place.

Play returned to the Vancouvers' territory and remained there for the rest of the game. Time and time again the locals were just prevented from getting over. The game was in their favor all the way through the second half.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The Association match between the Victoria and Columbia elevens at the grounds of the Garrison at Work Point yesterday afternoon resulted in a drawn game after a hard fought struggle, each team scoring two goals. The match was a clean and interesting one, and was warmly contested. There were about five hundred spectators present who cheered the Columbias, for had victory perched on the banners of the Columbias the team would have been evened up, and the struggle for the cup made keener. The Columbias fought hard to win, but with such backs as Goward and Yorke and Woods in goal the defence was too much for them. The Columbia forwards, particularly Berkeley, Lawson, Wilson and McCann put up a splendid game, and their back division made up of two naval men, and the Johnsons at half backs did good work. The forwards of the Victoria team were weaker, and their poor shooting lost them chances. Their backs, particularly Goward, saved many a hard situation. The match was interesting throughout.

The Victorias scored soon after the kick-off. Lorimer made a good run after the kick, and the forwards pressed up field and after a concerted rush, bunted the ball through. The Columbias attacked again after the kick, and Berkeley and Wilson made a good run. Goward kicked out and Yorke made a hard run, getting a shot which failed. After a space of fast play in mid-field Berkeley got the ball and with Wilson made a run, but shot high. A concerted attack on the Columbias' goal followed, but finally the backs saved, and the Victoria goal was threatened. When the backs relieved Victoria secured a penalty kick, but Goward failed to use it to advantage, and Lawson and Wilson carried the ball down. Some play around Victoria goal followed and Wilson scored for the Columbias, evening the score.

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