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THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The speech from the throne, delivered at the opening of the legislative assembly, is in the main a satisfactory address.

The reference to negotiations being in progress between the Government and the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway company, which will open the rich mining camps and agricultural lands along the route, will cause many a man in Southern British Columbia to smile broadly.

It cannot be said that in the Speech Mr. Turner has been guilty of showing the hand he intends playing at the present session.

AN EXTENSIVE OPERATOR.

It would seem that the much-talked-of Canadian Development company, which is composed of some of the most influential capitalists of Eastern Canada and New York—notably C. P. R. officials, J. W. Mackay and H. Maitland Kersey—is ready to commence operations in British Columbia and the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Kersey was known in the business world as the New York manager of the White Star line of steamships. He is one of the best known clubmen in America, and is, besides, an enthusiastic yachtsman, taking a prominent part in the arrangements that have been made in recent years for the international matches for the America's cup.

A TIMELY WARNING.

The Victoria Colonist utters a very timely warning concerning the proposed intention of the United States government to send an armed force with the relief expedition that that country will dispatch to the Yukon before the close of the present winter.

The Colonist in a discussion of the incident says: "Remember San Juan," and goes on to remind its readers that the United States was permitted to land troops on that island, and the result was that Canada lost it.

While it is not to be supposed for a moment that either the Dominion or Imperial authorities would tolerate the slightest infringement on any privileges that might be accorded the United States troops passing through Canadian territory, the fact should not be lost sight of in Ottawa and London that the people of the United States are crazed with the Klondike gold discoveries, and that irresponsible and blatant jingoists at Washington might seize on the opportunity offered by the presence of United States soldiers in British territory to cause trouble between the two countries.

THE OUTPUT OF KOOTENAY.

The yield of precious metals of the Kootenay country is assuming great proportions, and it is interesting to note that during the last month the output

from the mines of Kootenay amounted to nearly one-third of the monthly yield of the gold mines of South Africa when the Kaffir boom was at its flood tide in the year 1895. At that time something over \$1,000,000,000 had been invested in South African gold mines, and the output was less than \$4,000,000 per month and the profit from this was considerably less than \$1,000,000.

DEEP-LEVEL MINING.

The project of resuming work on the Comstock lode is being agitated, and it is within the range of probabilities that some operations may be recommenced on this famous Nevada vein. Operations on the lower levels of the lode were suspended in March, 1882, because of the inability of the companies owning mines along the lode to make a satisfactory combination to pump the water out of the lower levels.

It was supposed at that time that the maximum depth at which mines could be operated successfully had been reached, as the only other working in the world that had attained a similar depth was the Adalbert shaft, Bohemia, which was only 3,280 feet deep.

In point of fact, the mines there were only down about 1,600 feet for the reason that the completion of the Sutro tunnel had created a new level from which mining operations could be conducted, as that long bore which extended from the Carson valley, a distance of four miles to the Comstock lode, kept the mines free from water down to its level.

The initial cost of the enterprise would be the greatest expense as after clearing the miles of workings of water it would be a comparatively easy task to keep the workings clear after this was done. This would be particularly the case if water power was utilized and turned into electric energy, which in its turn could be utilized to operate pumping machinery.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

The present city council is composed of men who are thoroughly representative of the municipality and their chief desire as councilmen is to serve the city to the best advantage. They enjoy the unreserved confidence of the taxpayers and are disposed to promptly carry out the ideas of a majority of the people.

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with the views of the Sunday Observance league. If, however, they find that this is not expedient and so inform the council, that body will probably give the matter no further thought.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A LARGE number of the newspapers of Canada are apparently ignorant of the fact that the C. P. R. is behind Mann and Mackenzie in their railway enterprises.

It must not be supposed that the circumstances of the Costello trial are being overlooked at Ottawa. There is every reason to believe that the minister of justice is giving the matter his attention.

The resignation of the lieutenant-governorship of the Northwest Territories by Hon. C. H. Mackintosh seems to have left a vacancy that is hard to fill. Mr. Mackintosh resigned at the beginning of the year, but no one has been appointed to succeed him.

The Spanish mine, Nevada county, Cal., is a good example of a cheaply worked property, though the exceptional conditions favor a lower cost than ordinary. At present 12 men furnish the mill with 270 tons of ore daily, which is mined and milled at a total cost of 65 cents per ton.

ROSSLAND is now generally recognized as the best place in Kootenay to sell a prospect or a mine. Prospectors and claim owners from all over Southern British Columbia now come here to find purchasers or capital to do development work with. There is a large sum of money in Rossland for investment in such channels.

The placing at sides of the archway leading into the rotunda of the Provincial parliament buildings of statues of Captain George Vancouver and Sir Mathew Baillie Begbie is most appropriate. Both were really great men and deserve the tribute that has been paid their memory in this instance.

The Revelstoke newspapers are doing yeoman's work for their town in the matter of the repair of the bank of the Columbia river, which, owing to its present condition, is being washed away. They have asked for appropriation from the Dominion and Provincial governments with much persistency and it would seem that their efforts are about to be rewarded.

An English contemporary is responsible for the statement that an individual named C. P. Cook has discovered the fact that there is a place called Vancouver Island, which he considers would be a suitable place for England's poverty-stricken and unemployed men and women.

The great strike of the English engineers, which lasted 29 weeks, cost \$3,000,000 in wages alone. The Amalgamated Society of Engineers commenced the dispute with a balance of \$380,000, 200,000 of which belonged to the superannuation fund, and could not be touched for strike purposes.

Plans for a new English church edifice, to be erected in the early spring on Silica street, adjoining the present church building, Rev. H. S. Akhurst, incumbent, who has spent the past three months in England for the benefit of his health, sails for home on Saturday, and is expected here in about two weeks.

A New Alderwoman.

Born, at 10 o'clock yesterday, to Alderman and Mrs. Albert Barrett, an 8 1/2 pound girl.

Annual Stockholders Meeting.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Dunlop and Sons' company, limited liability, will be held at the offices of the company, 37, Colborne street, at 3 o'clock on the 4th day of March.

The Northern Belle Gold Mining Co. of British Columbia, Limited.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the above company will be held in Toronto, on Monday, the 21st day of February next, at 3 o'clock p.m.

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are accredited to him, it may be safely predicted that he will be elected to stay at home.

RUMON is busy selecting a new governor-general for Canada to take the place of the Earl of Aberdeen, whose term of office will shortly come to an end. The salary attached to this position is £10,000 and the appointment is for five years.

THE head office of the company is situated in the city of Spokane, State of Washington, U. S. A. The amount of the capital of the company is three million five hundred thousand dollars, divided into three million five hundred thousand shares of one dollar each.

SOMETHING IS WRONG.

A New City Clerk Has Been Appointed in Sealey's Place.

NELSON, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—During the early part of the week there was considerable excitement in the city over the report that C. E. Sealey, who, since the incorporation of the city, has filled the position of city clerk, water company assessor and collector, had resigned.

At a special meeting of the city council held this afternoon, the motion was passed to appoint a successor to Mr. Sealey, and the council has decided to appoint Mr. J. W. Mackay to the position of city clerk, water company assessor and collector, as far as the duties of the office are concerned.

Shareholders Meeting.

A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Rammelmeyer Mining & Development company, limited liability, will be held at the office of the company, 125 Columbia street, on Friday, the 4th day of March, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.

Notice. "COMPANIES ACT, 1897." Registered the 28th day of December, 1897. "California Gold Mining Company."

I hereby certify that I have this day registered the "California Gold Mining Company," as an Extra-Provincial company under the Companies Act, 1897, to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

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