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"In coal mining great activity has prevailed both in the interior and also on the coast. The purchase of the famous Dunsmuir collieries by the Sir William Mackenzie interests has given a substantial impetus to coal mining, especially in the Comox district, where great preparations are being made for increasing the output. Three or four diamond drills are being kept constantly at work; plans are prepared, and work is about to commence on a very extensive electrical plant in connection with the Comox coal mines, the intention being to generate electricity by water power from the Puntledge river at a cost of half a million dollars or more; the coal mines at Suncrust are being developed, and are giving great promise; the coal mines at Nanaimo, Extension and other places in that section are working plentifully and are finding a ready market for their products. The coal mines on Vancouver Island are of immense value to the province, and not to the province alone, but to the Empire. We must bear in mind the fact that these mines are the only producing coal mines lying immediately on the frontal waters of the Pacific slope, and this fact alone adds materially to their value from a national standpoint, a fact that should not be lost sight of by our Imperial and Dominion governments in laying their plans for the future. From a monetary standpoint, allow me to say that the value of the coal and coke production of British Columbia is approximately ten million dollars; the lone mines produced \$13,781,441; and our placer mines yielded \$477,000—so that we have every reason to look forward hopefully to the even further enlargement of our provincial resources in the form of mining.

"The season just passed has been one in which employers and employees in connection with our provincial mines have had no serious misunderstanding or strike of any magnitude, and this, too, is reason for general satisfaction. On view of the great activity of coal mining in British Columbia, the enactment of the proposed Coal Mines Regulation Act comes at an opportune time, and it is to be hoped that when this measure is placed on the statute books of our province it will go far in the direction of lessening the dangers to life and limb that are necessarily encountered in the prosecution of coal mining, and will fully cover and protect the best interests of the men engaged in and around the mines, as well as afford protection to the owners the protection necessary in the carrying forward of large industrial enterprises.

"The railway legislation adopted at the last session of this house has already contributed in large measure to the general prosperity of the province. Property has advanced in value, and the people are in a very optimistic frame of mind. Construction work on the Mainland is being pushed steadily ahead. The contract for a considerable section of the Island division of the road has been let, and work thereon will soon be in full swing. The magnetic touch of the hand of Mackenzie and Mann—now Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald D. Manzi—has been felt in a marked degree not only in our railways but also in our mining, our lumbering and our fisheries industries. The extensive development in railway construction has necessitated the creation of a Department of Railways, and I am sure the country will appreciate the wisdom of the government in this connection. The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company is actively engaged in clearing the right of way in my own district from Union Bay to Oyster River, and it is to be hoped that the grading and track laying will quickly follow. I confidently look forward to the time when railway communication will be provided from end to end through the entire length of Vancouver Island. I am very much pleased to note the intended introduction of a bill commencing the existing railway acts of the province and making it easier for the bona fide railway constructor to initiate his important undertakings, while at the same time putting an end to the charter mongering that has done so much to retard the progress in the past, not only taking up the time of the legislature and increasing the cost of administration, but handicapping legitimate enterprise in its efforts to secure the development of the country.

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"Mr. Speaker, this much pleasure in concluding my remarks. An adjournment of the debate was moved by Mr. Parker Williams.

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Mr. Brewster seconded the motion, saying it gave him pleasure to do so, especially as the member for Cowichan is a gentleman of high standing and frequently in the chair, and during the last session had filled the office very acceptably.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Wm. Irvine, Dr. Annie Jones and A. D. Emory. Dr. Jones is the first woman ever elected to the board in Nelson. Irvine and Emory were trustees last year. The poll results in A. Bleasdel being elected mayor over his opponent, Thomas Beck, by a majority of fourteen votes. Mr. Bleasdel served a term as mayor some four years ago, and his election is a very popular one. The six aldermen elected are J. L. McIntyre, S. Graham, Wm. Robichaud, James Robertson, S. F. Wallace and John Foddelanck.

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MANY BODIES FOUND

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 13.—A despatch received today from Yverdy, capital of the territory of Semiratschek, Asiatic Russia, says that a violent earthquake occurred last night in Kobery, in the Pisphek district of the territory, and that the bodies of 294 Kirghis have been taken from the ruins of fallen buildings.

Injured While Coasting

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Four of the victims were killed instantly, and one has since died. The Buffalo and Boston special train No. 49 was as a standstill in the station yard when it is alleged by railroad officials, Engineer J. B. Lyell, of Buffalo, on the Western Express train No. 23, ran past the standing train.

The dead: C. C. Perrin of New York, instantly killed; Robert McFarland, Detroit, Mich., died at hospital; Fred J. Seakere, New York; W. R. Brown, Syracuse, N. Y.; Leonard Doucort, Philadelphia, identification not positive. Probably fatally injured: F. Van Valburg, Bentonville, conductor of the Boston and Buffalo special; H. J. Cade, Chicago.

Conditions this morning were those which railroad men fear, and which make the handling of trains hazardous. A heavy fog hung over everything, and a drizzling rain turned to ice the moment it touched anything. The rails were covered with a coating of ice that makes trains hard to stop.

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