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SOME NEW MEASURES.

The amendment to the Land Act, introduced into the House yesterday, contains some important provisions, but most comment will be caused by the change of the royalty on timber from 50 to 75 cents per thousand superficial feet. This was wholly unexpected, although few people thought that it would come so soon.

Apparently the intention of the amendment is to make the increase applicable to all lands, whether or not the royalty can now be collected, but we draw attention to the phraseology employed in regard to granted lands. The expression is "any lands hereafter granted," which is the same language as was employed in the Revised Statutes of 1897 and the previous Acts imposing a royalty upon timber cut upon granted lands.

A very important announcement was made yesterday by the Premier in regard to iron ore. It was to the effect that the government proposed to impose a tax upon such ore, with a refund in case the ore is smelted in the province. The idea is to secure the utilization of our iron in this country.

GAME PRESERVATION.

The subject of Game Preservation is very properly attracting great attention in British Columbia at the present time. There is no question as to the value of game as an asset to this province. We have not yet begun to realize what it is worth.

While there is no law to prevent rich men from acquiring large tracts of land from private parties—now do I think there should be—I am decidedly opposed to wealthy men being allowed to obtain possession of large portions of public domain for game preserves to the exclusion of the general public.

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FROM HAND TO MOUTH. Sir William Lyne, of Australia, has been telling the people of England that they are living from hand to mouth, and that only the adoption of preferential trade with the outlying parts of the Empire will save them.

A CRITICAL CASE.

It is alleged that there has been a lockout at the coal mines at Taber, Alberta, and that the Department of Labor does not propose to enforce the new Industrial Disputes Investigation Act against the operators.

The Colonist is not in possession of sufficient information to enable it to speak definitely as to what has occurred at Taber, and it is loth to believe that there has been an illegal lockout there, the Department has declined to interfere.

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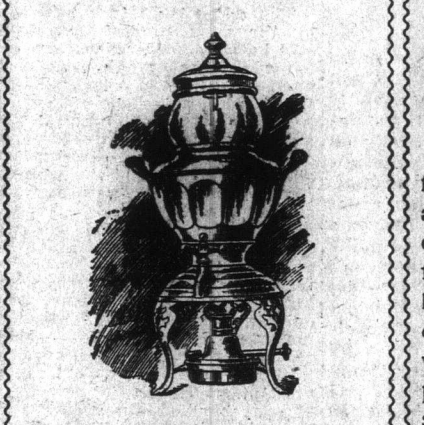
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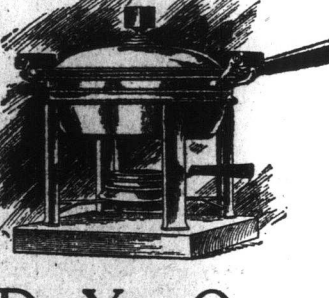
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