

WILL NOT HELP B. C. HOME FROM AFRICA REA GOES TO LONDON

ATTITUDE OF DOMINION GOVERNMENT TOWARD PROVINCE IS NOT PROPITIOUS.

NOT APPARENTLY WILLING TO COME TO ASSISTANCE OF SILVER LEAD INDUSTRY.

Those who have been following closely the trend of affairs at Ottawa in connection with the disposition of matters deemed to be of prime importance to the welfare of this province, are disposed to take a pessimistic view of the conditions.

The statement is made that recent arrivals from the capital describe the situation there as most unsatisfactory from the standpoint of British Columbians. The Liberal administration is credited with substantial gains in various parts of the east, and the effect of this strengthening has been to make them in a sense independent of the western province, with the natural result that western projects are shelved in favor of projects based up in the east. The attitude of the administration is said to be actuated in no small measure by the unsettled political conditions within the province, which has led the government to conclude that the province of British Columbia "may stew in its own juice" until such time as matters come to a business basis. The foregoing is simply the opinions that have been expressed in some quarters, and may or may not be accurate estimates of the real conditions.

The attitude of the Liberal administration in respect to the lead question does not seem to demonstrate any special desire to fly to the assistance of the industry that, to use the expression of G. O. Buchanan of Kaslo, is "in danger of extinction" unless conditions alter for the better. The appeal that arose throughout the Kootenay country for assistance from the federal government seems to have fallen on unresponsive ears, although representations of a similar nature, although not nearly as representative or unanimous, secured ample aid for the steel and other eastern industries.

It has been intimated that the government will make no move with respect to the lead bonus, and it is already common knowledge that a direct negative was returned when the administration was asked to take prompt steps to give the lead industry the protection that would place the industry on an equality with other industries. It will, therefore, be necessary to devise other plans for the encouragement of the lead producers, and it will be of general interest to note what form this will assume.

THE APRIL PAY ROLLS

OVER \$100,000 WAS DISTRIBUTED IN WAGES BY ROSSLAND MINES FOR APRIL

YESTERDAY WAS THE PAY DAY FOR MOST OF THE MINES—FIGURES ISSUED.

The last distributions of the April payrolls at the mines were made yesterday, when most of the mines paid off their employees for last month. The figures as secured from the offices of the companies show that the sum thus distributed reached a handsome total, the largest in the history of the camp for the past nine months. Appended are the figures for the various properties:

| Mine | Amount |
|---------------------------|----------|
| War Eagle and Center Star | \$19,000 |
| Josie | 16,000 |
| Number One | 3,500 |
| Nickel Plate | 3,400 |
| Kootenay | 1,900 |
| White Bear | 1,800 |
| Abe Lincoln | 1,000 |
| Total | \$46,600 |

PAID ON 10th INSTANT.

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| Le Roi | \$54,000 |
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PAID ON 5th INSTANT.

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| Green Mountain | 2,500 |
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PAID ON 1st INSTANT.

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| Spitzee | 800 |
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Grand total \$108,900

The May payroll will be diminished somewhat by the reduction of the force at the Le Roi mine, but will still reach a large aggregate.

APPEAL CASE HEARD.

WINNIPEG, Man., May 16.—The Manitoba full court today heard the appeal of the Selkirk Electric company in the case of Davidson vs. Stewart. Rev. Mr. Davidson, of Freilighsburg, near Montreal, his wife and daughters, it will be remembered, secured \$1500 damages for the death of Wilberforce Davidson, his son, who was killed on September 11, 1900, in the power house of the Selkirk Electric Light company through coming in contact with a live wire. Against this the company appeals.

INVITATION ACCEPTED.

39 Boards of Trade Will Attend Coronation June 4th and 5th.

TORONTO, Ont., May 16.—Thirty-nine boards of trade have so far accepted the invitation to attend the convention of the boards of trade to be held here June 4th and 5th.

Major-General O'Grady-Haley is here, he says the end of his term in Canada will also end his military career. He has been in service forty-seven years, has had a pleasant time in Canada, and would have been pleased to remain longer had the war office so desired.

TROOPER THEODORE HERCHMER ARRIVED HERE LAST NIGHT FROM AFRICA.

LEFT SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTABULARY AS RESULT OF TERRIBLE WOUNDS IN HEAD.

"Home again, and glad of it." is the sentiment expressed by Theodore Herchmer, who arrived in Rossland yesterday afternoon after an absence of a year and three months. Herchmer was one of the Rossland boys who enlisted in the South African constabulary and served through the opening engagements in which that corps participated. In a skirmish at Zoorfontein he received a terrible wound in the head, as a result of which he was confined to the hospital for some months, undergoing an operation for the removal of a portion of his skull. This ended active campaigning for Herchmer, and he still suffers from the effects of his unpleasant experience.

At Zoorfontein, it will be remembered, a small scouting party of constabulary were engaged by three times their number of Boers equally well mounted and armed. The British withstood the enemy, but lost heavily, Herchmer being among the most seriously wounded. His splendid physique enabled him to pull through under circumstances which would have ended the earthly career of the majority of men, and it is more than probable that he will receive a pension from the Imperial or home government.

Herchmer values his experience in Africa beyond price, despite the extremely trying circumstances attending a portion of his soldiering. With others of the South African constabulary he is disposed to criticize the officers of the corps somewhat severely. "The Canadian officers endeavor to imitate the British officers in every particular, even to monies, and they don't know how to do it. If our officers had followed the dictates of their own common sense the men would have had no fault to find in this particular, but the efforts to out-English the British officers made it decidedly unpleasant for all of us," says Trooper Herchmer, and it will be noted that the same thing has been intimated by other members of the same corps.

In talking of the respective corps with which the constabulary served from time to time, Trooper Herchmer notes the jealousy which was manifested toward the Canadians by the English yeomanry and irregulars. "Some of these men didn't know which end of the rifle to place to their shoulders, and few of them could ride their horses," is his way of summing up the efficiency of the yeomanry. "The regulars we served with included the Irish-killing Dragoons, Derbyshire regiment and various Highland and English corps, all of whom we found splendid fellows to get along with and brave men in a fight. The regulars are not as good shots as might be expected from professional soldiers, but they have the quality of courage in the highest degree and ever manifest a keen desire to get into the bayonet, which they certainly know how to use to perfection."

Referring to the Canadian officers, Trooper Herchmer excepts a number of the regimental commanders of various ranks from his strictures, and among these is Captain George Beer, who officiated as recruiting officer at Rossland and resigned his commission as captain of the Nelson company of the Rocky Mountain Rangers to take a captaincy in the constabulary. "Captain Beer," said the returned volunteer last night, "is a soldier and a gentleman from top to toe. He gets along well with his command, and is universally admired for his manliness, at all times devoid of affectation."

Mr. Herchmer will remain in Rossland for the present, and will be warmly welcomed by a wide circle of friends.

MANAGER'S STARTLING CABLE.

March Grade Ore Unprofitable—Smelter Should Be Shut Down.

The following statement was issued by the secretary of the Le Roi Mining Company, Limited, last night:

"In consideration of the fact that 24,258 tons of ore mined during the month of March were estimated to yield a profit of only \$9,950 the directors called to Mr. Mackenzie asking whether it would not be politic to conserve the ore reserves pending a reduction of working expenses, and his reply (dated 27th April) has been received today (28th April):

"Mr. Mackenzie says that with copper and silver at present prices, and fuel and freight at present prices, the March grade of ore leaves no profit, and he has already begun to sort the ore more closely, making April grade up to \$10.50 per ton. He also reports that he is experiencing difficulty with smelting operations, and has reason to believe a considerable percentage of the copper contents are not being recovered. He is, therefore, going to clean up at the smelter to ascertain to what extent this is so. If the clean-up shows losses which the difference between assay values and recovery indicate, Mr. Mackenzie strongly advises treating the ore on hand at the smelter and then to shut down smelting works entirely until we can obtain satisfactory freight and fuel rates and prices have risen for metals, to push ahead with developments in the lower levels, work being done by contract, and reduce expenses to the lowest possible point."

Mr. Mackenzie further informs us that he has written fully on this subject, and advises delaying any action pending the receipt of his letter and the result of the clean-up at the smelter.—Financial Times of 28th April.

ANNOUNCED THAT HE IS SELECTED FOR CORONATION CONTINGENT.

MILITIAMEN STARTED ROUND-ROBIN PROTESTING AGAINST ADMINISTRATION.

Private Jack Rea, late of the Royal Canadian Regiment, will probably be the representative of the Rossland militia company on the coronation contingent. It is understood that a recommendation to this effect was forwarded yesterday morning to Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes, district officer commanding, and that Rea having passed the medical examination and being eligible in other respects is certain of the vacancy.

The selection of Rea as the company's representative removes for the present at least the friction in the company which threatened to have serious results. A round-robin had been drawn up and put in circulation praying the district officer commanding to institute an inquiry into the affairs of the Rossland company with respect particularly to its present commanding officer and his administration of affairs. The round-robin, it is stated by members of the corps, has been withdrawn, and special source of irritation having been removed.

In the statement of affairs that was to have been forwarded to the principal militia officer of the district, it was set forth that certain points of administration had been handled in such a manner that the members of the company, on a section of the same, at least, had determined to hand in their uniforms rather than parade again under Lieutenant Burnet. Under these conditions an inquiry was urged lest the complete dissolution of the company should ensue. A statement of this nature would have raised trouble at the district headquarters, first, because of the unmilitary nature of the proceeding, and also because the circumstance would have called for investigation. Lieutenant Burnet would then have been afforded an opportunity of presenting his side of the case, which probably explains several features that have not plain to the members of the corps even yet. Several prominent militia men have stated publicly, however, that they will not attend parades until the question of the company command is settled more satisfactorily to them and their friends. The matter is, and unless something is done to restore good feeling among officers and men, the outcome is more than likely to be prejudicial to the interests and prestige of the company.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY

OSCAR CHRISCO WRITES THE MINER FROM NEWPORT, WASHINGTON.

SAYS HE DID NOT TAKE HUDSON'S MONEY AND WILL COME BACK.

Andrew Chrisco, suspected of being the swindler who defrauded the Dominion Express company out of \$150 by representing himself as Charles V. Hudson of Rossland, has been heard from. Chrisco denies all knowledge of the fraud.

Last evening the Miner received the following letter from Chrisco dated at Newport, Wash., on the 16th inst.:

"Editor Miner—I did not get Hudson's money, and never knew anything about it, but I will say this, that I am sorry that the report was ever published in the paper. I don't owe a man in Montreal a nickel, but the old man Thompson, and I made arrangements with Sam Smith to pay him."

"Hudson tried to hold me at Newport, and if he had done the right thing by me I would have come back with him, but he was too fast. Then I went on about my business, and would like to have this published in the Miner."

"I will come to Rossland any day and show Hudson and others that I am not the accused party. I don't owe anyone anything but goodwill. Very truly yours, (Signed) Oscar Chrisco."

The odd thing about the matter is that no attempt has apparently been made to execute the warrant claimed to have been issued for the arrest of Chrisco. It is understood that this document was placed in the hands of the sheriff of Colfax county for service, and if nothing has turned up to relieve Chrisco from the suspicion of guilt it is surprising that he has not been apprehended.

GOING EAST.

A. D. Severs, for the past two years connected with the local staff of the Bank of British North America, leaves at noon today for his new home in Montreal. En route east Mr. Severs will spend a few days in Spokane. The post vacated has been taken by Archibald J. Macquarrie, late of the Vancouver branch of the bank. A wide circle of friends and customers of the Bank of British North America will join in wishing Mr. Severs continued success in his profession. Last evening a small party of close personal friends united in according Mr. Severs a cordial farewell. The guest of the evening was presented with a tangible souvenir of his Rossland acquaintances in the form of a handsome locker.

CORNER STONE LAID.

MONTREAL, May 14.—The corner stone of the new board of trade was laid at noon today by President McFee.

REDUCED SHIPMENTS DUE IN SHAREHOLDERS OF CASCADE MINING COMPANY ELECTED NEW DIRECTORS.

HELD EXTRAORDINARY MEETING YESTERDAY AND OPERATED GUILLOTINE.

The Cascade Gold Mining & Milling company starts out today with a brand new set of directors and officers. This is the result of an extraordinary meeting of shareholders which took place here yesterday at the company's offices. Much inside history in connection with the company's affairs is unwritten, but it is more or less general knowledge that the directors elected last fall at the annual general meeting of the corporation did not satisfy the shareholders who were putting up the funds to operate the mine, and that yesterday's extraordinary meeting was the outcome of the dissatisfaction.

The new directors are E. A. Oulmette of New York, E. W. Thomas and H. A. Arnold of Philadelphia, and William B. Townsend, Eugene Croteau and C. O. Lalonde of this city, with Robert Robertson of Nelson. Following the shareholders' meeting, at which a full quorum of 20, the directors convened and appointed the following executive officers:

E. N. Oulmette, president; Judge William B. Townsend, vice-president; Eugene Croteau, secretary-treasurer. The company's auditor, W. H. Falding, presented a financial statement, which was unanimously adopted.

The statement is issued that the company's affairs are in a most satisfactory condition, and that shipments are to be resumed as soon as the wagon road to the Columbia & Western railroad is in shape for traffic. A considerable amount of ore has been collected on the dumps and is immediately available for shipment, while even a larger amount is broken down in the stopes and can be readily moved when required. At present the crew is confined to four men, who are drifting in the main tunnel. This work is to be continued until a larger force is required by reason of the commencement of shipments.

Another interesting feature in connection with the Cascade company's program is the construction of a concentrator for the purpose of treating the ores from the mine and from other properties in the vicinity, including the Bonanza, on which work is to be started shortly. This proposition has already been referred to in the Miner, but it is understood that further progress has been made in the past few months, and that there is every reason to believe that construction work on the mill will be carried out this summer.

THE OUTPUT.

The output of ore for the week ending May 17th and for the year to date is as follows:

| Week. | Year. |
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| Le Roi | 1078 98,835 |
| Le Roi No. 2 | 1450 24,750 |
| War Eagle | 120 210 |
| Centre | 2,400 |
| Rossland G. W. | 160 |
| Giant | 300 |
| Cascade | 90 |
| Bonanza | 90 |
| Velvet | 250 |
| Spitzee | 20 |
| Total | 2648 130,425 |

The week passed uneventfully at the big mines. There have been reports of various descriptions in circulation, but in fact the usual crews are employed, and so far as can be learned the disposition in this direction is to increase rather than to decrease the forces in the various properties. Naturally interest centers about the Le Roi mine and its future program. The possible shutdown of the smelter, as indicated in the correspondence between the manager and the home office of the corporation, would not, it is contended, affect this camp materially, as the extensive development recommended would entail the employment of a crew of approximately as large as the present engaged, namely, 300 men. The commencement of shipping operations at the War Eagle and Centre Star mines, now believed to be comparatively close at hand, would result in the employment of enough additional miners to make up on the payrolls for those cut off the Le Roi's list.

The outlook for the immediate future of the camp is bright, and now that citizens have recovered somewhat from the effect of the curtailment at the Le Roi, it is probable that the last has been heard of the pessimistic attitude adopted in some quarters.

TRADES UNION BILL.

Martin Attacked the Provision Protecting Union Funds.

(Special to the Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., May 14.—Martin, in opposing the second reading of Curtis' trades union bill today, bitterly attacked the section which protects union funds. The argument was based on supposititious cases that unionists resort to illegal acts, causing great damage. He opposed the extension of protection to unregistered unions or associations, and said the bill would protect the Western Federation, a foreign corporation, deliberately concocting illegal acts in Denver to be done here; declared the house was asked to put on the statute books the most outrageous piece of legislation he had ever heard of being brought before a legislative body.

Curtis here asked why, if the proposal was so bad, Martin had not, when in the commons at Ottawa, moved to amend the trades union act of 1873, supposed, until the Taff-Vale decision, to be the same as the proposal in the bill.

Martin gave no direct answer, saying his failure to do something was no reason to support the bill. Finally, he admitted that sections three, four and five were good and he would support them if Curtis would place them in Martin's bill.

Curtis' bill is sure of defeat, as the government opposes Martin's bidding. A Hawthornwaite meeting adjournment of debate.

HOW IS THIS?

Government Employees Go on Strike—Ask Increase of Wages.

QUEBEC, May 14.—The Gardiners and their assistants at Spencerwood, the official residence of Lieutenant Governor Jette, have gone out on strike because the government refused to increase their wages.

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SOCKS AND SHIRT

The shivery weather of yesterday put a damper on the tennis enthusiasts and led to the postponement of initial tennis teas. The Saturday afternoon teas at the tennis courts have come to be regarded as red letter events by the tennis players, contributing substantially, as they do, to the popularity of the pastime.

WASHING MACHINES

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OLD DIRECTORS FIRED

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Edgar Duthie, of the Bank of Montreal, left yesterday for Montreal, where he will spend several weeks on leave of absence.

R. H. Hughes and wife, who have been residents of Rossland for some months, leave on Tuesday next for Salt Lake, Utah. It is their intention to sever their connection with the Golden City for the present, a fact which will be regretted by many friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Campbell were moved into the Le Roi avenue residence recently vacated by F. J. Walker.

Ernest Kennedy left last week on a business trip to New York.

J. Herbert Rea leaves this week for the east on a business trip in connection with the flotation of a mining property.

John Climie Drewey is expected in the city today. Mr. Drewey has spent the last five or six months in the east and has been raticating for the last week at Moyle, where his attention has been divided between the St. Eugene mine and the trout of the Kootenay river.

Among the passengers leaving over the Spokane Falls & Northern yesterday were M. Pettibone to Seattle, Mike Welch to Victor, Col., H. Harris to Salt Lake, Utah, and Fred Thomas to San Francisco.

Edmund B. Kirby is spending a few days at his favorite fishing spot—Slocan Junction. The length of Mr. Kirby's visit is said to depend upon the disposition of the trout.

Among those leaving yesterday via the Canadian Pacific were S. Sheldon to Calgary, E. Duthie to Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. Husband to Sault Ste. Marie, and Mrs. Michaud to Windsor Mills, P. Q.

Among the pleasing social events of the past week was the jolly farewell accorded Albert D. Severs, who left for Toronto to take a post in the Bank of British North America. His departure is generally regretted, particularly by the members of the Rossland tennis club, whose colors he had frequently carried to victory in the inter-club tournaments.

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Notice is hereby given that the regular annual stockholders' meeting of The Lucky Boy Mining & Development Company, Limited, of Rossland, B. C., will be held at the company's office at the store of O. M. Fox & Co., in Rossland, on May 26th, at 2 p. m.

S. L. MYERS, President.