

STIKINE-TESLIN RAILWAY.

If the Conservatives can hinder the building of the Stikine-Teslin railway in any way, it will not be for want of trying. Our special Ottawa dispatches to-day announce a caucus meeting of Tories, at which the Yukon railway was discussed. The scheme is to be attacked on general principles; that is, it is to be attacked in any case. According to our well-informed correspondent, these malcontents have decided to pitch upon the terms of the contract and also to introduce a badgering resolution declaring that the government ought to have made the railway a government work. It is most interesting to learn that Sir Charles Tupper offered to tender his resignation if his leadership were not considered satisfactory to the party. Certainly the party might do better by making a change, as Sir Charles' hold now seems to rest on the sentimental ground of "should auld acquaintance be forgot" rather than upon practical utility to the party. Besides his extraordinary behavior in the house the other day, when he scolded for four hours (talk about six-day bicycle races) and added nothing to the dignity of the place, must have alienated the sympathy of many of the charter-headed Conservatives. Should Sir Charles vote against the Stikine-Teslin railway, it will only be another instance of his well-known abilities as a lightning-change artist; for is this not the man who said not a week ago: "I will give the government the best support in my power"? Is this not the elderly irascible knight who called somebody during that four-hours scolding "a liar"? Is this not the severe and merciless critic of those who wish to see how the cat will jump? And yet he is almost certain, it seems, to vote against a measure to which he has already pledged his support. Most people give Sir Charles credit for having a mind of his own, but it would now appear as though any Tory caucus could dictate to him what he shall do. A man whose independence of opinion does not amount to any more than that should not make a specialty of his scolding powers. But we must not take Sir Charles seriously, since he refuses to take himself seriously.

INAUGURATION.

This day will long be remembered in British Columbia for the impressive ceremonies which marked the opening of the grand pile that adorns the southern shore of James Bay. Representatives from the most distant parts of the province took part in the interesting proceedings, and not one of them will fail to carry away with him or her a very salutary impression of the increasing importance of Canada's far provinces. No one could have foretold ten years ago that British Columbia would possess, before the close of the century, a legislative building second only to the magnificent structure that crowns the heights above the Ottawa. And he would be a bold man who would to-day attempt to say what British Columbia will be ten years hence, even taking into consideration the conditions now existing and allowing for the probable development of provincial resources; Oriental, Australian and southern trade. Ten years hence the proud dome which is to-day the most striking point in the landscape around Victoria may be overtopped by huge warehouses, tall factory chimneys and other evidences of great commercial progress. The people of the province are to be congratulated that the career of usefulness of the splendid building dedicated to-day has been so auspiciously inaugurated.

"SAT UPON"

"The critics of the Dawson City (Klondike) and Dominion Trading Corporation, Limited, were sat upon by the chairman at Monday's meeting. The question was: 'Will they retaliate, we wonder?'—British Columbia Review, London, Jan. 22nd. No wonder the Review, the vagaries of which we have more than once pointed out, says, 'and we should not wonder if the critics do make some kind of attempt to "retaliate" for what the Review elegantly terms "sat upon." We have before us the report of the chairman's remarks addressed to the meeting referred to, and although we have scanned them with particular attention, we find the chief critic of the company in British Columbia, we have entirely failed to observe where in any of those remarks there is any approach to what the Review calls "sitting upon" the critics. The part of that report which is of interest to British Columbians is this: "You will remember that on the appearance of the prospectus of this company the Times, the most influential and most widely read paper in the world, referred to the company as having objects quite legitimate and to the prospectus as a straightforward document. It is very rare that the Times refers to the prospectus of any company in this way. The most important section of the press also spoke fairly of it. Other journals of minor importance referred to it rather disparagingly. There is a feeling of jealousy, and whether these journals made unpleasant remarks inspired by rival companies, or because they did not get the advertisements, I do not know, but the fact remains that no company operating in the same sphere as ourselves possessed such an influential, high official and practical board of directors as the Dawson City (Klondike) and Dominion Trading Corporation, Limited. The Premier of British Columbia (the Hon. J. H. Turner), the president of the council (Mr. G. E. Pooley, Q.C.) and Mr. Joseph Boscovitch. In this connection, to show you how much and how highly Mr. Turner and Mr. Pooley value this company, and the successful results we are likely to reap from it, I may say that, in consequence of a certain British Columbia paper, I have been the ill-informed lead of certain journals in this country. They have, I believe, presented a charge of alleged mismanagement against me, and I have been obliged to issue a public statement in this country warning to certain journals in this country whose editors are

sometimes apt to let their pens run away with them."

To begin with, the chairman conventionally forgot to mention certain remarks of a decidedly different character from those described in the foregoing except which the Times made. The Times, in fact, was one of the papers which most adversely criticized this company on account of the absurdly large capital announced on the prospectus. As for the chairman's remarks about "the important section of the press," and about "journals of minor importance," are simply misleading. The journals which criticized the company are among the most powerful in England. Covert reference is made by the chairman in his exultant enumeration of the members of the board to the "unique connection" of Messrs. Turner and Pooley with that board. There can be no mistaking the meaning of the gusto with which the chairman rolls the pompous adjectives: "influential, high official, and practical Board of Directors," and then, as pompously mentions the "influential, high and official" titles of the British Columbia ministers. It is an odd stroke of logic, too deep for us to follow, where the chairman argues that the fact of Messrs. Turner and Pooley having instituted suits for alleged libel against the British Columbia paper, "shows how much and how highly Mr. Turner and Mr. Pooley think of this company and the successful results we are likely to reap from it." That, we confess, baffles our analytical powers; unless, indeed, it means that the "influential, high official and practical" have no intention of instituting suits for alleged libel, but made to us uncomfortably public. The chairman's closing remark is really comical: "This, I think, will prove a wholesome warning to certain journals in this country whose editors are sometimes apt to let their pens run away with them."

It will be a sorry day for the press of the British Empire when such a remark can be uttered with truth. Mention is then made in the report of the reasons why Sir Michael A. Biddulph suddenly resigned from the board of directors. Sir Michael says in his letter: "Gentlemen, I desire to notify you in due time that I have taken the step of withdrawing from the board of directors of your company, and I do so with regret, as I find my position and occupation do not permit me to assist you as I would wish to do. Believe me, yours truly, M. A. Biddulph."

Sir Michael holds a high official position in the House of Lords and his sense of honor would not permit him to lend his "influential, high official" title for the use of a money-making company. Messrs. Turner and Pooley hold positions equally "influential, high, and official," but—

The Golden Era thinks this about the local cabinet: "We have it on the best authority that there are serious discussions in the cabinet, that is, at present in the control of the government of British Columbia. There are certain members of the present cabinet who would like to get rid of the cabinet, and there are other members who would like to whitewash themselves and regain a new lease of power by the re-organization of another party of the cabinet. The cabinet, however, are too familiar with the trickery that has been so successfully practiced on them to be again easy victims of such a scheme."

Some days ago there appeared in the Daily Times a letter from a correspondent relating what he described as the unjust behavior of a certain postmaster there, and the sufferings of a family who had rented a small farm from him, but had been, as he alleged, evicted and sold-up in a summary manner because they had not paid their rent promptly. We learn that the statements of that correspondent are very misleading, and that the facts in the case are very different from his description. There was no harshness displayed in the matter, and the persons alluded to were in no way to blame for what befel the family in question.

"Look at the big sums Peery and Nansen are taking in." "Yes; and look at me—been courting a Boston girl for a long time, and have made a cent."—Detroit Free Press. "I know it." "All the other women put in their names picking her to pieces."—Detroit Free Press.

Behind every great man you will find a great mother. Every great man you will find a healthy child's physical and mental condition during the period of gestation. If during these months the mother suffers from any disease of the delicate and important organs that bear the burdens of maternity, the chances are that her child will be weak, puny and sickly, with the seeds of serious disease already implanted in its little body at birth. If the mother, during the interesting period, suffers from the normal mental states which recur periodically with women who are weak in a womanly way, these conditions will impress themselves upon the mind of the child. Every woman wants children who are both physically and mentally healthy. Every woman may have the kind of children if she will take proper care of herself in a womanly way. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best of all medicines for prospective mothers. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs that bear the brunt of maternity. It makes them strong, healthy, vigorous, and every body it allays inflammation, heals ulceration, soothes pain and tones and builds up the system. It banishes the usual discomforts of the critical period, and makes baby's introduction to the world easy and almost painless. It insures a healthy, robust child, and a plentiful supply of nourishment.

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Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Feb. 11.—Inspector Klondike, who is in the city en route to Klondike, states regarding the suggestion that a customs post be established nearer the coast on the all-British route, that when he arrives up North he will certainly establish customs post as suggested nearer the mouth of the Stikine.

Mayor Owens of New Westminster has been advised by the Secretary of State that the Governor-General has declined to exercise clemency in the case of Walter Sangster, who ran amuck while drunk in Vancouver and killed an Indian, for which he was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

In the police court yesterday morning before Mr. G. E. Corbould, P.M., a family quarrel was finished in public. Mrs. George Kelly charged her daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. Kelly, with assault. After hearing the evidence the magistrate fined the accused \$5. This case being disposed of, Mrs. A. Kelly brought a charge of assault against Mrs. George Kelly, which the magistrate dismissed, as there was no evidence. The case of Dr. Fagan, as secretary of the medical society, was also heard. Dr. Fagan, Dr. Clark, now practising in Vancouver, for the recovery of 11 years arrears of fees to the plaintiff with costs. Messrs. Robinson and Inglis, principal of the Co-qualzeta Institute, preached the funeral sermon, according to a request made by the deceased, some years ago. In special notice of the late Mr. Volkert Vedder took place on Wednesday last week. Impressive services were held in the presence of a large number of friends being present. Revs. J. H. White, J. K. Wright and W. H. Barlow assisted in the services, while Rev. J. H. White, principal of the Co-qualzeta Institute, preached the funeral sermon, according to a request made by the deceased, some years ago. In special notice of the late Mr. Volkert Vedder took place on Wednesday last week. Impressive services were held in the presence of a large number of friends being present. Revs. J. H. White, J. K. Wright and W. H. Barlow assisted in the services, while Rev. J. H. White, principal of the Co-qualzeta Institute, preached the funeral sermon, according to a request made by the deceased, some years ago.

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where the cutter was standing and she was the cause of the accident. The cutter, without any other injury more serious than a bad scare. The horse was got out with difficulty after some hard work.

SANDON.

Mr. M. L. Grimmett has been elected city solicitor. The city council has decided to adopt the ordinances which govern Nelson city.

ROSSLAND.

They have had very bad weather here of late. Last week the soft heavy snow delayed the Red Mountain train and a slide occurred on the Trail-Robson road near Murphy Creek.

GOLDEN.

Death has removed Mr. George Woodley, who was formerly well known as the manager of Hull Brothers' business. He was a native of Tavistock, Devonshire, England, where he was born in 1844. In 1883 he migrated to Canada.

McGUIGAN.

McGuigan, Feb. 4.—Mrs. S. Gintzberger, who was residing here since last May, returned to the coast on Monday last.

FORT STEELE.

The snowfall here has been extremely heavy. The snow has passed that snow has not fallen. Things are lively here. A brewery is soon to be started, and the Hudson's Bay Company will, it is expected, establish a compressor hoisting and pumping plant for the Stewinwind mine, which they own. Ore running very high is being taken out of that property. The Fairview Company are erecting a mill on the river, Fraser & Chalmers are the makers of it. The Slaughter is looking well and some fine ore is being obtained. The snow this year has been very heavy, which has retarded work here, but the prospects of the camp were never brighter.

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The first of the Crow's Nest coal has been marketed in Port Steele, having been hauled in on wagons. The activity of the Rev. Father Cochrane is reported to be arranging to erect a forty-stamp mill. Messrs. Dier, Davidson & Russell have given out the following statement regarding the condition of the Tin Horn mine: "We have noticed the report in the Toronto World of January 29th that all the Tin Horn miners had been expelled and the mine closed indefinitely. Also a statement in some of the mining journals that the mine had been built where water could not be obtained to run it. Both of the statements are untrue. We discharged some men who were working in our mine on the arrangement of the Tin Horn. The Tin Horn is being worked and the mill is running. The position of affairs is as follows: In taking out the ore the superintendent considered that the country rock was well enough mineralized to mix it with the ore and still have a good average. Therefore the ore was not sorted. 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