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The the mines. A resolution was also was strongly endorsing the position of the silver-lead mine interests. The debates throughout the day were full interest and consisted in able presentations of the grievances now combined of. A committee made up capital was appointed to c

MORNING SESSION.

The convention was called to order shortly after 10 o'clock by Chairman John Keen, who announced that arents had been made for the dele rangements had been made for the dele-rates to be photographed in a group at the conclusion of the morning The reception committee desired the anments had been made for the delegate The delegates at the A. O. U. W. Hall if they so minded. The delegates sly decided to accept the kind

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. The committee on rules of order subtted a report containing simple rules of procedure in the guidance of the deliberations, which was adopted, on motion of Dr. Sinclair (Rossland). The committee of resolutions reported having considered two resolutions which had been placed in their hands—one on the 2 per cent. mineral tax, and one af-fecting the silver lead industry—which they recommended laying before the

convention. The committee on credentials in farther report, recommended the adding of the following names to the list of

delegates: Atiln—Wm. Loveridge, J. Kirkloin, M. W. Grieve, C. Dubois Mason, J. W. Taylor, J. Leatherdale, H. P. Pearse, F. M. Docksel, O. M. Johnson, Thos Blair, I. Stoll, J. Stables, M.P.P., C. Hathorne, Armstrong—F. C. Wolfenden. Armstrong-F. C. V Fernie-Hugh Dixon m-W. Lorim

New Westminster—H. A. Eastman, T. S. Hall, Wm. Manson.
Rossland—John Phillips.
Gevelstoke—A. A. Huggen.

Vancouver—A. St. George Hammersley, G. Sheldon Williams, W. A. Cutler, Thos. Dunn, P. M. King, W. Richardson, C. Dubois Mason was transferred to the Attin list and H. P. Be I substituted for him on the Victoria delegation.

The report was adopted. rades and Labor Council from Vic-

toria in view of the fact that Mr. Waters had resigned. He and Mr. Maplewere present as alternates from the organization.
motion of Mr. Higgins Mr. Fulerton and Mr. Mapleton were recogniz-

H. Mortimer Lamb expressed the opin that further proceedings should be stayed until the constitution and bylaws and been prepared and adopted. The consideration of resolutions otherwise Dr. Sinclair agreed that the constitu-ion and bylaws should be taken up

A Delegate—Time is more important than formality. We are all here to do ss; let us get ahead with it. Mr. Lagrin moved that the convenion proceed with the consideration of the resolutions.

Mr. Fullerton inquired what were the with the consideration of

duties of the committee on resolutions.

The chairman explained that the comwittee was appointed to save the convention the trouble of threshing out straneous matters.

Mr. Hobson submitted to the commit-

tee on resolutions an important motion bearing on the placer mining industry.

Hr. Lugrin's motion carried. TWO PER CENT. TAX.

A. Grant, Texada Island, moved that be first considered. This was car-

The chairman read the resolution. It

Besolved. That the government and Legisstature of the province of British Columbia
any respectfully urged to abolish the socalled two per cent mineral tax upon the
sulput of mines, because of its injurious
effect in restricting and repressing m'n mg
swe grade ores, and because of its effect
in discouraging the investment of outside

W. B. Townsend, Rossland, moved mat the resolution be adopted. This was seconded by John Dean, Mayor of Rossland. J. McGregor, Victoria, expressed

A. C. Galt, Rossland, replying to this,

most important resolutions which would before the convention. All present removal of grievances affecting the resolution, he believed, as it was cer-tainly true that the 2 per cent. tax act-al as a deterrent influence upon the success of the industry. It was a tax wpon the gross value of the ore shipped from the mines, after deducting the cost of freight and treatment at the smel-ter. And as it worked, the lower the ore the greater was the Stitute for the tax?

The tax was not an equitable one. It could not be justified for that reason, and, besides, it was a most univise piece of legislation. In operating low grade properties you at last reach the point where there is a very narrow margin between profit and less. In such mines you can only opmount of the fax to be paid to the Government. The tax was not an equitable one, It could not be justified for that reason, and, besides, it was a most univise piece of legislation. In

abolition of the tax.

There were loud calls for E. B. Kirby,

Rossland, manager of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines. Mr. Kirby said there were two features of the tax to there were two features of the tax to which he wished to direct attention. The questions were asked: How is the tax so burdensome, and what do you propose in place of it? In reply to the first question it could be said that the tax, while it was not large in the aggregate, it was paid by only a few mining companies—it was inequitably distributed amongst them.

In the second place, the 2 per cent. tax had done more than anything else to bring the province into odious reputa-

bring the province into odious reputation amongst outside investors. That

Amount received from mine ...\$ 6 00 sst of mining and development ...\$ 4 50

on the placer mining industry.

Magrin's motion carried.

WO PER CENT. TAX.

rant, Texada Island, moved that solution bearing on the 2 per cent.

dirst considered. This was car-

wish to hear from the proposers of the resolution what they proposed to substitute in lieu of the 2 per cent. tax if it was abolished? They should give their reasons for suggesting that it be resolution the resolution in the shape it then was. They should strike out the words "low grade." The high grade mines paid \$3 to \$8 per ton on the cost of production. The high grade ores could not pay the tax any more than could the low grade ores.

J. B. Hobson, Bullion, could add but little to what had already been said, but he was convinced that the tax bore most unreasonably also on the placer mining industry. His company had expended \$2,000,000 in development work and had to pay a royalty of 2 per cent.—and all the profits had been put back in the development of the properties. Was it fair to tax the gross output? Was it fair to tax the farmer on the bulk of his crop of oats? No; they should allow him to deduct the cost of putting in his crop. (Applause). Why should the miner be cinched at every stage of the game? It was most unfair. (Renewed applause.) nost unreasonably also on the

(Renewed applause.)

fair. (Renewed applause.)

The best thing done up to the present this was true would not be disputed by those who knew the feeling in New York, London, Montreal, Toronto and all the large centres. Very few, he all the second of the resolution for the mining of the opinion that its repeal would do more than any other one thing to find the opinion that its repeal would do more than any other one thing to find the opinion that its repeal would do more than any other one thing to find the opinion that its repeal would do more than any other one thing to find the opinion that its repeal would do more than any other one thing to find the opinion that its repeal would do more than any other one thing to find the opinion that its repeal would do more than any other one thing to find the opinion that its repeal would do more than any other one thing to find the opinion that its repeal would do more than any other one thing to find the opinion that its repeal would do more than any other one thing to find the opinion that its repeal would do more than any other one thing to find the opinion that its repeal would do more than any other one than any

obvious that a revenue must be obtained somehow, and mining must be taxed indirectly. The prospector should be 

On lead in sheets, pipe, shot, etc., 2½ cents per pound.
On lead in sheets, pipe, shot, etc., 2½ cents per pound.
On white lead, etc., 2½ cents per pound.
On all other products of lead as provided in the Dingley Tariff Act of July 24, 1897.
Provided always that if at any time it shall be proved that a combination has been formed for the purpose of unduly increasing the charges made for smelting lead ores produced in Canada, or for refining or marketing lead bullion, or if charges for smelting and refining in Canada is proved exorbitant, then the Governor-General in Countil may at his discretion permit the admission into Canada of lead bullion smelted and refined, or smelted or refined in foreign countries, from Canadian lead ores, upon payment of an ad valorem duty of 15 per cent upon the cost of such smelting and refining.

fining.

8 And the Secretary is hereby instructed o And the secretary is hereby instructed to forward copies of the foregoing resolutions to the Senators and Members of the Dminion Parlament, representing British Columbia, with the request that they present the same to the Federal government with their endorsement. LOUIS PRATT.

Secretary Silver-Lead Mine Owners Meeting Held at Sandon, B. C., December 10th,

Mr. G. Sheldon-Williams, Vancouver, (Rossland). thought it was the bounden duty of the . Mr. Adams (Soda Creek) favored the

way the committee would be informed of just what was wanted. The motion to appoint five as a committee was carried, and the chairman named the following: Messrs. Hobs.in, Dunn, Hopp, Mohun, Loveridge.

Mr. Scott (Revelstoke) thought is would be a mistaken would be considered.

ried unanimously.

Mr. Haggan (Revelstoke) proposed the following resolution:

This time Mr. Atkinson sues under a Provincial Act. That enactive the structed to vote for Mr. Paterson any fines imposed go to the trees.

C. H. Lugrin, Victoria, favored the resolution going over until a little more time had been given to consider it. He moved that consideration of it be de-

Smith, Duncans, seconded Mr. Lugrin's motion.
Dr. Sinclair, Rossland, strongly fav-Dr. Sinclair, Rossland, strongly favored Mr. Haggan's resolution. British Columbia had been knocking at the door of parliament for 30 years-Capt. Livingston, Victoria, rose to a

ment should be put. ment should be put,

Dr. Sinclair—I've got the floor. We—
Capt. Livingston—I beg your pardon;
I've got the floor. I demand that the
amendment be put, I want the ruling of the chair.

The Chairman—I am just trying to find out if Dr. Sinclair is speaking to the amendment. I shall now put the amendment. It was carried by a large majority,

appointed to prepare resolutions bearing upon the settlement of disputes between capital and labor.

asked tomorrow to support their resolution, son's steamer to vote at Galiano island tion, and the hardware men to give the same notification to the C. P. R. Mr. Hammersley, Vancouver, second-

ed the motion.

Mr. Galt, Rossland, said that before resolution of that nature came up, the constitution committee would probably report something bearing upon the matter. He favored deferring appointing the committee until the morning.

Mr. Hammersley, Vancouver, thought that the committee conditions are consistent of the committee conditions and that before the committee that the committee conditions are the committee conditions.

In one way it would seem that the companies are actually liable for these big sums, but if the cases go against them it is considered that they will be mulcted in but nominal penalties. for noncompliance with the statutes, and the Government of Canada passed a relief bill. This time Mr. Atkinson sues

any fines imposed go to the treasury and not to the person who brings the Official Denial From Board of Trade of the District.

The Colonist has received the C.W.

there is an epidemic of smallpox in Atthere is an epidemic of smallpox in Atthere is an instructed by the Board of Trade to respectfully ask that you will report the property of the property insert an emphatic denial that there is or has been any such outbreak in this district. And further, that the Government officials so empowered have sent to Vancouver to carry paid impersion of the control of the con taken and insist on every precaution to prevent the introduction of contagion prevent the introdinto this locality.

Unfounded reports appear to have got abroad and this board takes the present opportunity of publishing an authentic P. S.—Will you kindly give this denial all the circulation you can FRED. STEPHENSON.

Secretary to the Board.
Atlin, Feb. 13. DETERMINING LONGITUDE.

Canadian Astronomers to Make Observations Along the Cable Line. Ottawa, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Ottor Klotz and F. W. O. Werry, of the In-

Klotz and F. W. U. Werry, of the Interior Department are appointed to nake scientific observations for the determination of longitude along the line of the Pacific cable. In 1892 the work was continued from Greenwich to Montreal and since then carried across the continent along the line of the C. P. R. to Vancouver, and now observations are to be continued into Australia, where the money came from—and Mr. Paterson was not present at the court. The witnesses told of how Mr. Robinson, the 'hongshoreman who organized this campaign of curruption, took down the list of names in his there is connection with the previously determined telegraphic longitudes of all cable stations. The completion of the first astronomic circuit will be a notable achievement for Canada. Mr. Werry leaves for Fanning Island on Saturday. Mr. Klotz goes to Bamfield in about a fortright fortnight.

GROCERS ARE ANGRY. Will Boycott C. P. R. Unless Accord-

shows how—to vote for Mr. Paterson, and slips of paper were given to each to feed the C. P. R., refusing to grant the request of a delegation who waited on him, to put Vancouver and Winnipeg on equal terms as regards freight rates to the common markets of Calgary and Lethbridge. The wholesale grocers expressed their disapproval emphatically the pressed their disapproval emphatically trict; he was also told to mark a cross by passing a resolution that unless the t. P. R. granted their request, they P. R. granted their request, they old withdraw their patronage from other words, the expedition of paid hat road. The Board of Trade will be

WILL VISIT CANADA.

"Machine"

**Politics** 

Eastern Grit Methods Were Successfully Worked in North Victoria.

Special Steamer Chartered to Carry Impersonators to Po.Is. Galiano Island the Scene of Dis-

graceful Political Debauchery. 

Mr. Cassidy-"Were you told who to vote for?"
Witness—"Yes—for Mr. Pater Mr. Cassidy-"Did yet get instructions to that effect?"
Witness—"Yes; we did."

Witness—"I suppose so.
Mr. Cassidy—"Who told you to wote for Paterson?"
Witness—"Peterson and the

Some light was let on the methods li

quois was taken off her usual route and confessed agents, at \$5 per head, to polls at Galiano island. polls at Galiano island. The story how "Brocky Phil-Philip Robinson, 'longshoreman of Vancouver, who placed on trial before Justices Peace Pearson and McMicking—t fences being committed outside it trate Hall's jurisdiction—charged different informations with having duced various men to impersonate voters of North Victoria, instructed them vote for Mr. Paterson, and how act number was not stated-in the rooms of a waterfront hotel in Van ver, and carried out the expedition to Galiano island, where they voted for Mr. Paterson under the names of other According to the evidence, the "gang" was told by the agents of "the member for North Victoria" that Brocky Phil was organizing an expedition to go of a trip to Galiano island for a day, and there was five or ten dollars in witnesses did not say where the mone came from—and Mr. Paterson was no tion, took down the list of names in h sonators to rooms in the Europe hote telling them to go to bed and he would wake them when the Iroquois arrived about 3:30 a.m. Capt. Benyon toldreluctantly-of how the Iroquois was taken from her regular service and or-dered from Nanaimo to Vancouver, and in the darkness of early morning she embarked the party of impersonators at Evans & Coleman's wharf, and slipped out again for the Gulf island.

ncouver. Feb. 26.—(Special)—The lesale Grocers' Exchange met the lal session this morning to consider shows how—to vote for Mr. Paterson, personators was carried on Mr

Capt. William Benyon, who was mis ter of the Iroquois, began to open the tale of corrupt practices, bribery, et Plan to Bring Lords and Commons etc. He was a non-committal witness and Mr. Cassidy, K. C., found it different forms of the common of the comm constitution committee would probably report something bearing upon the matter. He favored deferring appointing the committee until the morning.

Mr. Hammersley, Vancouver, thought that the committee on the constitution.

After some further unimportant debate, the committee was appointed as follows: Messrs. Bolden, Brittian, Duker, H. Brownlee, J. H. Tonkin, Drewry, Dickson and Emery.

Frank Richards, Vancouver, favored the appointment of a committee on resolutions affecting the quartz industry, but no action was taken.

Mr. Malkin, secretary of the Winnipeg Chamber of Mines, was introduced by D. W. Higgins, and addressed the convention briefly, pointing out how

Across on a Trip.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—A News cable says:

"Arrangements are being made for membered the date of the election in the north to set the night of December 23. On the night of December 22, when the froquois was lying at Nanaimo, she was follows: Messrs. Bolden, Brittian, Duker, Halifax. The project is endorsed and supported by the Earl of Aberdeen, Horden and Lord Lyndon, who are arranging for members of both Houses to join the party. Dr. Lunn, the world travel organizer, controls the details. The idea catches Imperial sentiment in view of Mr. Chamberlain's example in South Africa and the existing Canadian boom.

DOUBLE-CDRACKING

And the projector should be able to the project of the should be able to the project

Musical Festival.—There will be a part practice for basses at 7:15 this evening, followed by the full rehearsal at 8 o'clock. The "Revenge" and "Death of Minnehaha" will be studied.

Mr. Cassidy—At whose request "Witness—I suppose it was at his. I got the information through And and we went to the Europa hou in the E

Mr. Cassid witness—I ix personally.
Mr. Cassidy where to go witness—I were togeth otel what I Mr. Powell-

Witness—I sa Mr. Powell—what refers to Mr. Cassidy— Witness-We five or six of us in with his not looked us over, ent ones. He sa and there were one of those ele Mr. Cassidy— Witness—Yes: Witness—Yes:
Mr. Cassidy—Yes:
Mr. Cassidy—Yes:
Witness—Went
bed. We were es
3 o'clock, or a
went then straig

don't know her r Coleman & Eva board. I couldn were of us. Th 23 there at the Mr. Cassidy—1 Mr. Cassidy—I whose name you Witness—We when on board Mr. Cassidy—I Witness—Yeter Mr. Cassidy—I Witness—Yes. Mr. Cassidy—I Witness—Yes. Mr. Cassidy—I witness—I suppople? Did the Witness—Yes. Wr. Cassidy—I witness—Yes.

Mr. Cassidy—F Witness—Yes: and five for An Mr. Cassidywitness-No; er came back Mr. Cassidywas running it and Paterson. Mr. Cassidytion on Galian from the whar. Witness—Abo Mr. Cassidy-did the rest of did.
Mr. Cassidywitness—No. Mr. Cassidy witness—I su Mr. Cassidy two and three's Witness-Yes

ne prisoner yo puldn't vote? Witness—Posit Mr. Cassidyname on the sl Witness-Yes; This complet chief, and Mr. Mr. Powell-Mr. Powell— Witness—He Mr. Powell-Mr. Cassidy did not have

ness in answer

the steamer?

Witness-Yes; Mr. Cassidy-

tions. Mr. Powell Witness repli Witness said quartered at the been told that trouble if he t Holland, who w question, but been given \$19 and \$10 by Det had been given Mr. Powell-V money for?
Witness-I jus seen you and pose it would Witness said the money to s for expens no more, nor h Mr. Cassidy amination. "W for?" he asked. Witness-Yes Mr. Cassidy-

tions to that ef

Witness-Yes; Mr. Powell-Y friend cannot b nation. Mr. Cassidy-Mr. Cassidy—M and I'm entitled Mr. Cassidy—V for Paterson? W Mr. Powell—W Object. My frie evidence. I aske said, "Did you v into the question sind, "Bid you vinto the question for, who told his mit this does no examination," Mr. Cassidy—" party examinir questions he messide goes into s thing else is broad taing else is brownis permitted to it it it is re-exam friend asked where that is material. The court rales entitled to ask to Mr. Cassidy—It have yes, Mr. Cassidy—It output to the court results of the court results of the court results of the court rales of t others than Paterson? Witness—I su Mr. Cassidy— for Mr. Paterso Witness—Pete Mr. Cassidy—

mark your ball Witness-Yes; ross behind the Mr. Cassidy-Mr. Powell of and the objecti Mr. Caesidyyour time to thi told by the poli wanted as a wi in the hands of trip to Vancou Witness-Yes. Mr. Pewell-H

to get?

Witness—I don
anything.

Mr. Powell—W
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