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NEWS OF THE INTERIOR.

Day Labor Saves the Province Several Thousand Dollars on One Job.

Interesting Budget From Correspondents and Papers of the Districts.

THOMPSON VALLEY.

From our own correspondent.

Ashcroft, March 23.—The Lytton bridge was completed in time for St. Patrick's day. If Hon. Chief Commissioner Martin does not call it St. Patrick's day, he need not expect Mike Sullivan to act as off-wheel horse when his political car is stuck in the mud. This bridge is a grand structure, and is a standing proof of the wisdom of using day's labor of our own people, instead of letting contracts to San Francisco companies. A great deal of credit must be given to Superintendent Stevenson and Foreman Trodden for the speed, economy and workmanship shown in this bridge. Mr. Stevenson constructed the bridge at two thousand dollars less cost than the estimate, and railway bridge builders and engineers say if it had been let out at contract it would not be tendered for at less than six thousand dollars more than it has cost. Now, let me suggest to my friend, Mr. Martin, that he use this saving of two thousand dollars, but preferably the six thousand, in extending the wagon road from Lytton toward Lilloet. Here is the first farming settlement found in our great interior, left without a road after thirty-three years. Extend the road up to the last farm on East side at least, and then consider the rest, but make a move this year. The more money spent in roads and bridges the less temptation to waste it on ornamental extravagance.

The farmers along the valley are considering the feasibility of starting canning factories for tomatoes, corn, etc. If the agricultural department would publish plans, estimates and the way canneries are started in Ontario and California it would serve a useful purpose.

John Murray, of Spence's Bridge, is writing his recollections of early days, so that they may be preserved for future readers. If the government when they appointed a librarian had given the post to a man like Murray, the library would have served the purpose of a history of this province. But they needed a chief trumpeter.

The Ashcroft bridge is finished, and it is an improvement on the old one in the matter of stability. But it is to be hoped that the government will never send out of the country again for men to build its bridges.

Ashcroft is full of people, and they keep coming, and then onward to Cariboo. The prospect for a golden harvest is great, but poor men should remember that they need beef and potatoes with the prospects to make a good meal.

In the valley the turn-out against the government is wonderful. It is true, governments as with men: As you sow, so shall you reap.

We are to have a newspaper published at Ashcroft shortly.

REVELSTOCK.

Revelstock Mail.

The work of improving Kootenay rapids for the benefit of steamer navigation, which has been going forward under the direction of Mr. F. C. Gamble, Dominion engineer, for some time, has now been practically finished. It consisted of about one thousand feet of crib work with rip-rap on the outside to protect it from the wash of high water. The work done this winter was in connecting previous cribs by new work and in extensions, and has been going on nearly four months. The cribs are located on the edge of deep water to prevent steamers drifting on the bar at places where the rapids are strong. If any further improvement is projected, it will doubtless be a deepening of the channel where rocks on the hard clay of the river bed need blasting out for the advantage of navigation in low water.

The party that left Kootenay rapids last week came up the river in small boats. They found several miles of ice, over which they had to drag their canoes, and the upper end of the lower lake and in the narrows. The steamer Lytton since made an attempt to reach the upper lake, but was turned back by the ice.

The arrival of a carload of wire the first of the week was the signal for an increase of activity along the river bank. Timbers, pierced with strong iron bolts had been already placed on the river bed, and a large force of men was at once put to work carrying the brush and distributing it across these timbers. The wire was strung under and over the brush, other timbers will be fastened over it, and weighing down all will be the tons of rock which are being hauled from the quarry. With the energy which has been shown this week in pushing the work it will be finished in a short time.

LYTTON.

The inland Sentinel.

The government bridge across the Thompson river at this point is now completed. It is without doubt the finest wooden bridge in the province. The farmers are now able to bring in their produce without the extra cost of ferrying, and they are taking advantage of it. Mr. Stevenson will move his outfit to Ashcroft this week, it being the next place there is work to be done.

The Finch mining company's scow is

at present at work on Mormon bar. We hear very favorable reports of their success, but Mr. Youngs, the manager, does not seem inclined to tell the result of the last clean-up. If you can rely on what the hired men say, it was a dandy.

The Indians are taking advantage of the low water and are strewn along the bars with their rockers. The average day's work is from \$1 to \$3.

NEW DENVER.

The Homestake, at Trail creek, owned principally by S. M. Wharton and C. Teasdale has been bonded for \$10,000 to Stephen B. Elkins, secretary of war at Washington, D. C.

To satisfy a debt held by C. E. Taylor against W. A. Flager, Deputy Sheriff Robinson will sell the Black Bird, Manitoba, Gorman and Nonpareil claims at Nelson on the 26th. The claims are in the dry ore belt, near Bear Lake, and are good properties.

The Duluth syndicate, represented by Captain Moore, expect to ship three thousand tons of ore before crying quits for the season.

Last week the Surprise shipped by way of Kaslo, 22 1/2 tons of ore to Aurora, Ill., and 76 tons to Everett. It was valued at \$9850.

ANOTHER RAILWAY SCHEME.

C. P. R. Talk of Running a Line to New Denver.

The Ledger.

Not many days ago a prominent C. P. R. official was visiting at Three Forks, and while there got into conversation with a business man who knows a thing or two about New Denver. The talk centred upon the building of the proposed Kaslo & Slocan railway, and its effect upon the country. The railway man came out bluntly and stated that the C. P. R. would never let a foreign road cut them out of their own territory.

He stated that it was tacitly understood at headquarters that so soon as dirt commenced to fly on the Kaslo road, just as soon would the C. P. R. commence operations on this side. An extension would be run from the N. & S. R. through this town, bridging Carpenter creek, and reaching the higher levels on the other side. The road would then follow up the pass, close to the Mountain Chief mine, and head for Sudon and Cody creek—giving a better grade, be less liable to slides, and affording the big mines an opportunity to ship their ores in bulk without sacking or extra handling. The present track was on the wrong side of the pass, and unless the north fork of the Carpenter gave some evidences of shipping ore the road from here up would be abandoned.

From here the main line of the Crow's Nest road would run down to the lake shore to tap the camps along the Four, Eight and Ten Mile creeks; follow the Slocan river, and connect with the C. & K. railway at Slocan crossing. By the uniting of the latter road with the N. & S. R. railway at Nelson, through transit could be had direct to the smelters. One would be loaded on the cars at the mines and taken to its destination direct. New Denver would then be made a divisional point, or junction, and it was far too important a town to be overlooked as it has been. Though attention would necessarily be directed to the extension of the road northwards to the main line of the C. P. R., yet the first move would be to make connections to the south.

The above statements are vouched for by the party furnishing the data to The Ledger's Young. But this is only one of the surprising events of the future, for there is even now a shadow looming up of equal import to New Denver.

WAR IN THE EAST.

Japanese Continue the Attack on the Pescadores—Peace Negotiations.

London, March 25.—A Simonoski dispatch says Li Hung Chang will refuse to cede territory to Japan, but will offer a greatly increased sum of money as indemnity instead. It is believed, therefore, that the peace negotiations will not be successful, there evidently being some secret force behind China.

Shanghai, March 25.—The Japanese attacked the forts north of Makong, Pescadore, on Saturday and Sunday both by sea and land. Communication by telegraph with Formosa has not been restored this morning and the land lines communicating with the Pescadores are still interrupted.

STEAMER BELFAST WRECKED.

Only Four Out of a Crew of Sixteen Known to be Saved.

Greenock, March 25.—The British steamer Durham City from Newport, News March 8th, for Glasgow, arrived to-day with four of the crew of the British steamer Belfast, which is ashore on Iona Island, and which will probably become a total wreck. Sixteen of the Belfast's crew are missing.

VICTIMS OF THE EXPLOSION.

Funeral Services Held at Evanston Yesterday Afternoon.

Evanston, Wyo., March 25.—The burial of the 61 victims of the Red Canyon coal mine disaster took place yesterday. It was first intended to have all the bodies placed in the church at once during the service but this was found impracticable and the coffins were arranged in rows around the edifice.

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MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION

The Little Scheme Devised by the Ottawa Government Did Not Work Well.

Events Prematurely Compelled Them to Make Known Their Position.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 17.—When Dalton McCarthy was pressing the cabinet to get a few days time to prepare his brief in the Manitoba school case before they commenced to hear it, the premier and his colleagues would not consent because it was said that meantime the Manitoba legislature would be out of session and the matter would therefore have to stand over for another year without anything being done. Mr. McCarthy wanted to get an extension of time from Monday until Thursday. This was refused by the cabinet. The consequence was that he had to make the best of it, and go on without much information which he otherwise would have been able to get. At that time the government had everything arranged between the French ministers and the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Quebec to pass the remedial order, and then bring on the elections. The arrangement was such, as the government and their friends thought, would dish the Grits. It was to be separate schools, and nothing but separate schools that was to do the electioneering work down in Quebec, and the word was to go forth among the faithful in the lodges in Ontario that nothing of the kind was to happen and if needs be the senate would be brought into play to thwart any remedial order that might be passed through the commons. But a plan of this kind would need a master hand like the lamented premier, Sir John A. Macdonald, to see it through. The dilly-dallying of the government and the blundering actions of the members of the administration gave the thing away, and to-day Sir Mackenzie Bowell and his colleagues are sitting upon an avalanche praying that Premier Greenway may prologue the Manitoba legislature or that something else may happen to give them an excuse for once more shelving the whole school question.

The hearing of the case closed a week ago Thursday last. A shorthand note of the proceedings was taken daily and the government instructed that it be printed and placed before them in pamphlet form each day. A plan of this kind was not only intended, but it was given out in the government press, that on the following Saturday (that is a week ago last Saturday) the cabinet was to meet to pass the remedial order. The meeting was called and adjourned until Monday without anything being done. From Monday an adjournment was made until Friday last, when the premier sent out notices for all the members to be present. That meeting was countermanded on Thursday and the cabinet met yesterday (Saturday) for the purpose, as one of the members said of discussing and transacting routine business.

The cause of all this is that the double-dealing of the government has been found out. In the first place they did not expect that the Manitoba government would put in any defense before the cabinet. In this they were disappointed. The presence of Mr. McCarthy in the case, and the reports of the proceedings before the cabinet, stirred up the ultra Protestants and the Orangemen in Ontario, for it was plainly seen from the opposition which the ministers gave Mr. McCarthy and the way they siled with Mr. Ewart that a remedial order was intended. Following the hearing of the case came the public meeting in Toronto which passed resolutions for non-interference. This was bad enough, but not so bad as what followed. At the annual meeting of the grand Orange lodge of Ontario west, held at St. Catharines, the president, James Hughes, brother of Sam Hughes, M. P., who spells Roman Catholic with a small "r" and a small "c", illustrative of the contempt in which he holds them, had an address prepared which was intended to assist the government in its dilemma. In the first place Mr. H. Hughes denounced separate schools, as he has always done, and said it was the duty of all Orangemen to see that they were not extended in the country. He then proceeded to review the recent judgment of the judicial committee of the privy council and held that the Roman Catholics were entitled to separate schools in Manitoba. It might be said here that Hon. C. M. Wallace, controller of customs, and grand master of the Orange order in Canada, accompanied Mr. Hughes to the meeting in St. Catharines and was present when he delivered up his address. The charges in the address regarding the schools threw a bomb into the camp, and the McCarthyites and the P. A. branches of the order became terribly indignant. The result, at any rate, was not only to strike the clauses out of the address of the president but resolutions were passed condemning separate schools and asking the government to have the British North America Act amended so as to do away with them altogether. Until this was done Controller Wallace kept a discreet silence but when he saw that defeat stared him in the face he joined quickly with the majority and in favor of the abolition of separate schools.

Now it is impossible for Mr. Wallace to hold these views and remain in the ministry. Indeed, the government cannot retain him if he has the indecency to remain drawing his \$5000 salary. Although not in the cabinet he is nevertheless of the government and when his

views do not accord with the government he must necessarily resign. Mr. Wallace has gone further than declaring against interference with Manitoba in this particular case, he has declared against separate schools in Ontario. The leading French Conservative newspaper, La Minerve, very quickly tells the government that Mr. Wallace cannot remain in the ministry. So that the government is daily getting deeper and deeper in the mire.

The lines have now been drawn so tightly in Quebec that they will have nothing from the government out the voice of parliament on the school question. They will not trust the government nor accept an order-in-council on the matter. In other words they say that if the government wants their votes they will require to deliver the goods. If they don't do this they can't get their support. In Ontario the prospect is that Mr. Wallace will now head the Orangemen against interference, but if there is a possibility at all of his remaining at the head of the customs he will do so. At all events the government, in its double dealing in this matter has brought down upon it a fine state of affairs.

SLABTOWN.

CLERGY ARE NOT RETICENT

Methodist Ministers of Winnipeg Preach on the Remedial Order Yesterday.

Rev. Henderson Says It is Coercion of Manitoba by Federal Authorities.

Winnipeg, March 25.—The Ottawa government's order for remedial school legislation has stirred up the Protestant clergy in this city much more than the Greenway government. In the Methodist churches yesterday sermons were preached on the school question. The remarks of Rev. Henderson, in the Zion church being several times applauded by the congregation. The tenor of the preachers' remarks were that the present law was just to all classes and creeds, yet there would be no serious objection to some modifications to more fully meet the views of Roman Catholics. The mandate of the Ottawa government was the practical restoration of separate schools as they existed from 1870 to 1890. It meant the coercion of Manitoba by the Federal authorities at the command of the Roman Catholic clergy of Quebec. This would not be tolerated.

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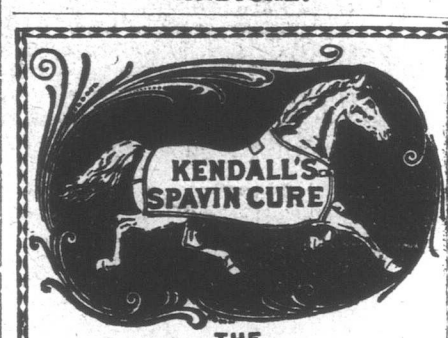
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