

SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

Mr. Robertson, principal of Vancouver High School, has been appointed to succeed Dr. Pope as superintendent of education.

Mr. Stramberg has been a resident of the province for many years, and during his occupancy of the principalship of New Westminster High School he has made a record for himself that would be very hard to beat in all Canada.

Over and above all this, Mr. Stramberg is known as a man who has given deep and earnest study to the science of didactics; education in its various branches has been with him a passion, the ruling passion in fact, for the better part of his lifetime.

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Those regulations have been drawn up with the utmost care by the minister of marine and fisheries, assisted by the best authorities on the subject in the East and on the Coast, and they have been framed so as to do the greatest good to the greatest number. They will be carried out by the officials here in the spirit in which they have been drawn up.

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PRESS OPINIONS.

It was reported recently in one of two newspapers that Mr. Sifton had started in his Perth speech that the tariff was a dead issue, and as the report of Mr. Sifton's speech was fragmentary no one could judge with any line of argument was. A fuller report has appeared of a subsequent speech by the same minister at Stratford, and it seems to us that this gives the clue to the line Mr. Sifton was taking. Namely, that the tariff is a dead issue because the Conservatives have abandoned the National Policy and accepted the doctrine of a tariff for revenue from the Liberals.

The government may be relied on to remove further taxes where there is room for it and when it is possible. The question of protection v. a tariff for revenue is a debatable one, and the people pronounced so recently and so emphatically at bye-elections and at the general election against that humbug called the National Policy and the idea that you can make people prosperous by taxing them.—Winnipeg Free Press.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reply to Sir Charles Tupper on the education department of this province and his long and faithful service undoubtedly deserved recognition. While we have nothing to say against Mr. Robertson's appointment, and believe he will do the position credit, and hope he will long live to fill it, we cannot refrain from an expression of regret that the man who had the best claim of all to that position—the claim of seniority, experience, record and special knowledge—should have been ignored.

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Mines and Mining.

Slocan, Mineral Flots.

The Reco shipped 20 tons last week. Seven car loads of ore were shipped last week from the Lead Mine.

When the water rises the Noble Five concentrates will resume operations. Last week was the banner week for the Payne mine. It shipped 470 tons.

The Monitor shipped 60 tons to England last week. The ore ran high in zinc. The Jackson was the only shipper from Whitewater last week. Thirty-three tons were sent down.

The Tom Moore, near the Antone, is to be developed. The company owns it. It has ten claims in that vicinity. No. 3 tunnel on the Emily Edith has been commenced. Considerable clean ore is being sacked at this property.

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Reports of the gold discoveries in the vicinity of Tete Jaune Cache have been forwarded to Ottawa and urgent representations made that the improvements to the Thompson river be at once proceeded with.—Inland Sentinel.

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MEXICAN MINING DISCOVERY.

Explosion of Gas in a Silver Mine in a Fire Causes the Loss of 12.

Austin, Tex., April 10.—A disaster in which 12 men lost their lives, reported from Sierra Medida camp, located in the state of Mexico, a few miles south of the Texas border, was the result of an explosion of foul red in the Veda Rica silver mine, where all the miners got to the day's timber took fire, flames barring exit.

SHIPMENT CASUALTY. Port An Prince, Hayti, Apr. 10.—A French steamer Enobla, a train has been wrecked off Anse Dan, passengers and crew were saved, but the vessel was lost.

THE LYNCHING TRIAL. Charleston, S.C., April 10.—Thirteen citizens of Lake City were lynched Postmaster Baker began duty before Judge Brawley. The witnesses to be examined, but the trial will probably be reached in a few days. Two men, against whom charges were returned, have turned evidence. Jos. P. Newman and Lee. The men told how the mob planned the plan for the murder was out.

CANADIAN BREVIETY. Toronto, April 7.—A big day for lumbermen is gathering in Toronto to journey to Ottawa to petition the government for a tariff reduction on lumber.

THE DINGLEY TRIAL. The Dingley trial is \$2 per cent on laths, and the lumbermen are being swamped by American lumber. The same tariff should be forced at the Canadian border.

MONTEAL, APRIL 7.—(Barth)