THE STOCK REVIEW

There Were 105,500 Shares Sold During the Week.

BLACKTAIL A LIVELY SELLER

Centre Star is in Demand But There is Not Much of it for Sale—Considerable Rathmullen Changed Hands—White Bear is Selling.

The sock merket continues in about the same condition that it has for months past. The sales of the past week are a little more than for the previous one, but the improvement is not of any great moment. The sales now for a week amount to about what they used to during the flurries of last year in a day. The outlook for a better market is brighter than it has been, and brokers say that they anticipate considerable of a flurry in from 30 to 50 days, and from then on for a considerable period, they think, the market will be lively and prices high. It is a characteristic of the stock market that these periods of dullness come and go. Some people compare the dull period in 1897 to the present one, and allege that the stock depression which is now being passed through is severer than the one in 1897. This is not true, for there were weeks in 1897 when the sales did not amount to as much as they do now in a single day. The depression then was caused by the period of wildcatting of 1895 and 1896, and was the outcome of the bursting of a number of overboomed but worthless mining projects. The cause of the existing depression is totally different. It is the result of the war, the labor troubles, which have happily passed away, and the intense mercantile and industrial activity which has caused money, hitherto used for speculation and investment in mines, to be absorbed for manufacturing and mercantile enterprises. As a result even the standard stocks are selling far below their intrinsic values. which is an abnormal condition of affairs and one that naturally should not long obtain.

The sales, by days, during the past week were as follows:

Thursday	24,500
Friday	15,500
Saturday	8,000
Monday	1,500
Tuesday	32,000
Wednesday	24,000
Total	105,000

Against 90,200 for the previous week.

Brandon & Golden Crown is a little weaker than it has been, notwithstanding the fact that the company will shortly commence to market its ores. On the local board 22 is asked and 19 bid for it.

Deer Trail No. 2 is weak, and 9 1-2 is asked for it and 8 1-2 bid.

There has been considerable trading in White Bear and a number of sales have been made to Toronto purchasers. The price has ranged from 1 1-2 to 2.

Rathmullen has been one of the lively shares, and about 50,000 have been sold here and in Toronto during the past week. The price has ranged from 3 to 3 1-4. Ten thousand shares were sold at these figures yesterday.

Giant has sold some during the week, and the price hangs around the 2 cent mark.

Okanogan is selling for from 2 to 2 1-8. There has been considerable of this stock purchased during the past few weeks in Montreal, and it is thought a syndicate there is quietly endeavoring to secure control. There has been considerable inquiry and some sales of Rambler-Cariboo. On the local board 26 1-2 is asked for it and 25 bid. The property of the Rambler-Cariboo company is looking exceedingly well, and, as machinery is to be installed and considerable development work done. it will be several months, it is thought, before the payment of dividends will be resumed.

Tamarac is selling for from 5 to 5 1-2. It is thought that the company will, within a few days, make the announcement of the reorganization of the company. The plan in contemplation is to make the stock assessable.

Winnipeg is stiffening, and there is considerable quiet buying at the existing figure, which is about 13 1-2. Mr. Duncan McIntosh, the superintendent, who shut down the property and went East, has returned, and it is thought that work will be resumed in a few days. It is assured transportation facilities shortly by the C. P. R., and this has caused increased dealings in the shares.

War Eagle is holding its own around $1.46. There probably will be no great advance in the price of this stock until the company resumes the payment of dividends, and then it should go up with a bound to somewhere in the vicinity of the figures at which it stood before the shut down.

Centre Star is in good demand, and on the local board one block of 500 was sold yesterday for $1.58 and another for $1.57 1-2. The stock is firmly held, and where a little under the quoted price it is quickly taken. The impression prevails that the Centre Star is the biggest mine in the camp.

Evening Star is firmly held, and yesterday on the board 1,000 was sold for 10 and another 1,000 for 10 1-2.

There has been considerable trading in Blacktail in Spokane during the week. The ore body recently uncovered is both wide and rich and the Republic papers speak of the Blacktail as the second best mine in that camp, Republic being first. It sold during the week for as high as 13 cents. Republic sold during the week for from $1 to $1.05.

On the local board 11 is asked for King and 8 1-2 bid. Mr. Ross Thompson, who has just returned from the Oro Denoro, reports that another vein, which is 20 feet wide, and which carries good values in copper has been uncovered.

SALES.

Thursday's Sales.

Rathmullen 5,000 at 3, 3,000 at 3, 500 at 3 1-4, 500 at 3 1-4; Okanogan 5,000 at 2, 10,000 at 2; Giant 500 at 2.

Friday's Sales.

Tamarac 500, 500, 500 at 5 1-4; Rathmullen 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500 at 3 1-4, 5,000 at 3; Giant 11,000 2 1-4; Okanogan 5,000 at 2 1-8.

Saturday's Sales

Rathmullen, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500 at 13 1-2.

Tuesday's Sales.

Sales: Giant 5,000 at 2 1-2, 7,000 at 2 1-4: Rathmullen 2,000 at 3, 5,000 at 3 1-8, 500 at 3 1-4; White Bear 5,000 at 1 3-4, 5,000 at 1 3-4; Rambler, 500 at 26, 500 at 26, 1,000 at 26; Tamarac 500 at 5.

Wednesday's Sales.

Tamarac 1,000 at 5; Rathmullen 5,000 at 3 1-4, 5,000 at 3; White Bear 10,000 at 1 3-4; Centre Star 500 at 1.58, 500 at 157 1-2; Evening Star 1,000 at 10; 1,000 at 10 1-2. at 3 1-4c., 500, 500 at 3c., 2,000 at 3 1-4c.; Tamarac, 500 at 5 1-4c.; Winnipeg, 1,000,

Appended are the official quotations of yesterday of the Rossland Mining and Stock exchange:

	ASKED	BID
Athabasca	2	20
B. C. Gold Fields	4	3
Big Three	7	5
Brandon & Golden Crown	22	19
Canadian Gold Fields	6½	5½
Cariboo (Camp McKinney)	$1 00	87½
Crows Nest Pass Coal	$35 50	$30 00
Deer Trail No 2	9½	8½
Deer Park, new	2	
Dundee	15	11
Evening Star	10½	
Fairmont		
Giant	2½	2
Homestake	2	
Iron Mask	48	39½
Iron Colt	7	
I. X. L.	17	
Iron Horse		
Jim Blaine	17½	15
Jumbo	25	
King (Oro Denoro)	11	8½
Knob Hill	60	50
Lone Pine	15	13½
Minnehaha	5	2
Monte Christo	4	3
Moutreal Gold Fields	7	4
Morrison	3½	2½
Mountain Lion	93	75
Noble Five	4	2
Northern Belle	2	1½
Novelty	2½	
Okanogan	2¼	1½
Old Ironsides	80	70
Palmer Mountain	21	16
Peoria Mines	2	
Princess Maud	7	
Rambler-Cariboo	26½	25
Rathmullen	3¼	2¾
Republic	$1 08	$1 03
St. Elmo Consolidated	3½	2
Smuggler	1¾	
Tamarac (Kenneth)	6	4¾
Trail Creek Hidden Treasure	8½	
Van Anda	4	2½
Victory-Triamph	3	1¾
Virginia	3	2¼
War Eagle Consolidated	$1 46½	$1 40
Waterloo	6½	4
White Bear	2¼	1½
Winnipeg	14	12
Wonderful	4	

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FIRE IN SUMMIT.

The B. C. Mine Runs a Great Chance of Being Destroyed—Stored Dynamite.

Grand Forks, May 2.—The office, shaft and powder houses of the B. C. mine in Summit camp had a narrow escape from destruction by fire yesterday. A heap of brush along the railway spur near the dump was being burned, and the sparks, carried by the wind, ignited the adjacent dry grass, trees, cordwood, stumps, etc. Soon it expanded over several acres. The heat was terrific.

All the miners above ground were formed into a bucket brigade, directed by Superintendent Scrafford and Accountant Mackintosh.

A fire hose did good service but the flames were not checked until they had reached within 20 feet of the powder house, where thousands of pounds of explosives were stored. One shack was destroyed, and the occupant, a miner, had a narrow escape. Standing on the spur were a number of cars loaded with dynamite. They received a scorching, but were shifted down the track in time.

After half an hour's work the wind shifted in an opposite direction. The fire then swept through dry trees and finally exhausted itself in the green timber. Several acres were swept over.

At one time it looked as though the fire would extend across the hill to Summit City. Mr. Mackintosh sent a warning, and Colonel Haywood and the inhabitants turned out prepared for any emergency.

At 4:30 this morning Phoenix was startled by the loud report of a powder explosion. Investigation found the sound to come from a small log building used for thawing out powder, about 400 feet from the No. 1 old shaft house on the Old Ironsides. Frank Clemgrener, who was standing within 20 feet of the house, was seriously though not fatally injured. Every vestige of the house was blown away by the 75 pounds of dynamite stored there. It cannot be ascertained how the explosion took place.

A Mat and Rug Maker Speaks of Diamond Dyes

She Would Not Use Any Other Make.

The best and most successful makers of homemade carpets, mats and floor rugs use the Diamond Dyes to color their rags yarns and warps.

Every home dyer knows well that the Diamond Dyes give the fastest and brightest colors, and are the simplest dyes to use

Mrs. A. Y. Field, Bathurst St., Toronto, says: "During the last ten years I have made many mats and rugs from wool and cotton rags and coarse yarns. The dyeing of the rags and yarns I have always done with Diamond Dyes as they give the richest and strongest colors. I am fully convinced that the Diamond Dyes are the safest and cheapest for all who make carpets, mats and rugs. I would not use any other kind of dyes."

The Klondike Census.

Victoria, B. C., April 27.—The latest reports from the north bring word of the completion of the census of the Klondike. It shows for the district a total population of 8,805, of which number Dawson City claims 5,404. There are 2,767 Britons, 5,539 Americans and 449 of other nationalities.

GRAND FORKS INTELLIGENCE

THE MINERS OF PHOENIX CAMP ENDORSE HON. SMITH CURTIS.

Complimentary Banquet to Be Tendered Visiting Bankers—A Hold-up Near Grand Forks.

Grand Forks, B. C., April 24.—(Special.) On the Phil Sheridan claim of the Earthquake group in Brown's camp, north fork of Kettle river, a shaft 4x8 is being sunk on the ledge and has now attained a depth of 15 feet. The ledge at this point is well defined and reveals about three feet of ore carrying iron and copper sulphides in a gangue of quartz and lime. Its width will be determined by a crosscut when increased depth is attained. Drifting will be commenced at the one hundred foot level. A nice showing of ore was exposed after a few hours work by Superintendent McPhee near the line of the Earthquake and Phil Sheridan claims. There is a strong parallel ledge called the centre ledge of the group running northwesterly and south-westerly. This ledge has been opened up by a series of open cuts all in ore.

According to the Grand Forks Miner the miners of Phoenix at a meeting held last week adopted a resolution endorsing the candidature of Hon. Smith Curtis.

Isaac Arqueet, a mill hand was held up and robbed of $20 by three masked men a few nights ago.

Invitations are out for a complimentary banquet to be given by the citizens of Grand Forks at the Yale tomorrow evening to T. E. Kenny, president of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, and J. M. Smith, manager of the Rossland agency. Both visitors are in Republic inspecting the agency there.

James Mackinnon, inspector of the Eastern Townships Bank, has returned east, delighted with his sojourn in the Boundary country.

"The primary object of my visit," he said, "was to inspect our branch at Grand Forks. I was greatly pleased with the showing made. Mr. McLaughlin, our local manager has worked up a nice business and has secured a good class of customers. We will establish a branch in Phoenix shortly. I was greatly impressed with the possibilities of business in the west. Although our bank is a conservative institution it may be an object for us to extend the scope of our operations in the west; money in the way of deposits is flowing in upon us in the east, and it is not always easy to make good investments. Winnipeg and Vancouver naturally occur to me as favorable points for the establishment of branches, but this will be a matter for the decision of our directors.

"After visiting several camps I must admit that my expectations of the mineral wealth of the Boundary have been more than realized. In the east I was inclined to discount much of what I heard about the mines; it required a visit to dispel my illusions. After inspecting the Knob Hill, Old Ironsides, Victoria and City of Paris I was simply astounded at the amount of ore in sight. Eastern investors like myself, of course, had implicit faith in Messrs. Miner and Graves. Mr. Miner is a gentleman who has handled and is handling vast industrial enterprises successfully, whilst we always realized that Mr. Graves was the right man in the right place. Their success here is unquestioned. I have been disabused of the idea that mining is a risky business. With the exercise of judgment it is just as safe legitimate and profitable as any industrial project. This is the belief I will disseminate on my return. Many will realize its truth when too late. I should not be surprised if British Columbia became the wealthiest province in the Dominion within the next ten years.

"Grand Forks has a bright future. Its growth has been simply marvelous. Our bank will erect a substantial bank building here ere long."

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

City of Paris Mine Shipping to the Grand Forks Smelter.

Grand Forks, B. C., April 25.—(Special.)—The shaft on the Rambler, in Pass Creek camp, is down 75 feet, of which 55 feet is in ore. The ledge is 20 feet wide. Crosscutting will not be commenced until the 125-foot level is reached. Several assays gave returns of from four to 16 per cent copper and $10 in gold per ton.

A string of wagons laden with ore from the City of Paris mine is passing through the city to the Grand Forks smelter daily.

A large body of yellow sulphurets of copper of high grade was encountered yesterday in the Oro Denoro tunnel in Summit camp.

Coryell Bros have been awarded the contract for the supply of 400,000 brick for the Greenwood smelter, as well as an option for an additional amount. Their brick yard, which is located on their ranch, two miles from Grand Forks, has a daily capacity of 30,000. Tests of the clay made at Hillyard, Wash., and Victoria, srpuassed the brick standard.

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

Citizens of Republic Only Required to Have Health Certificates.

Grand Forks, B. C., April 30.—[Special.]—The Canadian quarantine regulations at Carson, B. C., have been so modified that hereafter certificates of health will be required from citizens of Republic only.

Postoffices have been established at the City of Paris mine and Summit City. R. C. Walby is in charge at the latter place.

The liveliest point in the Boundary at this juncture is Summit camp. Jack Hanly, the well known mining man, who was here today, stated that work on the R. Bell will be resumed next week. Mr. Hanly expects to have the property on a shipping basis before July 1st. Associated with him in this enterprise are Simon and Jake Bamberger of Salt Lake, two of the wealthiest mine owners in Utah.

J. McGibbon, representing Spokane people, is negotiating for the acquisition of the J. S., Banner, Molly and Treadwell in Summit camp. The details will be announced later in the week. Mr. McGibbon and his experts have sampled all these properties, and it is understood have also made an exhaustive examination of the Blue Bell, Mountain Rose and Saloon claims.

The force at the B. C. mine, which thus far has shipped 2,000 tons to the Trail smelter, exceeds 75 men. It will be doubled in the course of a few weeks when the new plant, comprising one-half of a 20-drill compressor and a 200-horse power boiler is installed. A new gallows frame is being erected and the tramway is being extended to the ore bins. Mann & Mackenzie, the Toronto railway magnates, have ordered a five-drill compressor for the Emma, one of the best known properties in the camp.

A local enterprise, the Summit City Water, Light and Power Company, has just been incorporated. It will supply light to Summit City, and a deal for furnishing power for concentrating purposes to the Oro Denoro is being negotiated. It is estimated that Fisherman creek and the east fork of the same stream will supply 150 miners' inches of water. The contract for constructing the dam and flume will be awarded next month. A rival, which will furnish electrical energy to the mines, is the Cascade Water & Power company. A route for the pole line has been surveyed. It will be extended from Phoenix.

Work on the Tiger has been resumed.

The mill owned by the Summit City Lumber company is cutting 15,000 feet daily.

Ross Thompson of Rossland was here today. He stated that the Oro Denoro will be making continuous shipments within five weeks. The plant is giving good satisfaction. Mr. Thompson added that recent development work has far surpassed his most sanguine expectations.

ENDORSED AT GREENWOOD.

The Liberal Association Will Support the Candidature of Smith Curtis.

Greenwood, B. C., April 26.—(Special.)—The candidature of Hon. Smith Curtis of Rossland was unanimously endorsed by 40 members of the Liberal association who attended the meeting last night. The resolution endorsing Mr. Curtis met with no opposition, and C. J. McArthur, W. S. Keith and J. H. McFarlane were appointed delegates to the convention to be held in Grand Forks on May 2. They were instructed to vote for Curtis. The name of Premier Martin was not mentioned during the meeting.

SMITH CURTIS ENDORSED.

Cascade Liberals Adopt the Platform of the Government.

Cascade, April 26.—The Liberals of this town have held a meeting and endorsed the platform of the present provincial administration, and also the candidature of Hon. Smith Curtis and elected a delegate to attend the proposed Liberal convention at Grand Forks on the 2d inst.

GREENWOOD NEWS.

Retail Clerks Association Formed—Mine President Married.

Greenwood, B. C., April 27.—[Special.]—Another labor organization has been completed here. This time it is the clerks, who have formed the Retail Clerks' Association, with a membership of 25. Already their influence has been felt, as a petition has been circulated among the merchants requesting the closing of stores every evening at 7 o'clock, except on Saturdays and evenings before holidays. The petition met with general approval, and after May 1st the stores will all close at 7 o'clock. The association is officered by the following: President, A. D. Mackenzie; vice-president, A. Fleishman: secretary, R. N. L. Brown; treasurer, M. Berger; guardian, F. H. Mackenzie. Regular meetings will be held in Union Hall.

Duncan McIntosh, president of the Winnipeg Mining company, has returned home from an extended trip to the East. He brought with him a bride, and the couple have gone into housekeeping in a pretty home built by Mr McIntosh.

The first jail break in the new city bastile happened last night, when E. Kelly, committed for theft of two caddies of tobacco, and who was to have left today for Kaloops to await trial, escaped. The police locked him in as usual last night, and when they went to the cell found it was still locked, but its occupant had gone. He could not have gotten out without the assistance of an accomplice.

Regarding the quarantine situation, Dr. R. W. Jakes, provincial health officer for the Boundary district, this morning informed the correspondent of The Miner that although the absolute quarantine has been raised, travelers to Chesaw, Oro and other Okanogan points across the line must present certificates of vaccination and show that they have not been near an infected point. The quarantine officers, he said, had strict instructions to enforce these regulations, and those contemplating a trip to the reservation of Okanogan country should govern themselves accordingly.

Writing o fthe reservation, the correspondent is reminded to say that a new townsite has been started there named Molson. Backing it is the Colville Reservation Syndicate, a Montreal company with plenty of means. The new townsite has a pleasant location on Baker creek, and is surrounded by a number of promising claims, including the Poland China and Mountain View mines, which have been connected with the townsite by a wagon road over three miles in length. Mr. Merchem, general manager for the syndicate, is in town today on his way East to Montreal to attend a meeting of the company.

Greenwood's Tramway.

Greenwood, B. C., May 1.—(Special.)—Patrick Welch, Spokane, and J. W. Stewart, Nelson, railroad contractors, arrived here today to submit tenders for constructing eight miles of the electric tramway between here and Phoenix. The surveys for the right of way of the line are in progress. Duncan McIntosh, president of the Greenwood and Phoenix Tramway company, has returned from the east, where he called for tenders on rails, rolling stock, etc.

An aerial tramway is to be put in at the Molly Gibson during the next summer.

POLITICAL PRATTLE.

It Is Said J. C. Brown Has Joined the Martin Forces.

Victoria, B. C., May 1.—(Special).—The renewal of the rumors that Mr. J. C. Brown, of New Westminster, has cast in his lot with Hon. Joseph Martin and as a reward will be taken into his cabinet, furnishes the most interesting feature of political gossip, many of "Winchester's" old associates in politics sharing the opinion that a compact of some sort has been made between him and the government leader.

From Esquimalt district the news is received that a convention of resident farmers will be held toward the close of the present week to nominate candidates who will speak for the farmers, regard for party allegiance not being the chief element for consideration. Mr. Hayward will, of course, be one of the two nominees, according to this programme.

In North Victoria Mr. J. J. White, of Sidney, has come forward with an endorsation of the Martin platform and announces himself as out to defeat Mr. Booth, while in Cowichan friends of Mr. Hard are endeavoring to induce him to offer himself as a Martenite.

In North Nanaimo a requisition has been presented to Mr. John Byden, bearing 200 signatures, asking him to be again a candidate, in which event there is no question but that he will be once more returned with an increased majority.

John R. Ryder is once again back in his office, directing the financial machinery of the country. He expects to find his opponent in Comox in the person of Mr. Mouce. Mr. Ralph Smith was also in the city yesterday and contributes his own positive denial to the report that he had become a Martin follower.

At the opposition committee rooms on Government street yesterday evening a meeting of the executive and chairman of the ward committee was held and an organization for the campaign was effected amid much enthusiasm.

There were 28 delegates out of the 50 chosen present at the labor convention at Vancouver last night to nominate two candidates for the next election. The meeting was very stormy, and business was interrupted by several motions to adjourn. The following were named from whom the two candidates will be nominated at the next meeting: R. McPherson, C. Woodward, George Bartley, Fred Fouler, N. William, H. B. Gilmour and Harry Cowan.

WHAT WILSON SAYS.

Is in Favor of Building the V., V. & Eastern Railway.

Vancouver, B. C., May 1.—Special.)—News from Kamloops says that F. J. Fulton, running as an independent Conservative, has received a letter from Chas. Wilson, leader of the party line Conservatives, in which Wilson says he believes the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern railway feasible. He promises, if he is placed in power, he will, within 30 days, send out a corps of engineers to ascertain if the route is feasible, and if their report is favorable, he will advise that the line be built and operated by the province.

Several thousand of the recently arrived Japanese will leave at once to work on fruit farms in California.

THANK OTTAWA.

Victoria Chinese Are Grateful to Ottawa to the Extent of $25,000.

Victoria, April 27.—The subscription list for the relief of the Ottawa and Hull fire sufferers has been opened, and there is a liberal response to the appeal. The Chinese merchants have shown some enterprise in telegraphing $25,000 direct to the governor-general with a request to apply it to the fund, and they announce that they will have more for the local lists.

The band of the Fifth regiment announced a sacred concert in the Drill hall on Sunday night in aid of the fund.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Bills of Sale.

April 26.—Jupitor No. 1, all; W. McGuinness to Thomas Foster, $250.

Certificates of Work.

April 25.—To A. L. Anderson for J. A. Smith on the Allcome.

April 26.—To E. Baillie for the same on the Diamond Dust.

April 26.—To E. Baillie for the same on the Monday.

April 26.—To W. McGuinness for the same on the Jupitor No. 1.

April 27.—To J. Paccola for G. R. Killam on the Buffalo No. 2.

April 27.—To J. Paccola for G. R. Killam on the Ontario No. 2.

April 27.—To J. Paccola for G. R. Killam on the Great Britain.

April 30.—To G. H. Sutherland for C. J. Johnson et al., on the Sadie No. 2.

April 30.—To K. L. Burnet for C. Connell on the Boundary No. 2.

April 30.—To. K. L. Burnett for V. Monier on the George Fraction.

April 30.—To K. L. Burnet for Geo. Lemon et al., on the Rossland Fraction.

April 30.—To C. Connell for the same on the Rossland Fraction.

May 1.—To J. Kraff for J. Kraff et al., on the Iron Chief.

May 1.—To J. Kraff for J. Kraff et al., on the Teller.

May 1.—To J. Kraff for J. Kraff et al., on the Cashier.

May 1.—To J. Kraff for J. Kraff et al., on the Cumberland.

May 1.—To J. Kraff for J. Kraff et al., on the Iron Chief.

May 2.—To J. Kennedy for J. Kennedy et al., on the Maid of Avoca.

May 2.—To J. Kennedy for J. Kennedy et al., on the Fontenoy.

May 2.—To J. Kennedy for J. Kennedy et al., on the Maid of Avoca.

May 2.—To W. S. Murphy for W. S. Murphy, J. Ryan and W. S. Peterson on the Last Chance.

May 2.—To W. S. Murphy for W. S. Murphy, J. Ryan and W. S. Peterson on the Prince of Wales.

Certificates of Improvements.

April 28.—To G. R. Killam for the same on the Buffalo No. 2.

April 28.—To G. R. Killam for the same on the Ontario.

April 28.—To G. R. Killam for the same on the Great Britain.

Large quantities of supplies have been going up to the Arlington during the week.

INLAND POLITICS.

The Correspondence of W. W. B. McInnes Anent Nanaimo.

Victoria, B. C., April 28.—(Special.)—Turner, Helmcken, McPhillips and Hall initiate their campaign with a public meeting on Thursday evening, while the government candidates commence their speech making the Monday following.

In North Victoria it appears the late member, J. H. Booth, has anticipated the wishes of the electorate in announcing his candidature, for upon his declaration that he was in the field, a nominating convention projected for this evening was abandoned, and neither T. W. Patterson nor W. J. Taylor will enter the running, although Captain J. H. Robertson comes forward as an independent candidate.

What W. W. B. McInnes will do appears to still occasion considerable speculation among the electors of the Nanaimo constituencies, although the concensus of opinion seems to be that he will not in any event offer himself in Nanaimo city against Ralph Smith, as it would be political suicide to do so.

In connection with the negotiations leading up to the proffer of the South Nanaimo nomination to McInnes with a string attached, some interesting correspondence is printed in the Herald, indicating that the son of His Honor is not perpetually committed to the doctrine that the office should seek the man, nor yet that personality should be excluded from politics.

The first message is under date of the 15th inst., and read: "There is a report here that Dunsmuir is running in South Nanaimo. I am desirous of beating him and think I can do it. Kindly notify my friends that I will accept the nomination at once. (Signed) W. W. B. McInnes. A reply was sent to this, conveying the information that McInnes could secure the nomination if he would declare in favor of the late government, and he answered thu: Kindly thank my friends. I appreciate their action. My record is before them. I stand as ever, true to principles and independent of party. I will enter the struggle for the popular rights which have bound us ever before. Signed) W. W. B. McInnes.

To this an answer went back immediately: Committee is desirous of your nomination, but the feeling against Martin is so strong that you must openly oppose him. Please telegraph to this effect. McInnes lost no time in replying guardedly on the following day.

Telegram received. Thanks. Will openly oppose whatever is objectionable in platform or record of Martin, Cotton and Wilson. I am independent of them all. If honored by your nomination will fight Dunsmuir with my utmost ability, and run pledged to principles fully acceptable to my friends. (Signed) W. W. B. McInnis.

In East Lillooet the opposition standard bearer will be J. D. Prentice, who left for the constituency this evening, while Captain Wallace Langley will seek the suffrages of his fellow residents in Cassiar as an independent Conservative, C. W. D. Clifford and John Irving being also in the field, the former as a Conservative and the latter as an independent.

ISLAND POLITICS.

Rumor That W. W. B. McInnes Will Oppose Smith at Nanaimo.

Victoria, B. C., April 27.—(Special.)—In North Victoria the names of T. W. Paterson, W. J. Taylor, Captain H. Robertson, of Moresby Island, and J. P. Booth, have all been mentioned in connection with the anti-Martin nomination expected to be decided at the convention this evening at Salt Spring Island. The government standard bearer there has not yet made his appearance. A requisition asking Captain Clive Phillips-Woolley to accept the nomination as a straight conservative is circulating throughout this district.

In Metchosin section, for the full threshing out of the issues, Captain Phillips-Woolley has been asked to meet Martin on the platform. In South Nanaimo the situation is virtually unchanged, but for the appearance of John Ratcliffe as an independent, and an announcement by W. W. B. McInnes that he will make no declaration of his intentions until he has looked over the field. He will not accept the nomination tendered him with its string attachment, the pledge that he will oppose Martinism, and he will most likely run as an independent in Nanaimo against Ralph Smith.

NEWS FROM THE COAST.

The C. P. R. Pays Up What It Owes in Timber.

Vancouver, B. C., April 26.—(Special.)—A frightful accident took place at Elk Bay, 100 miles up the coast, yesterday afternoon. The 11-year-old son of David Essence, a logger, was sent with a 12-pound can of gunpowder to their house, about 100 yards from the shore. He went to the kitchen and amused himself for a few moments by placing spoonfuls of the powder on the stove and watching it flash. Then he took off the lid and began pouring the powder in the stove. The whole tin exploded. The boy was thrown to some distance from the house, which was completely wrecked. The stove and fragments of the house were found hundreds of feet away. The boy was horribly burned, but was still living when brought to this city tonight.

It is understood that the C. P. R. today handed to the provincial government a cheque for $22,000 in settlement of the claim in connection with the recently seized timber on the Crow's Nest line.

Hewitt Bostock, M. P., who arrived today from Ottawa, expressed surprise at Premier Martin having so few candidates in the field in the interior. He says that Martin in going up against the Laurier government on the Japanese question, cannot result in anything but the making of much trouble.

MAKES THEM PAY.

Joe Martin Compels the Canadian Pacific Railway to Ante Up.

Vancouver, B. C., April 28.—Respecting the government seizure of ties and logs on the Crow's Nest Pass line on account of the alleged non-payment of timber dues, it is ascertained that they have been released. Payment has been made under protest, the Canadian Pacific railway is taking action or is trying to take action through the courts to recover the money paid.