

JOE MARTIN AS LEADER

Farical Conclusion of the "Rump" Liberal Convention.

To Fight Provincial Politics on Party Lines.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 8.—The Liberal convention at Vancouver practically closed last night. The Martinites were successful in excluding the Liberal editors and the executive and deposed Senator Templeman as chairman.

The platform drawn up includes 12 planks, among them being: Government ownership of railways; redistribution of cash aid to railways; immediate construction of the Coast-Kootenay, Cariboo, Island, Alberta, Cassiar and Vernon-Midway railways; government scaling of logs; government to build smelters; the mining laws to be changed as little as possible; discouragement of Oriental immigration; compulsory arbitration; revision of the fiscal system; prevention of speculation in land; extension of roads.

Dr. Sinclair of Rossland was placed on the executive, though he is an anti-Martin man, and left the convention with Templeman.

The officers elected by the "rump" convention are the following: G. R. Maxwell, M. P. for Burrard, president; T. S. Baxter, secretary; William Sloan, Nanaimo, treasurer; Stuart Henderson, Yale-Cariboo, first vice-president; Richard Hall, Victoria, second vice-president; J. C. Brown, New Westminster, third vice-president; S. S. Taylor, Yale-Cariboo, fourth vice-president.

"E. V. Bodwell said of the convention: "We left the meeting last evening purely as a protest against what we considered was unfair treatment to the members of the executive and to the editors of Liberal newspapers. The action taken by the convention is not binding on any one, and we will take no notice of it whatever. That is all there is to say. No; there is no intention of holding another convention in opposition to the present one. We will treat it with the contempt it deserves."

FOUND IN THE SNOW

FURTHER PARTICULARS RELATING TO THE DEATH OF FATHER PAT.

THE CAUSE OF HIS WANDERING IN THE WOODS A COMPLETE MYSTERY.

Another Montreal dispatch has made its appearance relative to the death of "Father Pat" Irwin. The latest telegraphic news on the subject sheds some new light on the manner in which he met his death. The dispatch says: "It seems that there was considerable mystery about his death, and it was not generally known that he had died at Hotel Dieu hospital in this city. In fact, information only leaked out today through detectives having been employed on the case. Mr. Irwin, it seems, was found early in January lying on the snow in a bush at Sault Aux Roches near this city. He was in a pitiable condition when carried to a sleigh on which he was drawn to the Hotel Dieu hospital. Both legs and feet were frozen, and he was quite unconscious. "On recovering somewhat he penned a letter to Rev. Edmund Wood, of Ft. John the Evangelist church, whom he had known years ago, and asked that gentleman to call on him. This was on January 10. Mr. Wood paid him a visit, and two days afterward he was surprised to learn of his death. A surgical operation was performed on one of his legs and blood poisoning followed, from which he died without saying a word as to how he came to the neighborhood in which he was found.

"It was thought well to have detectives sent out, and some of the best procurable were soon put in touch with what facts were known. They scoured the country in all directions, but nothing whatever could be learned except from the farmer who found the unfortunate man. No one saw him at any hotel or residence. In the city the same Mr. Irwin was seen to be found that saw Mr. Irwin in or near Montreal just previous to his death. Friends in the West have written that he left to come East, intending to go home to England, and that it was while he was on his way to this city that he must have been lost. Whether or not he was walking into the city or whether he came here by train and walked out to his death, will probably never be known."

Rev. Canon Wood has written a letter to the press explicitly denying the statement that "Father Pat" embraced the Roman Catholic faith before he died.

THE SMELTERS AND COKE

Boundary Men Alleged to Have Secured a Reduction.

The First Cost and the Freight Charges Lowered.

NELSON, B. C., Feb. 11.—The Nelson Tribune today publishes the following special from its Grand Forks correspondent: "It is reported here upon excellent authority that the chief business which recently took Messrs. Graves and Plummerfer of the Granby smelter to Toronto and Montreal was the very important matter of securing a reduction in the cost of coke, and what is of even greater importance to the Boundary district is the assurance that the local smelters were successful in their mission and that in consequence of their visit the smelters of the Boundary will effect a saving of \$1.25 upon every ton of coke used."

As was outlined in the Tribune some weeks ago in an interview with Paul Johnson, of the Greenwood smelter, the high price of fuel was becoming a very serious consideration in the treatment of the low grade ores of the Boundary, and one which received a very decided emphasis when the copper market began to break. In this interview it was pointed out by Mr. Johnson that fuel in the smelting of Boundary ores constituted 65 per cent of the cost, and fuel charges were the main consideration, for the reason that any further economies in labor charges had been reduced to a point which admitted of no further reduction and the retaining of capable smelting men. In the course of his interview it will be remembered that Mr. Johnson said if a reduction of 10 per cent could be effected in the cost of fuel it would mean a saving of \$14.40 a year to the Greenwood smelter. For this reason it is pleasing to hear that the cost of coke to the smelters has been reduced to 60 per cent, as was hoped, but of 16 per cent.

From a trustworthy source your correspondent is informed that while in the east Messrs. Graves and Plummerfer laid the seriousness of the present cost of fuel before the management of the C. P. R. company and the Crow's Nest Coal company. The smelter men were more difficult, but with the railway company's offer of a sweeping reduction in the transportation rate starting them in the face they were in the end forced to yield, and an understanding was arrived at that the charge to smelters for coke should be reduced from \$4.75 f. o. b. to \$4. The railway company then more than met the coal company and cut its transportation rate from \$3 to \$2.50, thus making the cost of coke to the smelters \$6.50 instead of \$7.75.

NOT YET—It was decided yesterday by the Centre Star and War Eagle companies that no ore would be shipped for the present. The comparatively low price of copper probably had some effect on the decision thus arrived at.

LOW RATES—The Great Northern and Spokane Falls & Northern railroads will make a special rate during March and April from Chicago, St. Paul and Missouri points. The rate is to encourage homeseekers to visit the western states and the Kootenays, the reduction applying to all Kootenay points.

ANOTHER PAY DAY—Yesterday was pay day at the No. 1, Josie, Nickel Plate and Kootenay mines. Because of the necessity of closing down the compressor plant while the electric current at Bonnington Falls is shut off, the companies took advantage of the respite from ordinary work to make out and distribute the wages earned in January. The amount thus disbursed was something between \$15,000 and \$16,000.

CITY'S BUSINESS—The printed statements of the city's finances for 1901 are now issued and ready for distribution to ratepayers, who may procure copies of the pamphlet on application to the city hall officials. The statement is lengthy, embracing the financial statement, water works report and the report of the fire department. The report will probably be adopted as printed and incorporated in the minutes of the city council for the year.

MINSTREL SHOW—The members of the Harmony club are meeting with encouraging success in the advance sale of tickets for the entertainment, the number already disposed of indicating a bumper house on Monday evening. Local critics who have had an opportunity of judging pronounce the chorus work to be the best of its kind ever produced in this city. The club rehearses on Thursday and Friday nights and Sunday afternoon at the opera house.

A BAD WEEK FOR BOERS

Lord Kitchener Reports Many Killed and Captured.

De Wet Again Narrowly Escapes from a British Trap.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A report received today from Lord Kitchener at Pretoria shows last week to have been the liveliest week, with the heaviest losses on both sides, for several months past. Lord Kitchener gives the Boer casualties at a total of 69 killed, 17 wounded, 57 surrendered and 574 taken prisoners. The British captured 480 rifles, one pom-pom and the usual grist of munitions and live stock.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—From Wolvehoek Lord Kitchener telegraphed a long description of the combined movement of numerous British columns with the object of surrounding General De Wet. Lord Kitchener says the advance began the night of Feb. 4, the whole force moving from various directions and forming a continuous line of mounted men from Frankfort as far south as Fannys Home, thence to Kaffirkoop. The line then advanced to the west and the following night the British entrenched with their outposts 50 yards apart. They held the line from Holhouse line to Dornkloof, on the Kroonstadt-Lindley blockhouse line, while the columns were also working in advance of the blockhouse lines to prevent De Wet crossing. The advance was continued Feb. 6 and De Wet himself, with some men and a number of cattle, fled from the Kroonstadt-Lindley blockhouse line, and at 1 o'clock in the morning, when it was very dark, by rushing his cattle at the trench, broke his way through the line, mixed up with the cattle and losing three men killed, escaped.

Many attempts were made to get through the line on the night of February 7, reports Lord Kitchener, the outline of outposts being attacked at various points throughout the night. Boer escaped and dead Boers were picked up in the morning near Heilbron. Lord Kitchener's great plan, which he has elaborated for a month, failed by the escape of De Wet, but was successful since Lord Kitchener arrived in South Africa. Altogether 23 columns were employed in an immense irregular parallelogram, formed by the line of blockhouses, and the railroads between Wolvehoek, Frankfort-Lindley and Kroonstadt. It is estimated that De Wet's forces amounted, roughly speaking, to 2,000 men.

Lord Kitchener personally superintended the final preparations for the expedition, and the great move was made in a frontier of 40 miles, the advance extending 60 miles, with the object of driving the Boers against the railroad line, and were repeatedly in action, shelling the Boers to prevent their crossing the railroad. De Wet succeeded in slipping through the line to the southward. The whereabouts of Mr. Steyn is unknown, though one report says he is with De Wet.

IT DID NOT GET EXACT DETAILS OF THE BOER CASUALTIES, continues Lord Kitchener, "but as far as I have ascertained consist of 280 in killed, wounded and prisoners, as well as about 700 horses and many cattle. Our casualties were only 10."

SUCCESSFUL—The Glencross benefit ball at Miners' Union hall last night was well attended and netted a neat sum for the worthy object in view. A large number of the guests partook of supper at the Kootenay cafe during the intermission.

GRATEFUL—The ladies of St. George's church, who were instrumental in organizing Monday night's successful entertainment, desire the Miner to convey their sincere thanks to those who assisted in any way toward the concert.

LEAVING ROSSLAND—Many Rosslanders will learn with regret that Herr Albert Klotz, who has been in the city permanently, to take up his residence in Spokane. Mr. Klotz's extensive business interests south of the Forty-ninth parallel compel this move, whereby Rossland loses a good citizen and scores of residents a warm friend. Mr. Klotz will probably leave for Spokane early next week.

THE INTERNATIONAL—A change has been effected in the management of the International hotel and music hall whereby David W. Morgan, takes the position of managing director and assumes full charge of the institution. The hotel is to be operated on modern lines throughout, and the music hall will be re-opened at once. Mr. Morgan is now in Spokane arranging for attractions for the theatre, which will probably re-open on Monday.

SUB FOR TAXES—The city council has resolved to compel the payment of taxes overdue from last year, and a resolution to this effect was unanimously carried last night. The amount outstanding is approximately \$12,000, and a scrutiny of the negligent taxpayers has convinced the council that if pressure is brought to bear much of the amount can be secured at once. To this end the city solicitor is authorized to collect the taxes forthwith and to enter suits in the name of the corporation wherever he finds such steps advisable.

V., V. & E. ROAD IS BLOCKED

Plan to Build Smelter and Phoenix Branches Abandoned.

Opposition of C. P. R. and Government Has Its Effect.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Feb. 8.—A rather sensational announcement was made today by J. H. Kennedy, chief engineer of the V., V. & E. railway, the Canadian link in J. J. Hill's western railway enterprises. Mr. Kennedy is authorized for the statement that the company has abandoned all idea of building the proposed spur to the Granby smelter and the line to Phoenix, at least for the present. Asked for the reasons for this decision Mr. Kennedy declined to answer.

A special meeting of the Grand Forks Board of Trade will be held Tuesday evening for the purpose of considering the railway situation. It will be recalled that the application of the V., V. & E. for leave to build the spur was opposed by the C. P. R. before the railway committee of the privy council at Ottawa, the committee having postponed its decision from time to time. The efforts of the V., V. & E. to secure a right-of-way between Grand Forks and Phoenix, where the big mines are located, have been equally unsuccessful, owing to the opposition from the C. P. R. and the refusal of the provincial government to entertain the said application of the V., V. & E. railway.

Owing to a break in the water flume, the Granby smelter only treated 2,611 tons of ore during the week, ending today. Total tonnage treated to date, 308,610.

IT WILL BE GRAND FORKS. The Old Name to Be Used Instead of the Suggested "Miner."

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Feb. 6.—The last obstacle to the harmonious amalgamation of the cities of Grand Forks and Columbia has been removed. It was originally proposed that the name of the united cities should be Miner, but the united cities agitation was started here with the object of retaining the name Grand Forks. The city council of Columbia at a meeting last night adopted a resolution endorsing that proposition.

TELEGRAPH MEN—J. Wilson, general superintendent of Canadian Pacific telegraphs in this province, and Harry McIntyre, district superintendent, arrived in the city last night. Mr. Wilson is on his annual visit to the various districts within his bailiwicks and will be accompanied by Mr. McIntyre in his trip through the Kootenays.

NEW OFFICER—Alexander Stewart was taken on the police force yesterday as a police officer on probation. Stewart is from Cape Breton, but has been in Rossland and the west for several years. He is six feet in height, weighs 215 pounds and is something of an athlete. He will take the tour of duty commencing at midnight.

BONSPIEL AT SANDON—A despatch from the bonspiel secretary at Sandon announces that play will commence on the evening of the 17th, next Monday, after the arrival of the train, and will finish on the following Friday night. Local skips are requested to meet at the rink this evening at 8 o'clock to arrange their rinks, as notice must be sent to Sandon immediately.

THE MEMORIAL—The "Father Pat" memorial fund is growing rapidly, and its success is now assured. A feature of the subscriptions is the gratifying manner in which persons resident many miles from Rossland have interested themselves to the extent of forwarding remittances. The list of outside subscribers is, of course, lengthy, but among the names may be mentioned the following: Butte, Montana, F. A. G. Heinze, D. J. Fitzgerald, R. A. Carnochan; Toronto, George H. Suckling, A. Suckling, Henry Suckling; Spokane, George T. Crane, F. C. Long, Max C. Kanter, John J. Davis, Thomas B. Garrison.

POLITICS AT THE CAPITAL

Report That the Governor Requires a Complete Ministry.

Search for the Warship Condor Still Has No Result.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 10.—It was currently reported here today that Governor Joly has informed Premier Joly that he cannot open the legislature with any of the seats unfilled, or with an incomplete ministry. This morning R. L. Drury, one of the defeated government candidates at the last Dominion election, was waited on by one of the ministers and pressed to take the provincial secretaryship. He declined for the third time. Important developments are looked for at any moment.

Captain Davis, who acted as pilot on the U. S. cutter Grant on her trip along the west coast of Vancouver Island in search of the missing sloop-of-war Condor, says that Captain Simpson of H. M. S. Egeria, to whom Captain Dozier of the Grant handed over the ship's boat picked up by Indians on the coast, immediately identified the other wreckage was found on the coast. To get the boat from the Indians Captain Dozier had to give them his dress sword. The Egeria continued the search out to sea, and Captain Simpson also intended to make a search of the Cape Scott islands, off the northern end of Vancouver island, which have not been visited in several years. The Egeria is now expected at Esquimalt at any time.

At a meeting of the Pacific Exploration company, which recently sent an expedition to Cocos island to search for buried treasure, the president stated that a letter had been received from Admiral Palliser, formerly in command of the British Pacific squadron, stating that if the present expedition was a failure he would divulge the hiding place of the treasure if he was given one-fourth of what was found. Admiral Palliser visited the island a couple of years ago with his flagship and made a search for the treasure. It was said at the meeting tonight that on that occasion the admiral located the treasure. He decided to leave it where it was until he had retired from the navy, when he intended to recover it.

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A LIGHT SUBJECT—No electric current was sent to Rossland from Bonnington Falls yesterday between the hours of 7 a. m. and 5 p. m. owing to the repairs under way to the West Kootenay Power & Light company's plant. Promptly at 5 o'clock the current was turned on again, so that electricity was not seriously inconvenienced. At the Le Roi No. 2 mines and the Nickel Plate operations were partially suspended, the work being confined to development. In the Le Roi part of the two new engines made by Cooke of Paterson, N. J., have gone into commission on the Republic and Grand Forks railway. They each weigh 215,000 pounds and have a hauling capacity equivalent to 1,100 tons dead weight.

Mayor Holland has gone to Victoria on railway business. John McCallum, an aged Cariboo miner, who now resides at Rock creek, is visiting here. His trip from Midway was the first ride on a railway that he has enjoyed in 40 years. The Grand Forks Driving and Athletic association has been asked to join the North Pacific racing association. In accordance with the contract recently entered into, the Van Anda smelter, Texas Island, has shipped its first carload of matte to the converter of the Granby smelter.

THE STOCK MARKET

A HEAVY WEEK'S TRADING IN SHARES ON THE LOCAL EXCHANGE.

PRICES IN THE MAIN FIRM, BUT WITH SOME FEW EXCEPTIONS.

The past week's business in stocks was the heaviest for a long time, the total of the sales reaching 104,000 shares. It is also to be noted that the market has widened to a great extent, many stocks showing activity after a long period of quietude. The demand has widened to a proportionate extent, many outsiders taking an interest who have not dealt in stocks for a year or so.

The most notable feature of the week was the excitement in Republic camp stocks, which is no doubt largely due to the near approach of railway communication between Republic and the smelters. Republic mine shares took the greatest jump, going from 4 1/2 to 13 1/2 in the course of two days. Since then it has settled back to a lower point, being quoted yesterday at 9 1/2 asked and 7 bid. Mountain Lion, Morning Glory, Lone Pine and Black Tail have had less marked advances, but have all shown strength, the first named selling up to 32 3/4 on the last day.

Among the previously active stocks Rammer-Cariboo has best held its place, for after a short period of reaction it closed the week at 85, or near the highest price reached. Centre Star, after showing a considerable degree of strength, fell off rapidly on the last day, apparently because of the announcement that shipments are not to be resumed immediately. The price on the last day was 43 closing at 43 asked and 40 bid. War Eagle dropped in company, 12 1/2 and 9 1/2 being the closing quotations. Cariboo McKinney at the beginning of the week went to 33 in the sales, but since that time has declined a few points.

Scattering transactions have been recorded in Iron Mask, Sullivan and American Boy, but without any marked movement being indicated. The sales for the week were as follows:

Table with columns: Day, Price, Bid, Ask, Bid. Rows include Thursday (9,500), Friday (9,500), Saturday (29,500), Monday (24,500), Tuesday (23,500), Wednesday (14,500), Total (104,000).

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SALES.—Rambler, 500, 85c; Centre Star, 1000, 45c; Lone Pine, 5000, 71-2c; 2000, 75-8c; Mountain Lion, 1000, 32-3-4c; Morning Glory, 5000, 31-2c. Total 14,500.

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