

Fort Steele—H. Pollen.
 Grand Forks—Geo. Fraser.
 Greenwood—Ralph Smailes.
 Hedley—F. H. Wollaston.
 Golden—O. D. Hoar.
 Mount Sicker—W. Fuller.

Moved and seconded that H. Mortimer Lamb be added to the Committee on Credentials to act as Secretary. Carried.

Victoria, B.C., Wednesday 16th, 1903.
 2:30 p.m. (Afternoon Session.)

On calling the meeting to order in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Chairman introduced His Worship Mayor McCandless, who expressed his desire to make a few remarks.

MAYOR McCANDLESS—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen. I had no idea when I came down here this afternoon that I would have been asked to address such a gathering as is here present, but I can assure you it affords me a great deal of pleasure to be able to say a few words to such a delegation as we have here to-day. I am sure, without an exception, that this is the most representative initial delegation that has assembled in British Columbia to represent either the mining industry, or for any other purpose. (Hear, hear.) I told your Chairman at noon that it was the intention of the Victoria delegates to this Convention to extend to you a hearty welcome this evening at the City Hall—a kind of informal reception—but some of the gentlemen here thought that owing to the pressure of business that you would prefer to be here. (Cries of "Hear, hear.") However, that remains with you. If you can spare the time to-night we will be delighted to meet you all at the City Hall and

there extend to you in a most cordial manner, on behalf of the citizens of Victoria, a welcome to the Capital of British Columbia. We want, gentlemen, to get you together so that you can become better acquainted, and I might also say so that the citizens of Victoria can express to you their good wishes and their good feeling towards this Convention. (Applause.) I think at the present time it is as little as I can do for you. (Laughter.) I can probably repeat it to-night if you come up there, but as Mayor of this City I extend to you a most cordial welcome, and I hope that after your return home you will have no reason to regret your visit to Victoria. Gentlemen, I hope that after this Convention is over, that your deliberations will be such that the cloud which has rested—for it does seem to me that a cloud has rested over the mining industry for the last three or four years—will be removed,

and mining will be placed where it belongs, a legitimate enterprise in which people can put their money with a certain amount of guarantee that they will get good returns for it. I think, perhaps, that this hall, as far as I can see, is going to be too small, and, gentlemen, if you think best, we offer you the City Hall, which is as large again, and anything we can possibly do for you we are only too willing to do. I thank you, gentlemen, for the privilege of addressing you, and I hope if you can spare time you will come up to the City Hall to-night. If you think the business is of greater importance, then go ahead with the business, and we will see you again. I have been asked to mention that we have a kind of programme arranged if you can see fit to come there to-night, and there will be instrumental music and a few songs,

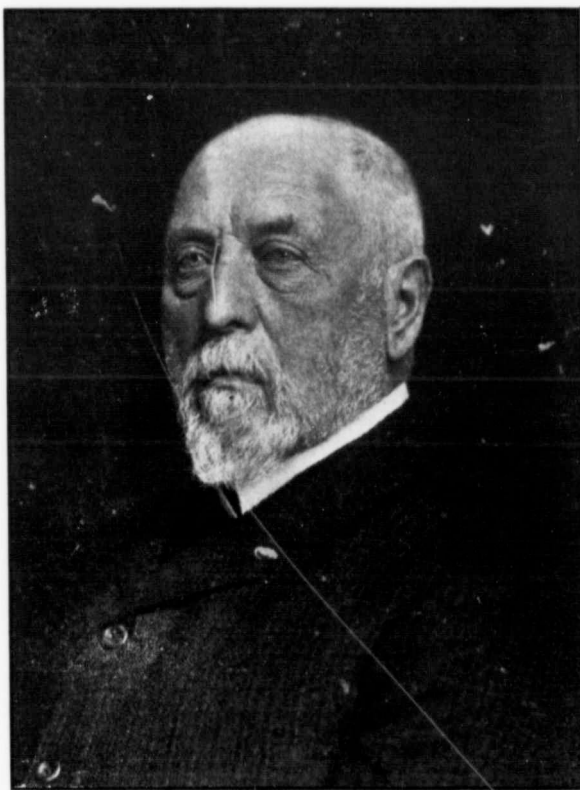
allowing a short intermission between each piece to go around and make yourselves better acquainted. I might also add that the Pacific Club is thrown open to all members and delegates, to make yourselves at home there, and I want you, gentlemen, if you are invited or not, to go up there and not wait to be introduced. We want every gentleman here to feel that he is at home.

DR. SINCLAIR (Rossland)—I would like to say this, as one of the delegates from the Interior. We have come a very long distance, and are necessarily spending some money, and I for one am exceedingly thankful for the very cordial invitation His Worship the Mayor has given to this Association, but we have come here to do business, and much as it is a pleasure for us to go there this evening, I think our first duty is to perform our business. We want to get away from the City of Victoria as soon as possible. (Laughter.) And we want to leave with the Mayor of Victoria and the citizens of Victoria as little money as possible. (Cries of "Oh, oh.") And for

that reason, and as we have got homes to return to, and business to attend to, I move an amendment to that motion that we proceed to business to-night, thanking the Mayor and citizens of Victoria for their cordial and kind invitation.

There was no seconder to the above amendment.

MR. CHAIRMAN.—I am afraid my friend the Doctor does not know the hypnotic influences of the citizens of Victoria. I knew perfectly well when we came here that we would not be able to avoid temptation, but I did not assume for one moment that we were all going to succumb so easily; in fact, so soon that the Doctor could not get a seconder to his amendment. Your Worship, we shall be on hand this evening. (Applause.)



Mr. D. W. Higgins, of Victoria, Second Vice-President.