

railways built in Manitoba territories. Thus, it will be seen that the actual cash has been for railways mainly in the provinces.

Conspirator cannot escape members of the House their duty.

of the Crown who deliberates to do what is manifestly would be ignominiously kicked.

Conspirator of Lands and must expect to be classed in category.

defies the Government to cause for its present attitude to the East Kootenay petroleum license.

Conspirator of Lands and menace to the prosperity of the province and a lasting dis-sworn Minister of the

to the Fort Steele Prospectorial treasury would be the amount of \$20,000 if the would issue licenses to East Kootenay coal lands.

Conspirator of Lands and angered at last. His state-House last Monday is re-weakest possible defence case."

er, M. L. A., was unquestioned when he declared in the Monday that "the C. P. R. government had conspired to spoil the province."

that Colonel Prior is a in the Crow's Nest Pass may explain the premise to do anything that the fuel monopoly in the

its as a layman" that the day prospectors should get ask for. He will have a premier very soon or not as days as premier are num-

oubtedly the duty of the prevent delays in the in that is to be made into the scandal. If Wells and allowed to have their way will have adjourned be-tis ready.

Premier Prior maintain silence about the East scandal? Either the pro-have been refused licenses stituted to them or they doesn't the premier get off and declare himself on this question?

to the East Kootenay coal scandal the Fort Steele says: It now rests for the (actual government) to grant all who have prospect and in these fields and who application for them.

many people in the States seem to be intensely in-rumors that W. K. Vander-married to a widow. "Tis light that beats upon an millionaire, especially if he

ess of the metalliferous the Kootenays is now down on the grasping policy of Nest fuel monopoly. There monopoly if the Prior gov-ould do its duty and issue the development of the coal southeast corner of the

isting conditions the cost fuel in the Kootenays is un-high. Prices might be re-25 per cent to 50 per cent ow's Nest Coal company make handsome profits. ay to bring about a reduc-to is to encourage the devel-ther coal fields.

word was ever spoken in the halls of British Columbia Smith Curtis remarked in at Friday that "the govern-not get away from the col-ts." It matters not whether nsunmirs on Vancouver is-Crow's Nest monopoly in ay, the Prior government slave to the coal barons.

scarcely a subject for con-pon receiving an approx-ly \$40,000 for a courthouse, uld receive as much con-ssland in this matter. ouse cost about \$50,000. The furniture is of the best siderable money. This nigs all the more astonishing remembered that Nelson's e in the provincial legisla-vernment supporter. Nel-ld get the worst of it on appropriations, but at no than since it has been by "a practical politician."

General News Of the Kootenay

EAST KOOTENAY.

The mines at the three Crow's Nest collieries are making good headway since the settlement. At Michel the output has reached a daily average of 1000 tons and in another week this amount will be increased to 1200 tons. The coke ovens are running their full capacity at that place.

At Coal Creek the daily average has reached between 700 and 800 tons and this output is steadily increasing. No. 3 mine will be in condition to work in another week. Out of 424 ovens at Fernie 277 are now in use, and more ovens are being started every day.

At Morrissey the output has reached 600 tons. A new narrow gauge locomotive is now in use which by its larger capacity is a great acquisition to the camp.

The construction on the coke oven plant at Michel and Morrissey is being rapidly pushed. At the Coal Creek mines considerable construction work is being done. A large force of Italians is now working on the motor road connecting the new tunnels, Nos. 4 and 5, with the tipple. These new mines will be developed at once. Already trial drifts have penetrated to the coal and permanent tunnels will be built.

The power-house for the new electric plant at the Coal Creek mines is now complete. The engine, which is of 350 horse power, is on the ground and is being placed in position. The boilers in the old engine house are being utilized in connection with the plant and they are being covered with asbestos, which will increase their power 25 per cent. The power line from the plant to Fernie will be built as soon as practicable.

Some eighteen men suspected of having had a hand in the mob disturbances at the Coal Creek mines on the night of March 19th, have left Fernie. Of these there were several who had been sworn with assassins. Thomas Craig, secretary of Gladstone union, and Feeney, one of the executive of the union, are among the missing. A man named Ruben is the last to go. He was out under bonds.

Workmen are being sent to the Crow's Nest by the C. P. R. in considerable numbers. Recently a car of Italians arrived to work on the track as extras. They will be employed between Fernie and the Loop.

Government Agent Armstrong has been busily engaged in selecting government lots in the new town of Morrissey. The townsite company will place lots on the market May 1st.

N. Hanson of Wasa has completed arrangements for the erection of a large hotel. Construction will commence as soon as the lumber can be placed on the ground.

The Grace Dore is bonded to Eastern Canadian parties for \$20,000. A small first payment was made in December, the second payment was received last week, and a third payment will fall due in June. It is reported that the vein on the Grace Dore is about 4 feet in width, and carries nickel values of 9 per cent, also values in cobalt.

William Walsh, William Kidd and John Glenn have returned to Fernie, where they have been engaged in placer mining since October 14th. It is reported that the party was most successful, taking out a considerable amount of the yellow metal. One nugget was valued at \$70.

A very rich strike was made on the Good Luck property last week, when two feet of the richest copper ore ever mined on this property was opened up. A fifty pound sample was taken to Golden, and has been admired by all who have seen it. The Good Luck is tributary to Golden.

Steamers on the upper Columbia river are being offered more freight than they can handle conveniently.

THE BOUNDARY.

The first band of beef cattle to reach the Boundary from the Okanagan range have reached Ehoit. They were part of 350 head from the Richter ranch at Keremose.

Forces at nearly all the Boundary mines were somewhat increased again last week.

Three men are at work on the Oro Denoro in Summit camp, in charge of R. H. Anderson.

Three shifts are employed at the work of deepening the main three-compartment incline shaft at the Snowshoe.

The proposed Granby No. 4 tunnel will be 1000 feet long as a starter, and will come out in close proximity to the Pioneer office.

The B. C. mine still has 30 or 35 men employed, although no ore is being shipped at the present time, it being accumulated on the dump.

C. H. Brown of Anaconda intends shortly to inaugurate development work on the King of the Hills claim, located a short distance northwest of the Snowshoe.

Superintendent Williams of the Granby mines states that men for mucking have been scarce this week. The force has been considerably increased, but not as many men could be had as were wanted.

It is expected with the net proceeds of a couple of more cars of ore that the owners of the Providence mine can make the balance of the payment on the bond, which originally called for \$50,000.

THE SLOCAN.

Since January 7th, 1903, ten mines have shipped 2485 1-2 tons of silver-lead ore from Sandon, seven mines shipped 645 tons from McGuigan, and ten mines

shipped 999 tons from Slocan Lake points. The Payne and the Ivanhoe have shipped 733 tons of zinc.

Thomas McGuigan, manager of the American Boy, has arrived on the Slocan from Spokane and is making preparations to reopen the mine which will be in a few days now that the likelihood of danger from snowslides has passed.

A small force only will be put on for a short while owing to the spring freshets at this time of the year, and when the mine is sufficiently dry to receive an increase in the force it will be done.

A number of workmen were put to work on the dam and site of the New Denver Electric Power company last week. It will be at least three months before the lights are turned on.

The Bousin is again working double shifts. On the 1st of May O. Ostby will give up the boarding house, which will be run by the company. Charles Sandford and wife moved out to the mine last week.

More carpenters were added to the force at the Payne mine last week. The foundation for the zinc plant is finished and work on structural portion under way. Work on the building will be pushed forward rapidly and it will be ready for operation in a few weeks.

The building material for the Payne zinc plant has arrived by C. P. R. and is being transferred to the K. & S. railway for delivery.

The Rambler-Cariboo has closed down for a short time on account of slides. It is expected to start up again in a few weeks when all danger is over.

REVELSTOKE AND LARDEAU.

T. B. Curtis, manager of the Northwest Development Syndicate, has gone east with a second gold brick from the company's Lardeau property.

A deal for the Homestake group on Pool creek has been made by Managing Director W. B. Pool, of the Ophir-Larade syndicate. The consideration is placed at \$30,000. The Homestake is considered one of the best groups in this district.

The Revelstoke city council has written T. Taylor, M. P., to see that in the municipal amendment bill cities are empowered to regulate Chinese laundries.

The Triune mine will shortly resume operations on an extensive scale.

An accident to the engine at the Yale-Columbia Lumber company's mill at Nakusp will cause a shut-down for a few days till repairs can be effected.

The Pinstone Creek Lumber company, consisting of Revelstoke parties, is incorporated with a capital of \$15,000, and proposes establishing a sawmill on Arrowhead lake.

The Fred Robinson Lumber company is busily engaged having its new plant installed at the Revelstoke mill. Work will also be rushed with the additions to the Comaplix mill.

A. McMillan, director and manager of the new Arrowhead mill, has a force of 12 men at work sawing timber and lumber to be used in construction of a wharf opposite the mill.

Interest is being revived in the quartz and placer mines of the Big Bend district, and there is every probability that considerable development work will be done there this year.

DIRE POVERTY.

Many Children in Vienna Who Have Never Seen a Bed.

BERLIN, April 21.—There was a remarkable incident during a sitting of the International Anti-Alcoholic congress at Bremen. Dr. Froelich of Vienna, in an address on the subject before the congress, declared that one of the most useful measures for the suppression of alcoholism was some arrangement to enable the working classes to earn an adequate subsistence.

The doctor was called to order on the ground that he was making a political speech, and the German admiral Thomson left the chamber, protesting against the speech for the same reason.

Dr. Froelich, resuming, disclaimed any political intention. He declared that the doctors knew well that hardly ten in one hundred prescriptions can be followed by the workmen, owing to their poverty. Continuing, he said: "When one considers that in schools in Vienna there are forty children, of whom twenty-seven have never seen a bed, it is easy to understand that one of the first steps for rooting out alcoholism is to relieve the misery of the people." The statement caused quite a sensation.

HONDURAS QUIETS DOWN.

NEW ORLEANS, April 21.—Bonilla is now president of Honduras; Arias is in prison at Tegucigalpa, and Sierra is a fugitive in Nicaragua, having fled to that country for safety when the handful of government troops deserted him in Neacombe on April 6th, when the rebels under Generals Barahona and Maldonado made an attack on the government forces under command of General Sierra, and then marched on the capital, where Arias was made prisoner. This, with the news that quiet prevails in the Central American republic, was the information received by the Times-Democrat from Honduras today.

SEVERE FROSTS.

HOOSIC FALLS, N. Y., April 21.—Farmers and fruit growers are much worried over crop prospects on account of the recent frosts and unseasonable weather. The heavy frost of yesterday was followed by a much more severe one today, causing great damage.

HEARD FROM OTTAWA

NORTHWEST MEMBERS TALK OF THE ALLEGED LUMBER COMBINE.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION THAT INVESTIGATED THE FISHERIES.

OTTAWA, April 21.—The fishery commission has presented its report to the minister of marine and fisheries. The commissioners recommend that purse seines be permitted, their use not to be restricted to any class.

As to traps, the objections to their use and the difficulties likely to be encountered in operating them are pointed out, and the report says that from a business point of view it seems reasonable to grant the canners the most efficient and economical methods of fishing, such as are permitted in adjacent waters. If traps are favorably considered there are some details which will require consideration.

Thus it would appear fair that the canners who have vast interests should be placed on the same footing with regard to the allotment of trap locations. Dissatisfaction and endless trouble would arise if any particular fishermen or parties were given the best locations, and other firms with large vested interests were less favorably treated.

It was suggested that the government might operate trap nets and supply salmon at actual cost to canners, while it was also suggested that trap locations should be put up at auction. The commission finds that either of these courses is objectionable. The commissioners are strongly of the opinion that white labor should be employed on such trap nets, were they allowed, and that Chinese, Japanese, and other foreign labor should be discouraged or altogether prohibited. Were this done there would be a demand for white labor.

It is recommended that boat pullers' permits be abolished, and that two or three new hatcheries be erected.

In the house yesterday Frank Oliver read letters between the B. C. Mill and the Government of Alberta endeavoring to prove that there was a combine in lumber in Western Canada. Oliver and other Manitoba and Northwest members said there was no doubt but there was a combine. Fielding said that the government had written Greenway stating that as soon as he had information in the proper way the government would have the matter inquired into. Greenway will do this.

FOXY CHINAMEN.

A Scheme to Beat the Canadian Customs Was Tried.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 21.—One of a party of 27 Chinamen, who arrived here in bond from British Columbia bound for Bermuda, tried to evade the customs here. During the day a number of local Chinamen visited the newcomers on board the steamer Beta.

When the local men left the number of the bonded Chinamen was all right, but the customs officials discovered that there was a change in one of the bonded party. A resident Chinaman had been substituted for one of the through party. A search was made, and one of the bonded Chinamen was found ironing clothes in a laundry on Pleasant street. He was taken back to the wharf, and the resident Chinaman mixed in with the bonded party has given a lecture as to how to pay for the cab here. The duty on a Chinaman is \$100, and if the resident had been allowed to depart for Jamaica he would have been able to return here in a few weeks on his passport, while the one being left behind would have escaped paying duty.

THE OTTAWA FESTIVAL.

OTTAWA, April 21.—A magnificent audience attended the Ottawa musical festival. The performances eclipsed anything heretofore attempted. His excellency was present, accompanied by the hero of Mafeking, General Baden-Powell. Mr. Harris conducted for the first time this Edward the Seventh coronation march, gaining a general ovation and the congratulations of his excellency and numerous friends. Sir Alexander Mackenzie was given great applause for his fine work. "The Dream of Jubal."

TOOK MANY SKINS.

Newfoundland Sealers Make an Unusually Large Catch.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 21.—The seal fishery this year will result in a total catch of at least 310,000 seals, as against 274,000 seals caught last year. The price this year is higher. The total value of the sealing product last year amounted to \$383,000, and it will probably reach \$1,000,000 this year. If it does it will have been the most successful seal hunt in the history of the colony.

A NEW DENVER FIRE.

The Cleaver Block Destroyed—Incendiarism Suspected.

NEW DENVER, April 21.—Fire here this morning early destroyed the Cleaver block containing two stores full of merchandise. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000. Incendiarism is suspected.

ENGLISH POLO TEAM.

NEW YORK, April 21.—The annual meeting of the Polo Association was held tonight at the Metropolitan club. It was announced that arrangements had been made for an English team to visit this country this season. The team will arrive August 31st, and will play three games a week.

GOLF CHAMPION MARRIES.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Miss Genevieve Becker, the woman golf champion of America, was married today to Charles T. Stout of Staten Island.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE

East Kootenay Revocation Bill Read a Third Time.

Premier Prior Makes a Significant Admission in Debate.

VICTORIA, April 21.—The East Kootenay revocation bill introduced by Col. Prior yesterday now only awaits the assent of the governor to become law. It was completed in committee this afternoon, reported and read the third time amid applause. McBride asked if it would be assented to at once, and Prior said that was a matter for the government to decide.

The opposition insisted on a number of changes. Instead of the bill stating that the grants were duly executed, it now reads "signed and sealed but never delivered." It is finally declared that the lands never passed from the crown by virtue of the said crown grants.

Different speakers commented on the loose manner in which the bill was drawn, and the attorney general's good faith was questioned, at least by inference. Gilmour tried to get an amendment stating that these lands must not be alienated except by an act of the legislature. This was ruled out of order. Oliver said he had heard there was an organized attempt to seize these lands. Prior replied that the block not under reserve was open for timber leases, coal grants or pre-emptions. He said the C. P. R. would not get these lands unless it took them up in the regular way. The government was not going to take these lands from the C. P. R. and give them to another corporation.

In reply to questions Prior said, speaking as a layman, he regarded the land as open for coal licenses. Oliver thereupon pressed for the recognition of the early applications for these, and Curtis sought to pin the premier down to this as a declaration of government policy.

McInnes brought in a bill taking power to issue free grants of the rights vested in the crown to the original settlers in the E. & N. railway belt, the same as other locators in other parts of the province, and providing for the government paying the expenses of these settlers in the E. & N. took action against them.

The Provincial Mining Association executive will wait upon the government and present a memorial urging certain desired amendments to the mining laws of the province.

RETURNED FROM SOUTH.

H. M. S. Shearwater Back at Esquimalt After a Cruise.

VICTORIA, April 21.—H. M. S. Shearwater, which left here in November on a cruise to the South Sea islands, returned tonight, having called at Honolulu, Tahiti, Fanning, Christmas and Pitcairn. She came up via the South American coast. She escaped by a few days the big storm which caused such heavy loss of life in the Society Islands.

Shanghai papers received by the Empress report that the derelict bark Fannie Kien was sighted by the Norwegian steamer Taurus. A report has already been received of the Heathdene having reported her off Formosa. She was drifting on to the island when sighted by the Taurus, and it was expected she would go on shore. All her rigging was gone except the bowsprit. Her deck was severely buckled as if an explosion had taken place on board, and a little smoke was still coming from her hold. Some men from the Taurus boarded her, but found nothing for their pains except a piece of soap. It was decided that she was not worth taking in tow.

NELSON LIBERALS.

A Strong Resolution Passed on Lead Duty Question.

NELSON, April 21.—At a special general meeting of the Nelson district Liberal association this evening the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this association expresses its extreme disappointment that the government have not seen their way clear to grant the request of the silver-lead mine owners as supported by every Liberal association in British Columbia for a revision of the tariff respecting lead and products thereof.

That this association urge upon the government the extreme necessity for their giving the earliest possible relief asked for, as in this way alone can industry be secured for the Canadian lead industry its home market and thereby an important favorable condition for such industry. And we further feel assured that unless relief is granted along these lines the Liberals of British Columbia will feel that this important industry, involving as it does, the prosperity of a large portion of our population, will not be receiving the consideration accorded other Canadian industries, and particularly other Canadian producers, and as a consequence that the party will suffer a severe blow in this province.

That we are of opinion that the mine owners and business men are unanimously of opinion that no bonus proposition, as suggested, or otherwise, can possibly relieve the present condition of the lead industry, and in any event is not the proper, nor can it be made an adequate remedy to apply to such condition.

It was further decided to hold a convention of the entire constituency to consider what further action should be taken, and a committee was appointed to arrange for an immediate call for a convention to be held at Nelson at the earliest date possible.

IN EASTERN CANADA

MR. RETALLACK SPEAKS OF THE FAILURE TO RAISE LEAD DUTY.

MORE IMMIGRANTS FOR CANADA STARTING FROM ENGLAND.

MONTREAL, April 21.—J. R. Retallack of Sandon, B. C., president of the lead miners' association, is in the city today. Discussing the budget he said: "Speaking on behalf of the silver-lead miners' association of British Columbia, to say that we were disappointed that no duty was placed on lead would be putting it mildly. The only thing that we can hope for now is that the government will at once take up the question of an adequate bounty. Until such time as some protection is granted it will be absolutely impossible to reopen the mines."

MONTREAL, April 21.—The Star's London cable says: It is noteworthy that Irishmen alone fight shy of Canada. Of the large number of Irish now leaving Ireland most go to Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania. One journal remarks: "Canada, with all its tempting offers of free land, has little charm for the Irish."

The London East End emigration fund is sending to Canada a party of 157 emigrants tomorrow on the steamship Canadian, in charge of Rev. A. H. Cook. Lord Strathcona and others will address the emigrants at Euston tonight. Since this society was formed, some twenty years ago, it has assisted 637 people to emigrate to the colonies, where the large majority of them have done very well.

A party of one hundred English farmers left Euston last night and embarked on the Saxonia today for Canada.

MONTREAL, April 21.—Some fifteen or twenty of the grave diggers at Cote des Neiges cemetery went on strike this morning, asking an increase of five cents over their present wages, \$1.25 per day. Their demands were refused, and at noon the vacancies had all been filled.

SHERBROOKE, Que., April 21.—F. J. Barton, veterinary surgeon, took his own life in his room at the Albion hotel last night. With a pen-knife he severed the arteries of his throat and when found life was extinct. He was 34 years of age and a son of the late Dr. Barton and had always lived here. He had been in a despondent state of mind for some time.

WINNIPEG, April 21.—The Conservatives of North Winnipeg met in convention tonight and selected Sampson Walker as their candidate for the legislature at the approaching general elections.

MONTREAL, April 21.—Major-General Baden-Powell is registered at the Windsor hotel. He is travelling through the Dominion under the name of Horace Peel.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., today said the Soo line officials were considering the question of extending the line from St. Paul to Manitoba, probably Winnipeg.

TORONTO, April 21.—W. Mortimer Clark, K. C., has been appointed lieutenant-governor of Ontario, succeeding the late Sir Oliver Mowat. He is a citizen of the highest standing and prominent in church circles.

THE STOCK MARKET

Trading throughout the week was of small volume and within narrow limits. Prices have been practically unchanged. Cariboo McKinney, which appears most frequently in the record, opened and closed at 12 3/4, going up once to 13 1/4 in the interim. Giant has sold steadily at 21-2 and 23-4, and White Bear appeared at 33-4. Payne has been quiet at 18. Centre Star sold once at 29-4, and War Eagle at 12 1/2.

North Star has shown a little activity, selling at 12 1/2 and 12 3/4, while the Rambler for 500 shares was 20 1/2. Other stocks have attracted very little attention.

American Boy..... 4 3/4
Ben Hur..... 5 1/4
Black Bull..... 4 1/4
Canadian Gold Fields..... 4 1/4
Cariboo McK. (ex-div.)..... 12 3/4
Centre Star..... 20 1/2
Fisher Maiden..... 4 3/4
Giant..... 21 1/2
Granby Consolidated..... \$5.50
Lone Pine..... 3 1/4
Morning Glory..... 1 1/4
Mountain Lion..... 12 1/2
North Star (E. K.)..... 12 1/2
Payne..... 20 1/2
Quip..... 20 1/2
Rambler-Cariboo..... 21 30
Republic..... 5 1/4
San Po..... 8 1/4
Sullivan..... 4 1/4
Tom Thumb..... 5 1/4
War Eagle Con..... 14 1/2
Waterloo (Ass. paid)..... 5 1/4
White Bear (Ass. paid)..... 4 3/4

SALES.

Cariboo McKinney, 1000, 12 3/4-4c; Giant, 2000, 23-4c; North Star, 1000, 12 1/2-2c; Payne, 500, 18c. Total, 4500.

Centre Star, 1000, 20 1/2-4c; Mountain Lion, 500, 12c; Rambler, 500, 30 1/2-2c; Giant, 2000, 21-2c. Total, 4000.

American Boy, 2000, 41-4c; Cariboo McKinney, 500, 12 1/2-2c; Giant, 1000, 21-2c; North Star, 1000, 12 1/2-4c; Payne, 500, 18c. Total, 5000.

Cariboo McKinney, 2000, 12 1/2-4c; White Bear, 4000, 2000, 23-4c; War Eagle, 1000, 12 1/2-2c. Total, 10,000.

American Boy, 3000, 41-8c; Cariboo McKinney, 500, 12c; Giant, 2500, 21-2c. Total, 6000.

Cariboo McKinney, 1000, 12 3/4-4c; Giant, 2000, 21-2c; Sullivan, 1000, 41-4c; Morning Glory, 2000, 1c. Total, 6000.

The city hall flag was raised to half-mast yesterday as a token of respect to the late ex-Alderman Alexander A. Mackenzie.

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