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July 28.-This morning a porter of Queens ig standing in front of oillez Square. While jumped into the rig and inville pursued, and the rom his brass buttons officer, jumped from the ed to escape. In doing nto the canal and had ort distance when he . Later his body was identified as George ROSSLAND, B. C., THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1902

ENORMOUS TAXATION

dustry Dying While Beyond Her Borders Business Booms.

Per Year \$2.50.

Brtish Columbia In- Plain Speaking From the Citizens of Rossland at Board of Trade Banquet to the Hon. Minister of Mines--Iniquitous 2 Per Cent Tax--Sentiment Unanimous

the tax. The Rossland camp will then that I am pretty frank as a rule. forge ahead on a scale hitherto without

speakers at a banquet in this city because I firmly believe it. should have combined to impress a member of the administration with the dition of affairs, the remedy for which the desire of the minister to become acthus publicly, it is generally accepted time for him. as almost certain that some alleviation of the grievious burden may be looked

for at no late date.

The function was of an exceedingly pleasant nature. The attendance was large, the menu and appointments ad- may say what they like about the fishpleasant nature. The attendance was mirable, the service and cuisine above ing industry and the millions of cases the average, while the social feeling of salmon they get, the lumber industrat prevailed was all that could be try, or any other industry; but when desired. The minister of mines proved you come to compare them with the to be genial, whole-souled and appreciative. While enjoying the social features of the banquet to the utmost, it tures of the banquet to the utmost, it mines that we owe the ultimate welwas apparent that Colonel Prior never fare of this beautiful province of ours. that of obtaining information to be utilized in his departmental administration-for he quietly jotted down the crucial points established by the various speakers, thus indicating that the seed so freely scattered was not falling on barren or unfruitful ground.

Covers being removed, the toast list Gracious Majesty King Edward VII," was received with the enthusiasm which the national toast never fails to elicit in the loyal city of Rossland, enhanced by the fact that in Westminster Abbey across the Atlantic His Majesty had been vested with the crown and sceptre that day.

Following was the toast to the guest of the evening, and this was honored with a cordiality that brought a smile of pleasure to the lips of Colonel Prior. The minister of mines made a bright and effective address in response

THE MINISTER IS SEEK-ING INFORMATION AND ADVICE ABOUT MINING

Mr. Chairman, Vice-Chairman and

In looking at the Rossland Miner this morning I noticed a very nice and kind little article in regard to myself, and one item stated that as soon as I came to Rossland, I should find the have visited since I went into public protection. life, has there been kinder treatment me than I have experienced since land- to be shown over that plant. I was although I know little of metalliferous or more general comradeship shown

I come here, not to make any prom- gards this lead question.

that it is my duty as a minister of the this to set matters right. crown, to travel the length and breadth put their capital in this country.

mining industry, it overshadows every this banquet for the purpose of talking business, talking shop as it were, benight to see that I go away from this city, filled up to the brim with truthful facts with regard to this industry.

I have heard some pessimists say The opening toast, "His that the mining industry is about dead aond that there is no hope for it. (No. no.) But when we know the yield attributable to it we see that it is far from dead. (Hear, hear.) The production of the minerals in the year 1901 amounted to the very large sum of \$20,086,000, quite a respectablie sum. They talk about the Klondike, but we see from the blue books that it only gave \$18,000,000. Have we not a real of "The Mining Interests," proposed Klondike in British Columbia? Now, by Arthur S. Goodeve, the "silverthe increase for 1901 over 1900 was the tongued orator of the Kootenays," and respectable sum of nearly \$4,000,000, or responded to by a bright galaxy of an increase of 23 per cent. I don't mining men-Edmund B. Kirby, genthink anybody can say that this is a eral manager of the War Eagle small increase in the mineral output of Centre Star Mining companies; Wil-British Columbia: the tonnage increased 66 per cent. In 1899 the value of the land Great Western allied mining prooutput was \$3,229,000; in 1900 it was \$2,- perties; Charles V. Jenkins, the finan-739,000; in 1901 I am glad to say it was \$4,621,000 from this district. The gold and Centre Star mining companies, and in British Columbia as a whole increased 26 per cent; silver increased 25 per cent; the output of copper increased 175 per cent. Lead, as you all know, has been suffering under great disadvantages, and we did not expect it to Mr. Chairman, Vice-Chairman increase. The decrease was 25 1-2 per

one of them tonight.

The paper also said it wanted me to pressed condition of affairs so far as It is for these gentlemen to tell you a large scale. I shall refer tonight to numbers of producing mines have been a characteristic ore. We will say one-

equal force to the situation in other this their home, and whose ability, enequal force to the situation in the Nelson ces in this great province of ours, and camps where great deposits of comparery, knowledge and determination I a little item appearing in the Nelson ces in this great province of ours, and Boundary. In a sense the function was position of being, if not the largest, strike. It said that when I went to Hill, being a man of his keen business boundary. In a sense the rancol was at least one of the largest cities in the Golden City. It is probably in the Golden City. It is probably the province of British Columbia. I without parallel that the principal say that from my heart, gentlemen, am not standing here to make political and promising to increase this large capital with the men or the companies, Now, gentlemen, this is my first visit but I have the right to correct an unto Rossland since holding the position truth. When I went to Fernie I knew member of the administration of minister of mines; a position, I can it was my duty to endeavor to bring assure you, whatever you may think, both sides together and effect some set lies within the powers of the minister I am very proud of. I saw noted in the tlement whereby this conflict would whom they addressed, and, knowing Victoria "Times" newspaper, a paper end. As soon as I landed in Fernie l which sees fit to oppose me politically, tried to see Mr. Dan Mackenzie, the quainted with real conditions and in that the minister of mines was coming secretary of the miners' union, and Dr. quainted with real conditions and of up to the Kootenay district, and that Higgins kindly took a message to him view of the overwhelming men there had prepared a pretty hot from me saying I would like to talk with him, so I cannot see how I ignor-Now, I am of the opinion, Mr. Mayor, ed the men. I just wanted to tell yo

The government of which I am a of the province of which I have partly member is not either Liberal or Con-In his address in response to all the totake charge. I don't think anyone servative, but, as you know, has both thusiastic toast, Colones Frior line will begrudge the few hundreds of dol- Liberals and Conservatives in it. I Kootenays for the purpose of optaining lars it requires for a minister to travel information and urged the utmost around the country and see what are frankness in discussing the affairs of the needs of the people and the districts in discussing the affairs of the needs of the people live and I have the large of the needs of the people live and I have the large of the needs of the people live and I have the large of the needs of th ed the gathering that he was in the Kootenays for the purpose of obtaining lars it requires for a minister to travel therefore do not appeal to you as frankness in discussing the affairs of the needs of the people and the districts the mining industry. This sentiment in which the people live, and I hope, was adopted in word and spirit the mining men spoke their feelings freely now do, or other public positions, that and fully, supporting each argument whis will not be by many times my last this statistical information that canand this will contribute more than any and this will contribute more than any one other factor to the enhanced prosperity and stability of the mining interest and best possible way on the men who have perity and stability of the mining in- best possible way on the men who have in me, I can make out a case for you so that before long you will be able to There is no doubt that the mining in- say, "Well, Prior's visit did somedustry is the principal industry; they good, anyway." Whatever is done will

the mining industry as a whole. I thank you again, Mr. Mayor and gentlemen, for your great kindness to me in offering me this banquet and in giving your time here tonight. I can assure you all it will make a great impression on my memory, and I only hope you will have the same good impression of me that I have of you to-

An ovation was tendered the minister of mines on the conclusion of his address. The manner in which Colonel Prior delivered his remarks was devoid of diplomatic mannerisms, being in fact, the expression of a business man to business man. As such the min ister's sentiments appealed strongly to the gathering and this substantially contributed to the warmth of the ap plause following his remarks.

A RAILROAD KING WHO BANKS ON CITY'S FUTURE

The other toast on the list was that liam Thompson, manager of the Ross cial representative of the War Eagle Roscoe Rolph Leslie, general superin-

tendent of the Le Roi mine. Mr. Goodeve made a characteristically eloquent address in proposing the toast. He said in part:

Gentlemen: I was down today at the Trail smelt- terday afternoon, but I can assure you er, and Mr. Aidridge kindly allowed me with a great deal of modesty that me than I have experienced since land astonished to find it was of such mag-mines, we can at least congratulate large capital required for milling. I know, sir, this town is famed for its nitude. I was also gratified, as I ourselves that we have at last in that splendid banquets (hear, hear), and I know you all are, to find the new elecknow that the accounts of these ban- tric process for refining lead has turn- ed in the requirements of this country f the world. I am only glad that it large additions to this plant will be ready to do all he can for this industry

tonight of the various progress we have but one of these questions, and that is closed down, and those operating have, The two per cent inneral tax is interest tax is interest tax is interest.

One trank and cordial, not diplomate, including is concerned.

I can assume or live up II sessing resources of a single distance of the sessing resources of a single distance with the sessing resources of the only be attained upon the abolition of ly look at my physiognomy, will say to the Dominion government asking a mining camp and from a mining all know its fatal defect, which is to for the necessary tariff changes as re- camp to a city, and from that time to exact an increasing proportion of the that the industry is prostrated in many this it has been a steady, gradual and net profits when applied to the lower mining divisions and that its condition permanent growth; and now we have grades of ore. You all know how on is rapidly becoming worse, due to two precedent. Facts and ngures are locally coming to support these contentions.

The foregoing deductions were placed before Hon. E. G. Prior, minister of before Hon. E. G. Prior, minister of before the new powers of the investors what I think myself, but what I think myself allow me to say so, I believe, not only to an and because that strike was year. before Hon. E. G. Prior, minister of allow me to say so, I beneve, not only mines for the province of British Columbia, at a complimentary banquet

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I have heard from men who are comlumbia at the tendered the city's distinguished visitor on Saturday night at the Hotel
tor on Satu Allan. Rossland's leading mining men city of yours; a splendid future. Not Columbia. Now that it is happily over Anan. Rossianus leauning mining acts such an enormous rake-off. If any pressive. combined in the enort to place the Holls of you will undertake the work of flowing with precious metals, but I am have an unlimited supply of coke once sum of money was because of the faith of you will undertake the work of flowing with precious metals, but I am have an unlimited supply of coke once sum of money was because of the faith of you will undertake the work of flowing with precious metals, but I am have an unlimited supply of coke once sum of money was because of the faith of you will find say that today I was requested to deal more to carry on your mining and of one of the shrewdest railway men of the shrewdest railway men of the shrewdest railway men of the sion of the real lacts of the local lacts of the local lacts of the world like to be in the world today. He recognized the that all other investors will agree with very briefly with the question of the tion, and their arguments attach with camps where great deposits of companies and deposits of the gentlement for the wish to deal with this subject at length.

attively low grade ore exist, such as the am sure will place this city in the proud News in giving an account of that do you suppose for a moment that Mr. our ore supplies. It is there in the wish to deal with this subject at length. amonit, had he no faith in Rossland and vicinity and thought for a moment that the mining industry was dead?

TWO PER CENT. TAX STONE WALL TO PROSPERITY

Ar. Kirby spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: Themistocles once said: "I cannot play upon any stringed instrument but I can tell you how of a little village to make a great and glorious city." I find myself tonight unable to entertain you by romance, poetry and eloquence, but I can tell you how to ation in its present form: make, if not a great and glorious city,

are we, who have the interests of British Columbia at heart, going to do
about it, and while this question waits
for an answer the paralysis slowly exbition of Sir John A. Macdonald to
bition of Sir John A. Description of the province. I need not nificent works like these should have had their copper stacks idle for months
and only one lead stack going, and
that one struggling for its very exis-

CONDITION OF ROSSLAND MINING. gether with bands of steel, and how gether with bands of steel, and how In addition to the present high grade gether in Rossland the fortunes of the his almost superhuman efforts were at ores we have been shipping to the of costs. These low grade ore bodies dollars he gets. (Hear.) under British Columbia conditions the

est citizen of the town, all are inter- will be a success. (Hear, hear.)

MINERAL TAX PREVENTS TREADWELLS IN B. C.

Mr. Thompson followed, as in the following powerful presentation of the case for the abolition of mineral tax-

Gentlemen:

I felt very much disappointed when posing the health of our distinguished guest. I thought Governor Mackintosh does not realize the decline which has the province of British Cottains sized city would this be and how occurred in the mining industry in be congratulated in getting a man cessful would it be as a business courage of his convictions and the public we can make the evil, the more we can call attention to the causes of that evil, the more certain it is that reform will come. We all know that the great cause of the depression now coming over the British Columbia mining industry is excessive and overwhelming taxation, and the only hope of relief is not in secrecy and concealment but to preclaim this fact upon the content of and respect to the cealment? Ask any prominent investor donald. You have had for a number in London, Montreal, Toronto or New of years resident in your city two of

less to disguise the anxiety which is develop a magnificent and successful quantities of low grade ores under Red felt at the present moment among the citizens of Rossland as to the future I hope I may be pardoned if I address extracted at a profit (owing chiefly to of these mining operations. Taking the my next few remarks directly to Colo- their highly silicious nature) without mines as a whole, the present con- nel Prior rather than to the chairman some preliminary concentration before dition is a very simple one and one and members around this board. The smelting, and Mr. Kirby has tonight which all may understand. As is in- Colonel gave us certain statistical figvariably the case with large ore depos- ures tonight from that magnificent re- Centre Star companies are prepared its, the grade tends to settle down to port he has issued to the general pub- to undertake the concentrations of a general average which is below that lic. It is certainly interesting to know these low grade ores as soon as the of the occasional bonanza bodies to that this province produced twenty government is willing to relieve them which mining operations are in the first stages confined. In digging out the during the past year. The investor is sive taxation. (Hear, hear.) rich ore bodies large quantities of low interested in knowing that, but the in-grade are exposed which cannot be vestor is more interested in knowing and examine Monte Cristo and Kootemined profitably at the present scale how much of that twenty million of nay mountains. We find low grade ores

hope the Dominion government will tonight the Honorable Minister of long-lived town, but before they can dealing with British Columbia mining values and low copper. These ores be the fact, for at none of the places I find a radical cure by giving increased be reached many problems must be appearing two years ago in one of the carry an excess of iron over their silication. overcome, not the least of which is the United States, the truth of which candifficulty in inducing investors to risk not be gainsaid by the lapse of time: able flux for lead smelting operations,

begun a few years ago so auspiciously thousands of tons of this ore blocked The War Eagle and Centre Star has been brought to a practical stand- out in these mountains in the various companies are now ready to undertake still; and, whereas, a few years ago this work. They are about to begin the mountains were swarming with Cristo, Iron Horse, Iron Colt, quets have been telegraphed to the ends ed out to be such a success. No doubt along practical lines; a man who is meanwhile are trying to solve the nu- mining industry have nearly disap- being shipped to the smelters, I do not my good fortune to be present at made in the near future, and this will and give us the advantage of his long merous commercial and other problems peared; the flow of capital into the overstate the fact.

One-Fifth of Everything Produced Is Seized by the Government in Taxes.

situation. We have no doubt about some of the gentlemen following me Rossland hangs upon the milling of were other matters of equal if not these ores. The question is—will the greater importance I wished to deal government of British Columbia take with, and I do not wish to unnecesdown this barrier and enable us to revive mining in Rossiand? I need not ever, that it is my firm belief and dwell upon the fact that in this ques- opinion that for such low grade ores tion our interests are bound up to-gether. From the highest to the low-silicious gangue the Elmore process

est citizen of the town, all are unested in the prompt removal of this unested in the prompt removal of th again been referred to, and it naturally becomes a question as to what low grade ore is. Low grade ore is simply the ore we have to leave in the mine that will not yield a profit after paying cost of production, whether it be one cent or five dollars short. Low grade ore in this camp is governed by the equipment and the mining facilities ation in its present form:

Mr. Chairman, Vice-Chairman and of recovering the metallic values contained in them.

Might I carry you, sir, over to the our esteemed and worthy vice- chair- other side of the line to join our our esteemed and working of the fine to other side of the fine to othe We have been reading for years and have heard all kinds of stories relating and fully, supporting each argument with statistical information that cannot be gainsaid, and establishing so not be gainsaid, and establishing so strong a case for the abolition of the members of the government are strong a case for the abolition of the members of the government are most anxious to do what is best for the m strong a case for the abolition of the mining industry on a firm and paying basis. I don't know whether ary action of any government can do that, but they acknowledge facts as that the Governor, through his modesty, action of any government can do that, but they acknowledge facts as action of any government can do that, but they acknowledge facts as action of any government can do that, but they acknowledge facts as action of any government can do that, but they continue and failure than a refusal to fortune and failure than a refusal to fortune and failure than a refusal to the mining industry on a firm and paying basis. I don't know whether ary action of any government can do that, but they continue to a continue to fact with they are. We are all face to face with they are. We are all face to face with they are. We are all face to face with they are. We are all face to face with they are. We are all face to face with they are. We are all face to face with they are. We are all face to face with they are. We are all face to face with they are. We are all face to face with they are. We are all face to face with they are. We are all face to face with they are. We are all occurred in the mining industry in be congratulated in getting a cessiul would it be as a congratulated in getting the congrated in getting the congratulated in getting the congratulated in say, "Well, Prior's visit did somegood, anyway." Whatever is done will
have to be for the greatest benefit of on the street; why should not we also the mining industry to land with all the mines operating, as discuss it frankly in public. The more bia a magnificent success. (Hear, hear.) I trust they will be in a few years. is it that in British Columbia our mining engineers will not look at anything that evil, the more certain it is that (the largest city in the bounds or Hotel a ing engineers will not look at anything reform will come. We all know that Canada) near the Windsor Hotel a that would guarantee a profit of only

> ment but to proclaim this fact upon the ion's admiration of and respect to the the situation that I propose to deal What is the use of con- Right Honorable Sir John A. Mac- with tonight when he said that the extension of the lead smelting industry York and you will find him already Sir John A. Macdonald's closest friends city of Rossland. I am almost sorry would be of the greatest benefit to the fully informed as to this fact and also and advisers in Governor Mackintosh to think that the minister went to concerning the various other difficulties and the Hon. T. Mayne Daly; tonight Trail today and had the satisfaction which at the present moment make in-vestments in British Columbia under and trusted lieutenants, our guest of the only one stack running. It certainly is sirable. The question before us is what are we, who have the interests of Brit- of mines for the province. I need not nificent works like these should have connect the Atlantic and the Pacific to- tence.

> here in Rossiand the fortunes of the his almost superhuman that of ores we have been snipping to the neighboring towns, rests upon the ore shoots of Red mountain, and it is usemountain that cannot at present be

> there, consisting of heavy sulphide of of costs. These low grade ore bodies dollars he gets. (Hear.)
> afford the basis for a prosperous and I wish, sir, to quote from an editorial iron, carrying medium gold and silver "The developments of these resources and when I say there are hundreds of

Let me take, sir, for your information