

Against Party Lines

Prominent Politicians Oppose Their Introduction Into British Columbia.

The Governor and Premier Martin Severely Assailed Last Night.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The meeting called for the Phillimore Hall last night to discuss the political situation from a "business" point of view was fairly well attended, although the discussion which followed the submission of a resolution proposed to the premier's attitude resulted in about as many different views being pronounced as there were speakers. All shades of politics were represented and, with the exception of Mr. Hanna and one or two gentlemen who interrupted from the floor of the hall, the gathering seemed unimpairedly opposed to the introduction of party lines as a great mistake, and Sir Hibbert Tuppe, who called Mr. Martin a "political Zulu" took precisely the same view. The presence of Mr. Martin was a menace to the welfare of the province and his party would lead to commercial disaster to the province.

At this stage it was suggested that a chairman should be appointed. Messrs. A. Wilson, Geo. Jeeves, Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley and Simon Leiser each declining it.

Mr. Ed. Bragg finally accepted the duties of chairman, and he devoted some attention to some of the audience who had hissed him on taking the platform. Mr. Bragg resumed his seat and Mr. Lugin continued his remarks.

He was proceeding to compare the gathering to the town meetings held in the East, when Mr. Geo. Noot asked that some definite charges be made against Mr. Martin, and if possible substantiated.

The speaker replied that he condemned the man on his record and principles. He believed in advancing to the constitution the wisdom of our forefathers crystallized in the constitution and adopted by everyone excepting the Bellarmites and people of that sort. He believed in the right of the people and not of the Lieut-Governor to rule. He might have his faults but he believed in the right of the people and not of the Lieut-Governor to rule.

The only instance in which government ownership of railways could be made practical in his opinion was in the construction of a line from Hudson's Bay to the Coast, and if all the members from the West united regardless of party lines they could force the building of this great rival to the C.P.R.

He also ridiculed the idea of the provincial government being able to secure funds for building a provincial road. He favored the eight-hour law to the extent that it was a matter where there was a dispute between employers and miners and where the miners should be reckoned a legal day. It should not interfere, however, with contracts. The referendum, while suitable for a small country like Switzerland, was impracticable here. Martin's action was a disgrace to the province. His device stamped him as unfit to rule.

Martin's Monopolian policy he characterized as the biggest swindle of the lot. He proposed to re-act a law pronounced rotten by the Privy Council. If he were sincere he would have supported an amendment to the Coal Mines Regulation Act which would have excluded Chinamen from the mines. He simply wanted to create a crusade against the Dominion government, and at the same time draw support from a corporation which wanted to employ Chinese underground. Such a thing was made a matter of honor and was nothing but a humbug. The speaker proposed party lines, but if the course he suggested was adopted Martin would be defeated and there would be a first-class gubernatorial execution in the province.

S. Perry Mills said the resolution submitted by the Ontario and Ontario-British. It was a reflection on the Ontario agent, who was unable to come and defend himself. Martin must take the responsibility of the advice he gave the Governor, and he had no right to pass resolutions reflecting on the Governor. He thought the resolution was influenced by feeling and not by sound judgment. He also dissented from the language used against Martin, who was a remarkable man. He believed the best men could be found in a coalition of both parties, and saw no reason for introducing party lines. To a degree he favored the eight-hour law as conserving the energies of the working man, but it should not interfere with contracts. The Martin railway policy was an "impossible position." It was impracticable, like the British Pacific. He was opposed to party lines.

E. Y. Bodwell did not agree with much Mr. Mills had said. He agreed that nothing should be done to affect the Governor, but his minister was obliged to justify the Governor's action and it was hard to disassociate the two. They had arrived at a very serious stage in provincial affairs. The Governor had dismissed a ministry which had proved by a vote of the House that it had no majority. If the opposition were elected it would prove Martin had not the confidence of the country.

This was the issue, and he was sorry that Martin had dragged in side issues to prevent the people pronouncing upon the real one. The danger of introducing party politics was that man must either renounce his political faith or lose the opportunity of expressing an opinion upon the British Columbia constitutional question. If party lines were introduced this would be the result. The two questions were entirely distinct and should not be confounded. He illustrated his position by saying that if the Conservatives were elected they would not have to vote that ticket or remain away from the polls. What then became of the constitutional question? The franchise right of the voter was taken away simply for the sake of a hollow political advantage. If Martin were returned it would be taken as an indication that the country had endorsed his position.

He didn't believe Martin was the right kind of man to control the affairs of the province. Martin had said that some Liberal lawyers had determined to turn him down. The speaker had supported him in the past, believing he would run straight. He had not done so and did not intend to do so. He was using his position for his own benefit against that of the country. The province had been brought to a terrible condition of affairs by his course. The Governor had no right to inquire into Mr. Semlin's majority. He had no right to do so and to do so was a meddlesome interference. He had waited till the afternoon he could have proved whether or not Mr. Semlin was correctly advising him, or if he had dissolved the House he could have ascertained whether Semlin's new supporters represented the party or not.

Col. Gregory did not discuss Martin's action nor would he reflect on the Governor. He opposed Martin irrespective of what his policy might be. He had lost confidence in him; he was perfectly confident of his own. It was a strange commentary that for those who were on the ground of non-confidence were those who had been in closest touch with the new Premier in the past.

Hon. D. W. Higgins registered his opposition to party lines. He believed in uniting on one sensible policy for the good of the province. He had no objection to the proposed railway to the coast of British Columbia and the Northern goldfields, and requests that the Dominion government will aid in its construction by a liberal subsidy, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The meeting then adjourned.

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An Army of Japs

Brought by the Steamer Glenogle -Nine Hundred Orientals From the East.

Over Half Landed at the Outer Wharf-News of the Orient.

The Oriental liner Glenogle arrived at the outer wharf, after spending the better part of two days at quarantine. She landed close on five hundred of her 900 Japanese at the outer wharf. The scene on the wharf was a strange one. The long shed was filled with an army, each man carrying his bundle. A Coxey's army, standing nearly the length of the shed in three deep. The customs officers were marshalling them in companies here and there. On board the ship all the "brown decks" were thronged with the kimonos clad Japs, men and women, for there was quite a crowd of the latter. There were about 75 Chinese in the great throng of Asiatics brought by the Glenogle. She had 3,000 tons of freight, a small portion of which was landed at the outer wharf. The greater part is through freight for the Eastern States. The Glenogle left Yokohama on February 27th, and had a good passage. She left for Tacoma this morning.

Following on the news by the Empress comes news of the outbreak of rebellion in Canton province. The Hongkong press says that news has reached Canton to the effect that in the district of Peking, Swatow, the people of several hundred villages have again rose in rebellion. They have gathered together a large number of bad characters, local banditti, and men of the secret societies, and are ready to take up arms against the government. The native authorities there are afraid to cope with them because of their large numbers, and have dispatched a request to the Viceroy of Canton to send troops to repress the rebellion. As General Wong-Kun-Puk is a man of military ability and well acquainted with all the districts and the habits and customs of the people there, H. E. the Viceroy Li Hung Chang has ordered him to take a large number of troops and proceed in the gunboat Chan To to the districts to quell the disturbance. Several civil officials will go with him to assist in the work of officers with full power to behave any one of them on the spot if necessary.

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ore being of such a nature that the gold can be extracted to a certain extent by the simple process of panning. The main ore body, however, is a smelting proposition, and there is on each side of the paystreak about ten feet of mineral carrying values of \$18, which will be enough for profitable reduction with transportation facilities and cheap treatment.

The pay roll of the Granby smelter last month amounted to \$30,000.

REVELSTOKE. On Wednesday last J. Dougherty, foreman at the Nettle L. mine, met with an accident which may be very serious in its consequences. A considerable body of ore had been stripped and he, in company with a couple of other men, were laying a sheet of canvas in order to catch it, when a mass over 400 pounds in weight came crashing down. Mr. Dougherty and a man named Cully were almost directly under it when it fell, but Dougherty met the full force of the blow. It struck him on the face and chest, throwing him down and inflicting injuries which has resulted, up to the present, in a complete paralysis of the body from the waist down.

Revelstoke was a fete yesterday celebrating the capitulation of Bloemfontein. A procession of the rifle corps, school children and citizens, headed by a band, paraded the town yesterday afternoon, and at night there was a bonfire and fireworks.

In the annual report submitted at a meeting of subscribers to the Royal Inland Hospital, Dr. Procter, medical officer, stated that one hundred and twenty-five patients passed through the institution, showing a steady increase over any previous year. Of this number 71 were males and 54 females, showing an increase of 25 females over the year before. Seventy-one of these patients were surgical and fifty-four medical cases. There have been six deaths in the hospital during the year.

Upwards of 90 people attended the reception given by the Ladies' Auxiliary to Mrs. Potter, matron of the Royal Inland Hospital, on Thursday night, at the residence of Dr. A. P. Procter. In the earlier part of the evening a musical programme was gone through, during which Mrs. Potter was presented with a purse containing money, subscribed by her many friends.

It is reported that the police on Saturday morning that the mate of the ship Errol, now lying in the stream ready to depart on her voyage with a load of lumber, had been missing since early on Friday evening. He came ashore early in the evening and went up town. The boy apprentices who brought him from the ship were compelled to return alone as he had not turned up at a very late hour. It is feared that he fell off the wharf and was drowned.

At Homer street Methodist church on Saturday morning, the Rev. E. E. Scott united in marriage Herbert Inglehart, of Halton, Ontario, Ont., and Margaret, daughter of R. Coverdale, a pioneer farmer of Caynco, Ont., and niece of City Treasurer Baldwin, of Vancouver.

The leading feature of the last council meeting was the resurrection of the tramway company's application to dispose of electric power in Nelson, and the council eventually decided to submit a bill by-law to the people empowering the company to sell power through the city.

The Board of Trade on Monday declined to allow itself to be made the tool of the Mine Owners' Association and filed the political resolutions of the Kaslo and associated boards of trade.—Tribune.

William Martin, one of the contractors on the London & B. C. Goldfields building, fell thirty feet to the ground on Monday while painting a piece of brick work. He rolled into a ditch after striking the ground, but escaped without breaking any limbs. Internal injuries are feared.

Another case of smallpox has been discovered in the city, the patient in this instance being Nurse Hearle, who has been in charge of Dr. LaBau's offices for several months. Miss Hearle has been ill for several days and on Saturday was unable to leave her room. Nurse Fahey, of Winnipeg, was nursing her and at a late hour on Saturday night the telltale rash made its appearance. Dr. LaBau was immediately notified and on examination he confirmed Nurse Fahey's suspicions. A carriage was secured about midnight and the sufferer was driven to the isolation hospital on the Hall Mines road.

An unfortunate accident occurred on Monday afternoon aboard the tug Y.M.R. at Kootenay Landing when B. L. Brown, chief engineer, and Hedley S. Clair, second engineer, were terribly scalded by the escaping steam. The engineers were engaged in overhauling the boiler when the safety valve broke, the steam rushing out and enveloping them from head to foot. Both were frightfully burned. The scalded men were removed to Nelson and taken to the general hospital. Brown died on Tuesday morning. He was scalded from head to foot, scarcely a square inch of his body escaping the blast of live steam. This of itself was sufficient to cause death, but to make matters worse he had inhaled a quantity of the vapor and suffered terrible internal pain. The late Mr. Brown had been in the West for some years, and came to Nelson in January of last year to run on the Kaslo and St. Charles steamers. He leaves a widow and three children.

H. Bowden was arraigned on Tuesday before Police Magistrate Crease on the charge of having wrongfully converted to his own use the sum of \$666 entrusted to him to pay over to H. Wright, mining recorder. Bowden pleaded not guilty, and reserved his defence and was committed for trial.

At the annual meeting of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital Society the following directors were elected: Aldermen Irvine and Morrison as representatives of the City Council; N. T. Macleod, F. W. Swannell, J. M. Lay and Charles Wilson. A meeting of directors was afterwards held when officers for the year were appointed as follows: Judge Forin, president; Mrs. J. Laing Stocks, vice-president; W. W. Beer, treasurer; F. W. Swannell, secretary. All these are re-elections save that of Mrs. Stocks.

A London dispatch says Mrs. Arnold, widow of Dr. Thomas Arnold, the famous headmaster of Rugby, who died on June 12th, 1892, is dead.

NEW TRIAL REFUSED. Chicago, March 15.—Judge Waterman today refused a new trial to Banker Edward S. Sawyer, formerly treasurer of the West Park board, who was recently convicted of the embezzlement of \$210,000 of the board's funds, and sentenced him to the penitentiary.

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The registered office of the Company will be in that part of the County of British Columbia known as Vancouver Island, and at any of the adjacent islands.

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(c) To acquire, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire and hold, lands, tenements, estates, factories, buildings, furnaces for smelting or treating ore, and refineries, mining rights, rights of way, water, or any other rights, privileges, machinery, businesses, goods, plants, stock-in-trade, or other real or personal property as may be deemed advisable.

(d) To construct and maintain any buildings, works, ways, bridges and wharves which may seem directly or indirectly to contribute to the business of the Company. To carry on the business of a boarding house or hotel, and also the business of general trading.

(e) To manage and improve any farm or other land of the Company, and to buy or sell, or otherwise dispose of, any shares, debentures, or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in any particular respect similar to those of this Company.

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