

ELECTION IN FERNIE RETURNING OFFICER'S COUNT ELECTS ROSS BY SEVEN MAJORITY. LIBERALS BELIEVE THAT A RECOUNT WILL SEAT THEIR CANDIDATE.

FERNIE, Oct. 10.—The official count of the ballots was made today by Returning Officer Alexander. All the ballots marked with a black pencil were allowed, and the result stood: Ross 318, Smith 309.

COMPETITION IN MEAT. Boundary Men Form a Company to go Into Business.

PHOENIX, B. C., Oct. 10.—What promises to be by far the most important mercantile transaction of this year in British Columbia is now being closed up here in the Boundary, and is nothing less than substantial opposition to P. Burns & Co., who now have the butchering business of the Kootenays and Boundary practically to themselves.

The new company is to be known as the Union Meat company, and has already started in business at Fort McLeod, Alberta, near the base of cathead supplies. The four gentlemen interested are W. S. Macey, of Phoenix, and W. M. Law, James Kerr and J. H. Flood, of Greenwood. The latter two were formerly in the same business in the Boundary, but sold out to P. Burns & Co. when the C. P. R. was built into the Boundary in 1888.

At first three new shops will be opened—one each in Phoenix, Greenwood and Grand Forks, the locations having already been secured, and some of the shops are to be opened early next week. A site for slaughtering has been secured near Phoenix, whence the Boundary shops will be supplied. Later other shops will be opened where it is deemed a good business proposition.

Mr. Macey was interviewed, and stated that it was not the intention of the company to cut the price of meat to cost or anything of the kind, but they did intend to do business wherever they thought they could profitably do so as a legitimate business enterprise. They now had behind them a herd of some 50,000 cattle in the Northwest, with the assurance that all the cattle, sheep and hogs needed would be supplied as fast as needed in any quantities.

For a number of years there has been no opposition to P. Burns & Co. in the wholesale and retail meat business throughout the mining districts of southeastern British Columbia, but from the above it looks as though there would be two strong concerns selling meat all through the sections referred to.

THE GRANBY COMPANY. A Satisfactory Condition Disclosed at Annual Meeting.

MONTREAL, Oct. 10.—At the annual meeting of the Granby Consolidated company here the result of the year's operations.

In a statement to the shareholders it was stated that the difficulties and troubles over coal and coke were now believed to be past, although for the past year an average of but two farthings could be kept in blast at Grand Forks, B. C. Four were now ready, and it was expected that from now on all six, including two new ones, would be kept running continuously. The mines at Phoenix, B. C., were now developed to a point where no further expenditure would be required for the output could be kept at 5000 tons daily.

Costs are given as follows: The working expenses at the mine and smelter are \$1,136,830. Foreign ore purchased was \$62,965. Foreign material purchased was \$776,004, making a total of \$1,975,799. The net profit is therefore, \$236,468, which together with the surplus of the preceding year, brings the total to \$693,463. During the year \$207,000 was expended at the mines and smelter on new construction.

The following were re-elected to the board of directors: S. E. C. Miner, Jay P. Grant, John Stanton, William H. Nichols, A. C. Flummett, A. L. White, W. H. Robinson, J. Lavagelot, Fayette Brown, C. S. Houghton, J. H. McKeechie and George Martin Luther.

THE WINNIPEG MINE. Proceedings at the Annual Meeting Held in Phoenix.

PHOENIX, Oct. 10.—The annual general meeting of the Winnipeg Mines, Limited, has just been held here. The managing director, Richard Plewman,

submitted his report, which was received, and adopted. The report goes into detail in regard to the prospects of the property, and what has been done since the report was made. A new shaft house was built, to take the place of the one destroyed by fire in May, 1932, the new building being considerably larger than the old one. Arrangements were so made at the mine for the shipping of the ore from the dump that within three weeks after starting over 1,000 tons of second class ore were sent out, which yields a profit at the present rates of freight and treatment. Now, however, ore is being taken from the mine itself, which has been largely unwatered, and the returns will be larger. For a time shipments were made to the Boundary Falls smelter at the rate of 12 cars per week. In general Mr. Plewman feels much encouraged at the prospects of the Winnipeg.

At the meeting of the shareholders the report of the auditor, William Tomlinson, was also read, and the following officers and directors were chosen for the ensuing year: President, John Dean, mayor of Rossland; vice-president, Charles D. Hunter of Phoenix; secretary-treasurer, Richard Plewman, of Phoenix; the other directors being W. W. Gibbs, of Portland, Oregon, R. E. Plewman and F. W. Bauer, of Rossland, and John A. Morrin, of Phoenix.

A BONANZA PROPERTY. Grand Forks Men Expect Good Returns From North Fork Mine.

GRAND FORKS, Oct. 10.—G. A. MacLeod and Dr. Kingston, of this city have dispatched a pack train with supplies to their Waterloo claim, situated at the headwaters of the North Fork of Kettle river, a hundred miles north of this city. It is the intention of the owners, as a result of their recent inspection of the Waterloo, to push development work at once and make shipments by pack train during the winter months. The Waterloo, which is a silver-lead property, is twenty feet wide, and has a strike of about 100 feet. The average values in a four-foot paystake are one thousand dollars per ton, principally in silver, with five per cent copper and a little gold. Despite the remoteness of the property from transportation, little doubt is entertained of the ability of the owners to mine the ore and ship out by pack horses at a very substantial margin of profit. Many specimens of the ore gave assay returns exceeding fourteen thousand dollars in silver per ton.

At a luncheon given at Victoria in honor of Archbishop Onda and Monsignor Sibretti many local public men attended and spoke, including Governor Joly, Colonel Grant, A. E. Smith, U. S. Consul, and Mr. McPhillips. All paid tribute to the religious and social work of the Roman Catholic church in the city and province.

J. G. Davis, foreman of the works at Emery's Newcastle Island quarries, will begin at once clearing away. Meanwhile he is procuring what machinery is necessary for the work. He states that the stone is as good for building purposes as the work is properly started, and when stime weighing 15 to 20 tons will be taken out and shipped south. Mr. Davis is an old hand at the work for he was foreman of the same quarries when they were worked thirty years ago.

A Port Simpson correspondent writes: A representative of the Grand Trunk Pacific railroad has been in Port Simpson for the past three weeks, making very complete soundings of the harbor. He has also set up a number of tidal gauges at various points in the harbor. This man, whose name is Bacon, is very reticent concerning his operations. He will not talk at all, and the only information concerning his work is that learned from surveyors and engineers connected with the railroad company, who have been here lately. It is understood that Port Simpson will without doubt be the terminus of the new transcontinental road. Were it not that Kilmarnock is situated at the head of a flood some fifty odd miles back from the general coast line it might stand a good chance of selection as the terminus. Kilmarnock

also suffers in reputation as a port because it at times freezes over, although the ice is never very thick.

Joseph Thretheway, who returned recently from Cariboo, has been showing his friends some remarkably rich samples of gold-bearing quartz. Mr. Thretheway claims to have made some very important discoveries, but declines to speak of their locality, although he declares them to be very rich.

The Victoria Trades and Labor Council have decided to incorporate at once. This was decided upon at the last regular meeting of the council. The secretary's report showed the council to be in a flourishing condition financially.

Eighteen mule-drivers employed at the Extension coal mines have gone on strike because one of their number was discharged. The trouble will not interfere with the operation of the mine as it will not spread.

Manager Sharp of the Extension mines sustained a painful injury through a fall of rock and coal in one of the workings recently. A small bone in one of his legs was broken.

A Nanaimo dispatch says: A terrible case of accidental shooting occurred last evening. The victim was Hazel, the pretty little eight-year-old daughter of Mr. James Carthew, ex-mayor of Cumberland, and the gun which caused her death was in the hands of her father. He was out on the house, which was land shooting grouse, and was accompanied by his two children, a girl and a boy. Mr. Carthew was about to fire, and turned to the boy, warning him to keep out of the way. At that moment the gun, which chanced to be on a line with the little girl, was accidentally discharged, the contents of both barrels striking the child, who was but a few feet away, in the face and breast, tearing the flesh to ribbons. A hole was literally blown into the child's artery. Mr. Carthew picked up the child, but before he could reach the house, which was close at hand, she was dead. Mr. Carthew is almost crazed. The family is of long residence here and is very popular.

Four new banks besides the Bank of Nova Scotia, will in all probability open branches in Vancouver and other coast cities between now and the end of the year. The banks are the Eastern Townships Bank, the Bank of Toronto, the Union Bank of Canada, and the Dominion Bank. The coming of the last mentioned bank probably has delayed for some months at least. It is reported that its directors have decided not to extend their business to the coast immediately.

A pulp mill is to be erected by a Vancouver company on what is known as Swanson Bay. The mill is to be constructed in the spring. Mr. Humphrey, who returned the other day, is the chief engineer of the company, and his duties north included among other things the selection of a site for the proposed industry. The mill will have a capacity of 700 tons a day. Power will be obtained from a fall of water from the mountain side, a gravitation of 150 feet having been secured for the purpose. It is intended to produce the manufactured article in its finished form, that is to make paper ready for the market. For a day or two the mill will draw on extensive limits of spruce and hemlock. Another pulp mill is to be erected in the spring at Bella Coola, and a company has been found in Seattle to carry out this project. The mill will be situated about three miles from the town, on property given the company by Mr. Jacobson.

In the provincial police court at Victoria, Thomas Hassett, a gunner of the Royal Artillery company, now at Work Point barracks, was charged with having unlawfully caused the death of a valuable cow belonging to James Donegan, on the latter's lands, where the animal was grazing. Accused admitted that he was under the influence of liquor at the time, but he certainly did not shoot the cow himself. He expressed regret for his act, but he was not very well aware of what he was doing on that occasion. An officer from the barracks, who gave evidence said that he believed Hassett committed the deed in order to get a reward of \$250. Hassett was sentenced to Hongkong, and will be sent shortly by the ship. Hassett strenuously denied the charge. He declared that he liked the military duty and would be only too glad to accompany the corps wherever it went. The magistrate of the offence, the serious character of the offence, and the minimum penalty for which is penal servitude for fourteen years, and sent the prisoner down for eighteen months' hard labor.

Sad demise of Mrs. Daniel Bain—Funeral of Late Mrs. Luekman Sunday. (From Tuesday's Daily.) Many friends will learn with sincere regret of the sudden death of Mrs. Daniel Bain, who passed away at a late hour on Sunday at the residence of her husband, corner First avenue and Georgia street. Convulsions following childbirth were the cause of death. Twin infant children survive. The deceased lady was thirty-eight years of age, and a native of the Maritime provinces, where she was married to Mr. Bain, who is in the Canadian Pacific service here, about a year ago. Mrs. James G. Irving, ex-Columbia avenue, is a stepdaughter. The remains will be taken to Nelson this morning for interment. Mr. Bain will have the deepest sympathies of his Rossland friends in bereavement he has suffered under such particularly sad circumstances.

The last sad rites in connection with the death of the late Mrs. Luekman took place on Sunday afternoon from her son's residence. The services were conducted in the presence of a number of sympathizing friends by Rev. John A. Cleland, rector of St. George's church. The pallbearers were Messrs. Paul Kaufman, August Schroeder, Dalby Morkill, John Y. Cole, Joseph Cleland and W. Busch.

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A new action was set down for trial yesterday under the style of Thompson vs. Williams, J. A. Macdonald, for plaintiff and William J. Nelson for defendant. The plaintiff is Mrs. Ellen Thompson, wife of J. W. Thompson, formerly a well known colored restaurateur in Rossland. It is alleged that an agreement was drawn up and executed by both parties calling for a certain division of community property aggregating in value about \$2,000, which the defendant J. W. Thompson has failed to carry out according to the statement of claim. Mrs. Thompson now takes action to enforce the alleged agreement and for an accounting.

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IN SUPREME COURT FALL SITTING COMMENCES TODAY AT THE COURT HOUSE. CHIEF JUSTICE HUNTER PRESENTS—THE CASES ENTERED.

The fall sitting of the Supreme court commences here this morning before Chief Justice Hunter, who arrived in the city last night. His Lordship came through from the Coast last week, but utilized his spare time available by running down to Spokane to take in the Fruit Fair, returning yesterday afternoon.

The list of cases set down for trial is not lengthy, and it is practically certain that the sitting will be concluded before the close of the present week. The cases entered will be taken up in the following order:

W. J. Harris vs. English-Canadian company, J. A. Macdonald for plaintiff, R. W. Armstrong and A. C. Galt for defendant company and Walter Morshead. This is an old action that has been set over from court to court for a year or more. It is not likely now to come to final trial, by reason that application is to be made to set aside some of the pleadings.

Centre Star Mining company vs. Rossland-Kootenay Mines, A. C. Galt for plaintiffs, Charles R. Hamilton for defendant company. This action has been standing for about six months, and hinges around certain trespass alleged by the plaintiffs and damages for same. The interesting point is also raised in connection with the issue as to the responsibility of one mining company in respect to the protection of life and limb in an adjoining property. An application for an adjournment will be made in the case, and if the order is granted the case will be stood over to the next court.

The third case on the list is Mary F. Williams vs. Bank of Montreal (Greenwood), A. C. Galt for plaintiff, Hallett and J. A. Macdonald for defendants. The action is for an account of monies accruing in connection with certain fire insurance policies on the stock of merchandise of one Williams who transacted business in Greenwood. The case is likely to come to trial, and it is expected that a couple of days will be required to complete the hearing.

Fourth on the list comes Woodbury Mines, Ltd., vs. J. A. Poyntz, an adverse action relating to certain mineral claims in the Almsworth mining division. The issue is similar to the usual run of adverse actions. A. H. MacNeill, K. C., appears for the plaintiff company, and Peter E. Wilson, of Gallacher & Wilson, of Nelson, appears for defendant Poyntz.

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IN THE FIELD OF SPORT (From Sunday's Daily.) The developments yesterday in connection with the matter of opening the skating rink this winter were not reassuring, although no definite steps were taken to decide the question. Meantime curlers, skaters and hockey enthusiasts are on uneasy seats lest the issue should be decided adversely and these pastimes wiped out. It is difficult to believe that some arrange-

ment will not be made to obviate such a catastrophe. It has been suggested that a smaller sum than the figure originally mentioned—\$1000—would suffice for the present, and that falling action by the company owing the institution someone might be induced to take hold of the rink and run it for the receipts, providing sufficient funds to make needed repairs at this juncture.

Rossland is the hub of curling in the Kootenays, and any contretemps in connection with the rink that would destroy the game here would be a misfortune. Then hockey has always been a popular pastime locally, and would be the best patronized sport in the category if Rossland was able to evolve a hockey team worthy of championship honors. This might be accomplished during the approaching winter, but hockey is certainly a dead issue if there is to be no rink.

Despite the assurances of various directors of the skating rink company that the situation is genuinely serious and that there exists a grave danger that the institution will be shut down to leave the outlook is not so black as it has been presented. To permit of such would be altogether opposed to the spirit of gameness and energy for which the Golden City is justly famed.

ABOUT THE PARK. The proposal to utilize a section of the city park area for recreation grounds has excited considerable comment about the city. There seems to be a feeling that the suggestion is good, and the debates appear to hinge more on details than on the central idea. For instance, one ratepayer holds the view that the present park area is utterly unsuited for recreation grounds, first because the ground is so much lower than the level of Columbia avenue is such that people would never think of going to the park save under exceptional circumstances. This gentleman declares that approximately south of the foot of Butte street there is an admirable stretch that commends itself strongly as a recreation ground. This is not a new discovery, inasmuch as the very section in question was surveyed several years ago to ascertain whether it would accommodate a driving track.

It was discovered then, that the area was too small for a driving park, but it contained ample space for athletic grounds and that the contour of the ground was such that it could be leveled at small cost. The citizen under discussion suggests that half of the present park site be sold to market and the balance be reserved for adapted, and that the balance be reserved for cemetery purposes. With the funds thus realized it would be possible to acquire the land he has in view and make the park thereon.

It will thus be seen that already two opinions have evolved on the subject, neither of which is adverse to the central idea. In fact both advocates of the athletic ground scheme. If the discussion is maintained it is probable that further ideas will be brought forward, but in the end the grounds will be provided, and as this is really the issue the argument over details is welcomed.

HOCKEY. The juncture was undeniably arrived when the sportsmen interested in Canada's national winter game should bestir themselves. In past seasons it has been the practice to leave the reorganization of the hockey team unevuated that Rossland has tailed in after all the other teams in the west and east have completed organization. It cannot be hidden that if Rossland is to play hockey in the district championship class it will be necessary to strengthen the team, not by importing players to be paid for games but by encouraging players to reside here in the manner that is universally practiced in hockey and every other sport the Dominion over. In other sport the Dominion is the more likely to see that good men will be secured. There is the possibility, of course, that the rink may not be opened this winter, but the probabilities are altogether to the contrary, and in the meantime the hockey people should be up and doing stunts that will have their effect after the skating season opens.

SOME WINTER SPORTS. An excellent idea has been advanced in connection with the approaching winter and its relaxations, in the form of a proposal that a snowshoe and boggan club should be organized as soon as the snow flies. Such an organization would be a substantial help to the winter carnival, but the special attraction is that it would afford its members healthy and pleasant entertainment practically without cost. Under the aegis of a properly constituted club the sport would have features that could not be established last winter, when the gatherings were impromptu. The club could give its tramps and follow the outings with social exercises, including a hop. This is the rule followed elsewhere, and it has been found extremely popular. Witness the dimensions which snowshoeing for pleasure has attained in Montreal and Ottawa among eastern cities.

The carnival committee owns a set of toboggans in excellent shape, and these could form the nucleus of a stock for the club. The slide on Washington street could readily be replaced, and as Washington street is now unused for traffic the slide would not be interfered with except in the lower levels, where the slides are not so essential. The break in the street at the width and could readily be bridged at trifling cost.

Wherever the idea has been advocated it appears to be favorably received, and the initiative in the matter of organization is likely to be taken as soon as the snow flies.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25 cents.

Social Events OF THE WEEK

Mrs. J. T. McKenzie was the hostess at a delightful home on Wednesday afternoon from 4 o'clock to 7. The guests numbered about sixty, and the function was thoroughly enjoyable. The interior of Mrs. McKenzie's cosy home was charmingly decorated in white asters and yellow poppies, the flowers being utilized in profusion and with excellent effect. The hostess was assisted by Miss Smith in receiving. Mrs. Charles S. L. Mackintosh poured tea, and refreshments were served by Misses Whitney, Boulbee and Falding.

Mrs. Cunliffe gave a pleasant tea during the week at her daily home on Spokane street. The function was attended by a number of guests and proved enjoyable.

Among the recent events in social circles was the afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. Smith Curtis. Mrs. Curtis upheld her reputation as a thoroughly hospitable entertainer, and the afternoon passed delightfully.

A JUDGE IS WANTED DIFFICULTY ABOUT SECURING MAGISTRATE TO TRY THE SALOON CASES. THIS HAS CAUSED POSTPONEMENT OF PROSECUTIONS UP TO DATE.

The pending cases against saloon men who opened after the polls closed on the 8th inst. are still in statu quo. The difficulty seems to be that of securing the proper parties to take the case in the police court, and it begins to look as if the matter would come down to John Boulbee, P. M., presiding after all. Mr. Boulbee's desire to avoid this was based on the fact that when the question came up prior to election day he had expressed an opinion on the subject, which was regarded as committing him in a measure to one side of the dispute. Under the circumstances he considered it wiser to place the case in other hands, but it now looks as if the other hands were difficult to find.

When it was stated that Mr. Boulbee preferred not having the case tried before someone else, John Kirkup, government agent and a magistrate, was requested to sit. His reply was that his time was fully occupied with government business, and that he was opposed to devoting valuable time to police court cases that were not in his own interest. Then William B. Townsend, J. P., was approached, and like the Biblical character "he also made excuses," stating that his present position as relieving customs officer would prevent his officiating in court.

Mr. May's desire to see a magistrate also, and also take this or any case if desired so far as his official status is concerned. But the defendants in the cases propose calling His Worship as a witness, and this would bear him from acting as magistrate. The issue is now in the hands of the court. In the foregoing it would seem as if Magistrate Boulbee would have to step into the breach. No papers have been served on the saloons as yet. When the matter comes up in court a hard fight will be made against convictions, and a determined effort will be made to show that the expression "whole election day" in the Elections Act only contemplates the period between the opening and close of the polls.

Commenting on the case the Nelson press states that in the Queen City the bars were opened immediately on the close of the polls, that the interpretation of the act there was to this effect, and that no pains were taken to keep bars closed save during the time when voting was actually under way, and, moreover, that this has been the practice since the inception of the corporation, as it has been the rule heretofore in Rossland.

THE B. C. GAZETTE. The Principal Features of Last Week's Issue.

Among the Provincial Gazette notices in the week's issue are those announcing the sale of mineral claims for arrears of taxes, under the provisions of the Assessment Act Amendment Act. The Rossland district is not mentioned. The tax sale for the Kettle River assessment district will be held at Fairview on November 2.

The P. R. Brown, Limited, is incorporated at \$3,000 capital, to carry on the business now conducted by P. R. Brown in Victoria.

The Granville Club Co., of Vancouver, has been re-incorporated with a capital of \$100,000.

Notice is given of the incorporation of the McArthur's, Limited, a company capitalised at \$5,000, to carry on the business carried on in Vancouver by Harriet E. McArthur.

The Popular Creek Gold Mines, Limited, has been incorporated with a capital of \$150,000.

Notice is given that J. W. Mellor & Co. will make application after three months notice to change the name of the company to the Melrose Co., Limited.

The Nanose school district has been created on Vancouver island, and the Parkville school district redefined in consequence.

THE WAITING GAME NOW BEING PLAYED BY THE SLOCAN LEAD MINE OWNERS. THEY ARE WATCHING FOR MOVES BY BIG SILVER-LEAD MINES.

(From Thursday's Daily.) That the granting of the bounty on lead produced in Canada did not immediately stimulate the silver-lead producing districts into activity at least equal to that existing three years ago has been a source of surprise to most people resident outside of the sections immediately interested. It is a fact that while more men are engaged in the Slocan and East Kootenay mines today than was the case six months ago, the real benefit expected, and naturally anticipated, as the result of the bounty has not been realized.

The explanation of this condition from the viewpoint of a mining man just from the Slocan is that producers of lead ores are awaiting the movements of the big mines before taking action generally. It is feared, and reduced to figures the proposition looks plausible, that any three of the big Canadian mines have the ore and the facilities to produce a tonnage sufficient to take up the entire bounty and leave the smaller producers out in the cold. The St. Eugene, Ivanhoe and one other of several properties are in shape to accomplish the move outlined, and while neither the St. Eugene nor the Ivanhoe is yet shipping, the properties are in a position to enter the shipping list at a few days' notice and the balance of the producers must have a disposition to await the development.

To place the smaller mines on producing basis requires expenditure varying from great to small, and while the owners of most of these properties are ready and anxious to ship, they hesitate to do so until the bounty and hazard of the outlay until assured that their product would share the bounty.

Just what would happen were the big mines to ship sufficient ore to exhaust the bounty is an open question. So far as is known, even if the amount of the bounty is small, the entire bounty by the mere expedient of shipping a sufficient tonnage to earn the sum which is to be distributed annually among lead producers.

The Slocan mines attempted to control this matter by forming a producers' association, which was to govern the output, but it is not known that the St. Eugene entered this agreement and the St. Eugene is the property of which the small producers stand in awe in this particular respect. It would seem that the small producers might have to make before its real benefit would accrue to the country. This alternative would necessarily take the form of an arrangement whereby a specific bounty would be paid on every ton of Canadian lead, even if the amount of the bounty was not a larger amount of bounty than was contemplated by the government when the annual payment on bonus account were limited to a million dollars. An assurance that all ores would earn the bounty would stimulate the mining activity, and the mine properties are the class that the bounty was really intended to assist. Having conceded the principle of a bounty, the Federal government might easily be induced to grant the wide scope, although eventually the amount of the bounty might not be greater than the administration originally contemplated.

The foregoing outlines briefly a few opinions of one mining man who has recently been on the ground and sounded the sentiments of lead producers.

MC INNES IS NOT FULFILLING MR. CURTIS' VIEWS IN REGARD TO LEADERSHIP OF THE LIBERALS.

THE MEMBER FOR ALBERNI BE CONDEMNED ON HIS RECORD. (From Thursday's Daily.) Smith Curtis, ex-M. L. A. for Rossland, being asked yesterday his view regarding the selection of a provincial leader by the recently elected Liberal members, said the matter was a very important one and the success or failure of the Liberals in attaining power very shortly largely depended upon choice made.

"The belief," said Mr. Curtis, "of a considerable number of voters that Mr. McInnes would be given the position of leader of the Liberals carrying a majority of seats at the recent elections, and he had remained up to the last a sibility and a bugbear was due to want of moral courage of the Vancouver Liberals in failing to refuse candidature. His defeat has shown that I have all along declared, that independent voters and high-minded courageous Liberals will not support a leader who has remained up to the last a spect. Let that truth be borne in mind and if it is the suggestion of the Vancouver World—already shown by yesterday's results to have made a color asinine blunder in tooting for McInnes as leader will be turned down emphatically.