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CITY AND PROVINCIAL ITEMS

From Thursday's daily.

—A. R. Jackson, the gentleman connected with the Lawndale dime chair scheme, called at the office to-day and stated that a statement of his side of the case will be forthcoming. He claims to have acted honestly and with the sanction of the residents of that locality.

—A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Jas. MacNair, Oppenheimer street last evening, when Alfred Hamilton, formerly of Dundas, Ont., and Miss Lillie Moodie, of Dalhousie, N. B., were united in marriage by Rev. J. M. MacLeod in the presence of a number of the friends of the contracting parties. The happy couple left by the 5 o'clock tram for the Royal City. The World wishes the young couple a happy and prosperous journey throughout life.

—A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Charles Richardson, Robson street, last evening, the contracting parties being Miss Loo, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, and Alex. Mitchell, both of this city. The knot was tied by Rev. J. W. Pedley in the presence of a few friends. It is almost needless to state that the presents were numerous and costly. After the nuptial knot was tied the company retired to an adjoining room where a recherche spread was partaken of and the evening passed by the happy couple then took a carriage to their future home, being liberally showered with rice upon their departure.

—Says the St. John Globe of the 27th inst.: The funeral of the late Alexander Crawford, who died at Wood Mountains, B. C., on March 15th, took place from his mother's residence, Harrison street, this afternoon. A large number of friends of the young man followed his remains to the grave. Interment took place in the Church of England burial ground. The Rev. R. Mathers conducted the services at the house and at the grave.

From Friday's daily.

—The funeral of Frank Maginnis, the logger, who died at the city hospital of pneumonia, occurred to-day. It was attended by a number of Oddfellows and Pythians, of both of which orders deceased was a member.

—The Official Gazette this week announces the creation of the following new school districts: Camp Slough, Westminster district; Gitaxala Mission, Yale district and Boundary Creek, Yale district.

—Nathaniel D. Moore and John Vallance, of Three Forks, give notice in this week's Gazette that they have taken steps to incorporate the Slocan Tramway Co., for hauling ore to the concentrator at Howson Creek from the Idaho, St. John, Almo, Cumberland and Yakima claims.

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—M. J. Henry, 604 Westminster road, has just received and has for sale at his greenhouse and nursery, another shipment of plows and cultivators, which he is offering at manufacturers' prices. Correspond with him if you need any of these goods.

—Moncton, B. N. B., Leader: Capt. S. P. Stevens, from British Columbia, arrived at Salisbury Junction, on the 26th of March with the remains of his son, and also his wife's father, for interment at Harvey, Alberta County. The captain was accompanied as far as Montreal by his wife and sisters, who then proceeded to New York. Mr. Stevens will remain in the Provinces for a few days only, his intentions being to go to New York, where he will take charge of a ship.

—The announcement is made in this issue that a long felt want is to be supplied at Steveston by the establishment of a club and a hotel. This will furnish meals and rooms to all who visit the Salmon City. One day this week a well-known citizen had to walk back to town in the evening because of his being unable to find sleeping accommodation. The opening will be celebrated by a live pigeon match Mainlands vs. Islands on Monday. It is to be known as the Sockeye Hotel and Club, and will be under the management of Harry Lee, of this city.

From Monday's Daily.

—It is stated that the Kootenay Mining and Smelting Co. intend shortly to erect a smelter in some eastern city.

—The Canadian Government is making an exhibit of Canadian agricultural products at Dublin this month and at Belfast later on.

—The steamer Coquitlam has been chartered to carry stone from Haddington Island to Victoria for the Provincial Parliament buildings.

—Mr. Dee, the C. P. R.'s local manager at Nanaimo, is to be removed to the Vancouver office. W. F. Archibald is to take charge of the Nanaimo branch.

—The fund started by the Victoria Colonist for the relief of the family of Engineer Lake, who lost his life in the wreck of the Velos, has reached the sum of $31.

—For the first time carloads of flowers are being shipped from California to the East to be used at Easter celebrations. The profits are very great. This Province's opportunities in that line might be enquired into.

—George H. Hellbron, editor-in-chief of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and Lawrence Edward Nickels, who was manager of the now defunct Seattle Telegraph, both died on Friday, the one of apoplexy and the latter of congestion of the lungs.

—The annual examination for probationers in the British Columbia Methodist conference will be held at Homer street Methodist church on Wednesday and Thursday. There are about a dozen candidates. Rev. T. W. Hall and E. E. Thompson will preside at the examinations.

—E. V. Smalley, editor of the Northwest Magazine, thinks silver will go up to 80 and the mining stocks will have a great business revival. It went up more than 12 per cent. in 10 days at the close of March and the beginning of April, and at that rate it would only take a few weeks to put it back to its proper value of $1.29 per oz.

—The Brackman & Ker Milling Co., who are about to open a branch in this city, have decided to establish an oatmeal mill and elevator at South Edmonton, Alta. Construction will be proceeded with as soon as the plans are perfected. T. W. Lines has been admitted into the firm and will manage at Edmonton.

—A Belfaire, O., woman dosed her two-year-old child with sample pills distributed by the travelling agent of a wholesale house, and the little one died from the effects of the dose. This is of local interest, because sample boxes of pills were distributed in this city one day last week. Any woman fool enough to dose her children with them should be placed under the care of Dr. Bodington.

—A fine church bell has been presented to St. Barnabas church, Victoria, by Robert Ward. The bell, which was made by the well known Blymeyer & Co., of Cincinnati, weighs about 1400 lbs. and has a sounding capacity of four miles. The bell tower, also the gift of Mr. Ward, is to be erected, and the bell will be placed in position and ready for use on Easter Sunday. The gift was a very acceptable one and will doubtless be appreciated by everyone but the man who likes to sleep on Sunday morning.

—George—No matter how things go the poor always suffer. Jack—Yes, the nabobs who own the railroads think nothing of running over a poor man's horse. "Yes, and the man who owns a horse runs down a poor fellow on a bicycle." "Just so. And the man who runs the bicycle runs down the poor fellow who has to walk." "That's it, and the man who walks stumbles against the cripple who goes on crutches" "That's the rub. And the cripple on crutches spends his time jamming his sticks down on other people's corns. It's really a selfish world."

—The flagship of the British Squadron in the Pacific, the Royal Arthur, has arrived at Panama after cruising along the coast of South Africa. She left Coquimbo, Chili, Feb. 27th, and after a month's stay a Callao, proceeded north. It is presumed that she will visit Corinto, Nicaragua, the nearest point to Panama, the other warships are at Acapulco. Great Britain expects an answer to her ultimatum. The small British cruiser, Wild Swan, which left Callao on March 7th, and now is the vicinity of Panama, will join the Royal Arthur at Corinto.

—The contract for the Red Deer Valley railway has been let to R. Barclay Bruce, of Calgary, and construction is to commence at once. Mr. Bruce is now in England, whither he went six months ago to get the directors of the company to put their proposed road into execution. The terminus of the road is Knee Hill coal mine, some 60 miles northeast of Calgary. The coal is of a good quality, and had a ready sale this winter at $6.25 per ton. The seam of coal is said to be visible along the cut banks for fully five miles. The production of the mine should make a considerable difference next winter in the price of fuel.

—It may interest those who believe in such things that Smith's Canadian Planetary Almanac gives the following as favorable times for sowing and planting in April in British Columbia: The 2nd and 3rd for potatoes, etc., from 6:20 to 7:25 morn.; all other things, grain, vines, spring salads, etc., 9:35 morn to 11:50 noon, and 5:10 to 7:40 aft. The 8th and 9th for beets, parsnips, potatoes, and all things which fruit below ground, from 6:00 to 7:10 morn.; and 9:06 to 11:15 morn.; all other things, spring wheat, corn, vines, etc., 4:5s to 7:29 aft. The 25th and 26th are good dates for sowing root crops, from 4.55 to 6:00 morn., and other crops, spring wheat, corn, vines, squash, etc., 8.05 to 10:25 morn, and 3:40 to 4:15 aft. The 29th and 30th also, from 4:35 to 5:35 morn., good for roots, potatoes, etc. and all other things, 7:50 to 10:10 morn, and 3:20 to 6:00 aft.

—A radical change in the method of dealing with corporation tenders is proposed by Ald. R. T. Williams, of Victoria, in a resolution of which he built a lethal formal notice on Friday, and which reads as follows: Resolved, that a change be made in the form of receiving tenders for corporation work, and that a suitable form be made for the purpose of receiving tenders therein; the said box be sealed by the mayor, city clerk and city purchasing agent and that any alderman who may wish to place his seal on the same be entitled to do so, and that the said box be opened only by the mayor in the presence of the full board.

—When the battery band was ready to go out on Saturday it was inspected by Major Townley. One of the players was found—horror of horrors—to be wearing a high stand up collar which showed a broad white margin above his tunic. He was, of course, severely rebuked by the inspecting officer, who demanded to know his name. "Oh, I guess you don't want my name," said the offender. This answer added to the enormity of his offence, but the officer controlled his temper and again demanded his name. "Well, you see," said the offender, "I belong to the Pike Opera Company's orchestra, an—" but the officer had passed on and was ordering private Bjorheison to tighten his belt.

From Tuesday's daily.

—April 23rd, St. George's Day, will be celebrated by the Popular St. George's Society by a concert and ball.

—John Sewell Bates, the bigamist, having failed to arrange bail was taken over to New Westminster jail to-day.

—The C. P. R. have just issued a special joint through freight tariff from Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie and Brandon to points in the Kootenay district.

—George Hatcher, of this city, manager of the Gulf of Georgia Canning Co., received word on Monday of the death at Clifton Springs, N. Y., of his father, Rev. C. W. Dutcher, who had been ailing for some time. Miss Dutcher was with her father when he passed away.

—Ballington Booth has undertaken in Brooklyn a campaign for the reformation of the swells. He will, no doubt, receive the warm commendation of the slums for his efforts.

—The Victoria & Sydney Railway Company held a meeting yesterday, when the by-laws were adopted and Messrs. H. Brethour and S. Rounding were elected directors to replace Messrs. Irving and Jeffry resigned.

—The Dominion Express Company has just completed arrangements by which they will be able to issue money orders to all the principal points in Europe at very reasonable rates.

—St. John Telegraph April 3rd. Private advices received here state that Mrs. Alexander, wife of Dr. Alexander, is to join the Catholic church, at Victoria, B. C., on the 12th, and not at Montreal on the 11th, as previously announced.

—Much interest is being centered in the Rugby football match, Mainland vs. Island, to be played at Nanaimo next Monday. It is assured that a large contingent will go over from here and New Westminster to witness the event.

—Coroner Pittendrigh held an inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Harry Holt, the fisherman, at Ladner. It appears that his partner's wife saw him in the water and almost immediately pulled him out. He was then rubbed and animation having been restored they were about to roll him in blankets when he suddenly turned black in the face and expired. A verdict of death from accident was returned.

From Wednesday's daily.

—The net financial result of the second annual poultry show held at Nanaimo was a deficit of $102.47. The receipts, including $241 in donations, were $1,014.

—Thomas Tompkins, of Brockville, thinks that a mint should be established at Vancouver, so that Canada's gold and silver could be coined at home. Level head, Tommy!

—The legal fraternity of New Westminster have signed an agreement to close their offices and refrain from doing any legal action whatever between Friday next and the following Tuesday, both days inclusive.

—Sir Donald Smith at the C. P. R. annual meeting held recently in Montreal said that holding out his stock had made a difference to him in the past few months of $600,000, but he held his stock out of loyalty to the company.

—Wm. Jarrett, stage carpenter of the Vancouver Opera House is hard at work in New Westminster mounting the scenery for the presentation of the Pirates of Penzance, which will be given very shortly by the Operatic Society of that city.

—A miner named Dan Keegan was killed and another named F. Cook badly injured by an accident in the Esplanade shaft, Nanaimo, yesterday morning. The men were way and the men were held down under a mass of rock. It took the rescuers an hour to dig them out, and then it was discovered that McKeegan had died. Cook was conveyed to his home and his injuries attended to by Dr. McKechnie. The deceased leaves a wife, known to Salvationists as the Scotch Lassie, and two children.

—Every man has bought articles of wearing apparel that are "warranted," but not one male purchaser in a thousand stops to enquire what the warrant means to or returns to claim his rights if the goods turn out other than as guaranteed. Not so the women. They know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain. Retail shopkeepers, whose customers are chiefly female, stand ready to make good their warrants and many thousands of articles are returned annually by customers to retailers and by the latter to jobbers, importers or manufacturers. The system encourages fraud, but competition is so keen that the risk of imposition must be encountered.

—Supt. Hussey, of the Provincial police, Victoria, has received word from G. C. Tunstall, Government agent at Kamloops, that a small boy named Frank Nuns, is at present detained there in jail pending inquiries about an aunt who is said to live in the vicinity of Victoria. Frank, who is only 11 or 12 years old, says he has "tramped" it from Toronto, where his father is an expressman. The youngster did not care about Toronto, so he set off to hunt for his aunt, a Miss Lizzie White, who, he says, is a seamstress, living somewhere near Victoria. Great Britain expects an answer to her ultimatum. The small British cruiser, Wild Swan, which left Callao on March 7th, and now is the vicinity of Panama, will join the Royal Arthur at Corinto.

A HUMAN VOLCANO.

Terrible Death of a Native Alaskan Distiller.

The simple fact that it is against the law to manufacture or sell liquors in the territory of Alaska seems to impress the natives of that country as little as the whites, and the fact that it will require more than statutes to keep the native of the glacier country sober is shown in the following narration of a terrible accident which befell one of the sons of the forest recently, the news of which was brought down by the steamer Topeka. It appears that when the native is unsuccessful in securing the coveted firewater from his white brethren, he proceeds to slake his thirst by a beverage of his own decoction. This fluid, which is said to be a small quantity of hell in liquid form, travels through the copper lined digestive apparatus of poor Lo, and also through the channels of trade, under the somewhat ambiguous title of "hoochinoo." Undiluted, the stuff has a double proof strength, makes "drunk corner" seem, and a few swallows of it will set a man howling in demoniac glee. No one but an Indian can stand a protracted spree on it. Prominent among the successful manufacturers of the joy-producing oil are the natives of Kake Island and it was to one of these that the accident came, and he had the honor of passing into the happy hunting grounds amid a fourth of July celebration which has since made him the envy of all the other natives. It seems that the Indian, while engaged in the manipulation of his little coal oil can still imbibed too freely of its luscious trickling, and in a drunken stupor lay down by his fire of cedar logs and fell asleep, with his face uncomfortably close to the fire and his hot breath fanning the flames. Through some reason known only to the medical fraternity, gas accumulated in his stomach and the breath of the sleeper resulting in flames, the alcoholic gas ignited. The sleeper suddenly leaped to his feet with a terrifying scream, and fell back again writhing in agony, the man was burning internally! Smoke and even flames were issuing from his mouth, and his agony was something awful. His loud screeches brought the members of the band about him, who tried to extinguish the awe unable to do anything for his relief. The combustion continued until the Indian was literally consumed inside and for some time after the spirit of life had fled.

LIVELY TIMES PREDICTED.

The Spokane Chronicle is responsible for the following: The little town of Rossland is likely to waste several thousand men some pretty court fees before the summer is ended. The Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway company has a grant of land immediately surrounding the townsite. Much of that land, however, is covered with mineral claims. The question now seems to be whether the claim holders have any surface rights save such as are really necessary for the development of their property; in other words whether parties building houses or stores on a claim will have to pay rent to the mine owner or to the railroad company. Engineer F. C. Loring, of this city, owner of the Alice claim, has taken the bull by the horns in the last issue of the Rossland Miner appears this notice:

"I, Frank C. Loring hereby appoint George T. Crane, of Spokane, my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name, place and stead, to contract with any and all persons, as he sees fit and deems best, with reference to occupying the surface, or any portion of the surface of the Alice mineral claim; and to enter into any contracts that he deems best not to interfere with such persons in the possession or occupation of said surface ground. And to take and receive any sum or sums he may deem proper, in compromise of any and all trespasses heretofore committed on the Alice mineral claim, and to release any rights granted by him under such or any agreement made by him in virtue hereof."

Naturally Mr. Corbin's road will have objections to this proposition. If claim holders can lease all the spare ground on their property for an indefinite term of years, what's the good of owning all the rest of the country? How is the company going to realize any large amount of money out of the townsite it has chosen half a mile south of Rossland. Of course the railroad will fight—even a Methodist Sunday school picnic would go after a shotgun in such a case as this. One of the nice questions involved will be as to the effect of locations under the old law upon the new "surface rights." The new law restores them, and if Mr. Corbin is no other way out of it, some of the claims may be re-located before the struggle is ended. The mine owners seem to have the majority of the settlers and declare they have plenty of precedents to win the fight, which will at once begin in the courts. Meanwhile, the "squatters" are happy, for they don't intend to pay rent to anybody until the dispute is settled.

THOMAS TOMPKINS, TORY.

Most people in Vancouver know Thomas Tompkins, the contractor who built the opera house and post-office here, and who has always been a leading Conservative and one of the hardest workers in the ranks. A Brockville despatch—he resides in that Ontario city—says that he left there a few months ago for a rest somewhere, but his destination was a profound secret, many thinking he was on a mission for the Government. He has returned, and the Herald succeeded in getting an interview with him. He visited the Australian colonies, calling at Honolulu and Samoa on the way. Being asked what the object of the attempt of the Government to boom trade with Australia, he said it was a fake, pure and simple, and could not succeed. "Australia has few things Canada wants," said he, "and the only things Australia really wants from this country are agricultural implements and whisky. The Englishmen have that market, and will be able to keep it," said Mr. Tompkins, "in spite of all efforts that can be put forth by protectionist countries." Mr. Tompkins says there is great glee in New Zealand among the dairymen over the fact that Mr. McEwan, of the Experimental Farm at Ottawa, has been secured to lecture them in cheese making, and they expect to be able to outrival Canadian cheese in the British market as they have our butter. The Auckland Herald advises the "boys" over the office that they may be joyfully over the fact that the Dominion Government gives one of its employes a year's leave of absence to go over and teach the New Zealanders how to beat the Canadian at the European cheese market. "I am a dyed-in-the-wool-Tory," said Mr. Tompkins, "but I am disgusted with the way the affairs are being run by the men at Ottawa, who are a libel on the name of Conservative, and are no credit to the party." Speaking of the Hudsons Bay railway, Mr. Tompkins declared the grant to it by the Dominion Government job. The line can be built for $12,000 a mile, and the Government is to pay $10,000 of this. Mr. Tompkins expressed the opinion that it was a scheme to make up for large election contributions. "If we had a Minister of the Interior who knew something about immigration," he declared "Manitoba might get some people along the lines of road already constructed, for at present Manitoba has more miles of railway per head of population than any other country in the world."

AT LAST SETTLED.

The matters in dispute between the Maple Ridge Dyking Commissioners and the Western Dredging Company have been amicably settled. The dredge was set at work this morning filling up all the gaps and raising the dyke built last year to a height of three feet all round, which is fully three feet higher than the high water mark of 1894. The company will push on the work now with full vigor, working night and day in order to have it fully completed before the high water which usually prevails in June. It is likely the job will last six weeks or a couple of months and, when finished, it is expected to be a work which will prove of great advantage to the municipality, and a profitable one to the land owners whose estates are to be benefited by this undertaking. Its completion will solve the problem as to whether the Pitt Meadows can be made available for practical agricultural work. The McLean Brothers are managing the machinery, the flood gates and pumping apparatus, and are confident that the work they are now performing will withstand even as high a water level as we had last year.

THE POLICE INVESTIGATION.

In Sunday morning's issue of a local daily there is a letter signed Stranger in which certain references are made to the charges laid against the sergeant of police and the manner in which they have been dealt with. It may be as well at the outset to state that though the letter in question is signed Stranger it was written by an individual, well-known, who has done considerable talking along the same lines. This paper is accused by the anonymous citizen of "jumping" on the chairman of the police committee and lauding the sergeant "to High Jove." The World has done neither. It said, and still contends, that the sergeant was unfairly treated and that the chairman of the police committee exceeded his powers. The fact that the light in the matter was referred from the police committee to the city hall has been known for a long time to the reporter whose duty makes him daily to the city hall. It was never treated as a secret. As to the cost—it is not worth talking about. In view of this The World did not, and does not, think it fair on the part of Ald. Gallagher to have suspended the sergeant and have contributed to the publication of the story, with the mean insinuation that was to follow. It was for this reason that The World endorsed Ald. Thomas' remark, that it was not British Fair-play to take the yarn to a newspaper until it was investigated. It referred to a like suggestion of Ald. Gallagher as being "rather rich." The alleged stranger suggests that Ald. Gallagher still has a surprise in store. He is more of the stab-in-the-dark style of writing and talking of which every honest man disapproves. If Ald. Gallagher has well-founded charges against the sergeant, or against any other official, he should lay them before the charge and have them properly investigated. If he is not prepared to do this both he and his friends are heading for an unposed tarrier (or terrier) within our gates, should quit dealing out slanderous hints and innuendoes. The sergeant has been injured by the unfounded rumors that out the whole of Canada has gone the the misrepresentation that he is "running his house with city light and coal." The Englishman says that when such things are to come. The perpetrators of the outrage should be thankful that the sergeant is not seeking damages.

ENGINEERS INTERESTED.

The Winnipeg News-Bulletin of April 3rd says: Considerable interest in a quiet way is being aroused at the presence in the city of a number of representatives from western and eastern points of the Order of Locomotive Engineers. They arrived on Tuesday's Pacific and to-day's Atlantic expresses, and intend to remain over Sunday evening. On enquiry it was difficult to learn anything as to the real subjects to be discussed, but it is understood that the proposed reduction in the scale of wages which they receive from the C. P.R. The 10 per cent reduction which the company decided upon making in the earnings of all their employes was understood to apply also to servants of the railway orders and the locomotive engineers have the strongest order. Upon receiving word of the cut they wrote to the company to interview Mr. Whyte, the general superintendent, along with representatives from other railway orders; this was about two weeks ago. The result is that the conference which then took place. If the engineers accept the reduction the other members of unions employed by the C. P. R. will also agree to the same. It is probable that the engineers will accept a temporary reduction until traffic increases. Delegates from Fort William, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Kamloops and other points are in attendance.

EARLIEST IN EIGHT YEARS.

Navagation has been opened up on the Columbia river, the earliest in eight years. The steamer with Capt. Troup in command, left Trail and succeeded in reaching Robson early on Saturday forenoon. Lines had to be used in three different places to cut surface ice. She met by the first train for the season from Nelson, with passengers. No ice was met with from there till through the narrows, below Nakusp, where a solid sheet was encountered. The Lytton was turned stern on and with her wheel forced a passage through, the paddles being nearly all stripped off. She arrived at Nakusp on Sunday morning. Later in the day the Lytton proceeded to tackle the upper river and succeeded in reaching the temporary bridge over the Columbia, a short distance below the Wigwam. Regular trips are now being made from thence to the Boundary.

A PIONEER OF WINNIPEG.

The Winnipeg News-Bulletin of the 5th, says: Winnipeggers learned with regret this morning of the death at Vancouver of M. A. McLean, whose serious illness was mentioned a few days ago. Mr. McLean was a pioneer of both Winnipeg and Vancouver, leaving this city with other Winnipeggers to found the town on the coast. He was elected the first mayor of Vancouver and was very popular there. While a resident of Winnipeg deceased was prominent in the attempt of the Government to boom trade with Australia, he said it was a fake, pure and simple, and could not succeed. "Australia has few things Canada wants," said he, "and the only things Australia really wants from this country are agricultural implements and whisky. The Englishmen have that market, and will be able to keep it," said Mr. Tompkins, "in spite of all efforts that can be put forth by protectionist countries." Mr. Tompkins says there is great glee in New Zealand among the dairymen over the fact that Mr. McEwan, of the Experimental Farm at Ottawa, has been secured to lecture them in cheese making, and they expect to be able to outrival Canadian cheese in the British market as they have our butter. The Auckland Herald advises the "boys" over the fact that the Dominion Government gives one of its employes a year's leave of absence to go over and teach the New Zealanders how to beat the Canadian at the European cheese market. "I am a dyed-in-the-wool-Tory," said Mr. Tompkins, "but I am disgusted with the way the affairs are being run by the men at Ottawa, who are a libel on the name of Conservative, and are no credit to the party." Speaking of the Hudsons Bay railway, Mr. Tompkins declared the grant to it by the Dominion Government job. The line can be built for $12,000 a mile, and the Government is to pay $10,000 of this. Mr. Tompkins expressed the opinion that it was a scheme to make up for large election contributions. "If we had a Minister of the Interior who knew something about immigration," he declared "Manitoba might get some people along the lines of road already constructed, for at present Manitoba has more miles of railway per head of population than any other country in the world."

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INDIAN UPRISING.

Kootenay River Indians Threaten to Make Trouble.

Word was received from Nelson yesterday that the Kootenay River Indians had caused the men employed by the Reclamation Company at their works to suspend operations, bloodshed being avoided only by the flight of the white men from the scene. The despatch further stated that serious trouble must ensue unless prompt steps were taken for the protection of the property of the company and the lives of the workmen. Several shots had been fired by the unruly Indians and they refused to allow the work to go on.

Official intimation of the difficulty was received during the day by Attorney-General Eberts from Geo. A. Keefer, of Keefer & Smith, the engineers in charge, and from Mr. Alexander, another official of the company. They asked that a company of Mounted Police be sent to the scene from the Northwest, and pointed out that immediate action was essential to the safety of the company's people. Hon. Mr. Eberts, after consulting with Supt. Hussey, wired to Capt. Fitzstubbs, Government agent at Nelson, instructing him to swear in a posse of special constables and with them proceed at once to the scene of the trouble. Mounted Police will not be used if it is not thought by the authorities that the matter is of serious character, and it is expected that Capt. Fitzstubbs will have little difficulty in accomplishing his mission. As a matter of precaution Hon. Mr. Eberts has also wired the Dominion authorities to ascertain if, should it be necessary, Mounted Police could be ordered to the scene from the nearest point in the Northwest.

The present seems only a renewal of the trouble of two years ago. The Indians threatened the white men then, they claimed one of their potato patches had been invaded by the reclamation works. No difficulty was then experienced in dealing with the little uprising.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Nelson, B. C., April 9.—(Special.)—Geo. A. Keefer, consulting engineer of the company that is reclaiming lands on Kootenay river, between the foot of Kootenay Lake and the international boundary line, arrived here yesterday by steamer, and reports that the Kootenay Indians have driven off all the men on the work by force of arms. The Indians claim that the company is trespassing on the land held by them as a reserve, that by building dykes land that they have a cultivated for years is being rendered worthless and that they will have their rights, even if they have to fight for them. There has been more or less trouble with the Kootenay Indians ever since the reclamation company commenced operations two years ago, but the Government agent at Nelson has been able to quiet them by making special promises. As the Kootenay Indians are friendly to whites, there is likely to be difficulty that will end in bloodshed if prompt measures are not taken. As the land is less than 10 miles from the Canadian line, the Indians will act with impunity and escape to the United States, where a large number of their kinfolk are encamped, and whose aid they can count on in fighting. The Dominion, a few years ago, quelled a like outbreak in East Kootenay by sending a detective and a detachment of Mounted Police, and the present outbreak can only be quelled and the Indians made to respect the rights of the whites permanently by similar action.

THE FAD FOR FINE CHINA.

"If it were not for women the potteries of the world would languish. The patronage of the few masculine connoisseurs wouldn't suffice to pay the clay sifters. Kings here and there in the old days were the patrons of potteries, but now-a-days it is the queens, rich and uncrowned, who make it possible to carry on the business at a profit," says the New York World in a bright and instructive article on China, a portion of which we reproduce below. China is a passion with women. Part of the education of the up-to-date society woman is to cultivate the elegancies of life. She must know not only gems, laces, bronzes, tapestries, pictures and sculptures, but she must have some knowledge of the leading products of the celebrated kilns of the world, and know all the virtues of fine glass. Imagine dinner plates at $227 each, or $1,362 for a dinner party of six covers. The cultured woman must know and appreciate such Oriental extravagance and doubts whether a meal eaten from such a plate would taste any better than one served on a plate of the cheapest China. The price asked is not a fictitious one due to associations and rarity, but the actual cash value in open market based on exquisite workmanship. They constitute one single item in the artistic heights reached in the effort to throw a glamour of beauty and refinement about that unpoetic art—feeding the inner man. There is china and china. The wise woman may not be able to pay dearly for beautiful hand painting, but it is economy for her to pay enough to buy good porcelain, and to buy it in first-class order. If there is anything that the careful housewife needs to buy with a guarantee it is her china. A great deal of China that is offered for sale outside of the big importing china houses is made by comparatively unknown potters and by them turned over to decorators, who invent or copy any pattern they please, name the ware anything they please and it is sold for what it will bring. It must be remembered that every piece of fine decorated china is painted by hand and the work not only consumes much time in doing, but requires the skill of an artist in the bargain. It is a genuine pleasure to visit a good china store. In this respect the citizens of Vancouver are peculiarly fortunate, for we have