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VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1907.

Forty-Eighth Year.

ANOTHER BANK TO OPEN IN VICTORIA

Monarch of Canada to Go Into Business Here on March 1st Next

Another bank will open in Victoria on March 1st. A. G. Halstead, special representative of the Monarch Bank of Canada, is now in the city with this object in view and stated yesterday that branches would be opened here and in Vancouver not later than the date mentioned.

The Monarch Bank is the latest financial institution to enter the field in the Dominion. It has a capital of \$2,000,000 and numbers among its directors some of the most prominent men in eastern Canada, including Hon. T. Berthiaume, proprietor of "La Presse," Montreal; Senator J. J. Kerr, Toronto; Col. S. E. Lester, master of the high court of justice, Belleville, Ont.; Joseph M. Wilson, Montreal; David W. Little, Victoria; J. H. Hastings, Montreal, and Gonvalve Desalmeira, K. C. Montreal.

GRIPPE DECREASES THE GOAL OUTPUT

Many Miners in Nanaimo Reported to be Under the Doctor's Care

"The output of the mines at Willington, which averages eleven hundred tons per day, has been diminished by about three or four hundred on account of sickness among the miners," was the statement made by F. D. Little, manager of the mine at Willington Colliery Co., in this city. The grippes is very prevalent among the miners on Saturday, and from one mine alone there were close on a hundred men under the doctor's care. From seven of the hundred men are employed there, so that makes an average of one per cent. incapacitated by sickness in the one mine alone. Although the grippes is not so prevalent as it was on Saturday, it is no longer considered a serious ailment. It is no longer considered a serious ailment. It is no longer considered a serious ailment.

LEAVES FOR SPOKANE

A. C. Flumerfelt to Attend Meeting of Directors of Coal Company. A. C. Flumerfelt leaves today for Spokane, accompanied by W. L. Germain, general manager of the British-American Trust Company, which is already established in the American city. While there Mr. Germain will thoroughly inspect the agency and report on the same upon a much larger scale.

BIG COBALT MERGER

Toronto, Jan. 8.—A \$2,000,000 merger is on the tapis. The Cleveland-Cobalt Mining Company proposes absorbing the Silver City, a contiguous property, and the Albert, next adjoining to the south. All these mines have been under way for some time. The Cleveland-Cobalt Company is putting in a large plant, and desire to secure additional territory.

PLUMS AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Several government appointments will be made without further delay. Hon. G. W. Ross, Hon. J. Costigan, M. P. for Victoria, N. B., and Dr. Gaudet of Westmorland, will, it is expected, be appointed to the red chamber. Jacques Brunson, M. P. for the district of Quebec, will be solicitor-general. Armand, M. P. is looking for a position in the present state of efficiency and place upon a sound financial basis.

VICTORY WILL ATTEND THEM

Local members of the Liberal-Conservative party are jubilant. Having placed their four representatives—Premier McBride, H. B. Thomson, Frederick Davey, and H. F. W. Behnson—in the field, under very auspicious circumstances, they are busy themselves in preparing to wage a vigorous campaign. They are confident that the result of their labors will be the return of "the solid four" on the 2nd of February.

Although the convention which launched the aforementioned quartette into the local political arena was only held on Monday evening already arrangements have been made for a thorough canvass of the constituency in the Liberal-Conservative interests. The municipality has been divided into wards each of which is in charge of a capable and energetic committee. Practically every member of the party is imbued with the one determination—that of obtaining for the government of the province.

But the premier did not flinch. He took up the duties, which devolved upon him with the courage that has ever been a prominent trait of his character. In dealing with the financial situation he was ably supported by his finance minister, Hon. R. G. Tatlow. Together they devised ways and means by which the country might be placed upon a firm basis, raised from the mire in which loose government had placed it, to an independent

but who, nevertheless, was always ready to undertake the duties which devolved upon him as a citizen. He was born in Truro, Cornwall.

H. F. W. Behnson, one of the four chosen to represent the interests of the local Liberal-Conservatives, is a pioneer manufacturer of Victoria. Coming to the city twenty-five years ago he became the manager of Kuriz & Co., a well known establishment, formerly quartered on the corner of Tronconne ave.

forwarding the interests of the province along these and other lines.

Mr. Behnson was born in Hanover city, Germany, in 1852. He saw service in the Franco-Prussian war, and came to America in 1871. Several years later he took up his residence in St. Louis, Missouri, afterwards coming to California. Leaving the Sunny South, Mr. Behnson came to Victoria.

Yesterday he stated that it was his intention to pursue "business principles" throughout his campaign. He would members of the party to do the same.

ROSSLAND IN LINE Liberal-Conservatives to Choose a Candidate on Saturday

Rossland, Jan. 8.—A well attended meeting of the Rossland Conservatives was held last night at which a vigorous policy for the campaign was outlined.

It was determined to put a candidate in the field. A. H. MacNeill, K. C., was chosen president. Delegates were chosen to the convention to nominate a candidate for the provincial house, to be held on Saturday evening, January 12.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, that this public meeting of Conservatives of the city of Rossland heartily endorses the stand taken by Hon. Richard McBride at the conference of provincial representatives at Ottawa on the subject of better terms for this province, and expresses its confidence in his administration of the affairs of this province during his tenure of office."

AGAINST MAYOR McCLELLAN New York, Jan. 8.—Following closely upon Mayor McClellan papers in an attempt to oust him from office, Attorney-General Jackson today began steps to gain possession of the boxes containing the ballot case in the municipal election in November, 1905.

THE SHAH DEAD Old Persian Ruler Departs After a Long Illness

London, Jan. 8.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Teheran, in a telegram sent last night at 11:50 o'clock says: "The Shah of Persia died this evening, though no public announcement of the fact will be made until tomorrow (Wednesday). All the functions were suspended today, and at 5 o'clock this evening the hair of the crown and the miter of the palace were closed. This was the sign that all was over."

ALD. FREDERICK DAVEY

There is probably no better known Victorian or one more highly respected for the sterling qualities of his character than Alderman Frederick Davey, who was chosen on Monday night as one of those to represent the Liberal-Conservative association of Victoria in the forthcoming elections.

Until last year Ald. Davey took no active part in public affairs, although he has always been prominently identified with various local fraternal organizations. Then he presented himself as a candidate for the municipal council in the North ward. The result of that election was a surprise to all, inasmuch as he was returned with a large majority with which he was returned to the polls. Since then he has established an admirable record. Even those of a different political faith acknowledge this, and it is indicated as can be seen from the list of names which he has secured in the number of votes required to entitle him to a seat in the provincial legislature. Liberal-Conservatives and many Liberals agree that Ald. Davey has earned the public confidence and that he will be accorded it on the 2nd of February, polling day.

Mr. Behnson, M. P. for Victoria thirty years ago, and has been ever since a prominent resident; one whose nature modestly prevented him taking a prominent part in affairs of state

not resort to personal attacks under any circumstances.

H. B. Thomson

The pronounced success which H. B. Thomson has made of the business of charge several years ago, is evidence of the wisdom of the Liberal-Conservative association in placing him upon the local ticket. Although Mr. Thomson, perhaps is not as widely known as the other nominees, among his business and social acquaintances he is respected as a man of keen intellect, one who has a thorough grasp of his own business and of public affairs. He also is popular. This was demonstrated by the support which he received at the recent convention.

Mr. Thomson, who is a native of County Down, Ireland, came to British Columbia in 1858. For two years he worked in Victoria. He then went to the Kootenays and opened a branch of Turner, Beaton & Co., which he managed with signal success for four years. During his stay in Nelson he was elected to the presidency of the South Kootenay Board of Trade, and also held a seat in the city council. In 1899 he left for Cariboo where he engaged in a general business. In 1901 he resigned his position there and came to Victoria as the manager of Turner, Beaton & Co. Ever since his arrival in this city Mr. Thomson has evinced an interest in the

and Government street. Finally he bought a partnership in the concern, building up a business which entailed an outlay of between \$800 and \$900 a week in wages. Leaving this, Mr. Behnson went up north, where he spent two years. Returning, he entered the same line of manufacturing with equal success.

Besides being a prominent citizen and one who has always evinced a commendable public spirit, Mr. Behnson is well known, highly respected, and very popular. He has always been identified with many of the different local fraternal organizations, but in none has he been more prominent than in the councils of the Liberal-Conservative association. As H. D. Holmbeck declared in an address on Monday night, in the course of which he brought the name of Mr. Behnson before the convention, no individual has done more of yeoman service for the party in the past. Also on more than one occasion he has shown his faith in the future of British Columbia. He was the originator of a plan which had in view the development of the mining resources of Vancouver Island, and on a large scale. Old County capitalists had offered to advance \$2,000,000 towards the project. Mr. Behnson labored hard in the endeavor to carry through this scheme, and, but for his failure to reach an understanding with the government of the day, would have succeeded. He claims that there is just as much money lying idle now among the wealthy classes of England, Germany and other countries, which could be obtained to assist in the exploitation of British Columbia's natural riches, if the many profitable investments the country offered were properly administered. And, he asserts, if he is selected he will do his utmost towards assisting in

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SHOULD MAKE MINE MACHINERY IN VICTORIA

George Williams, Superintendent of B. C. Copper Co., is of This Opinion

"It is a great pity people in Victoria don't branch out," said George Williams, superintendent of the B. C. Copper company, Limited, yesterday. "You make engines and boats," he continued, "and the same factory could produce mining and smelting machinery. Slightly different patterns would be required but the appliances and tools are similar. During the past twelve months over \$1,000,000 was spent in improvements at the three Kootenay smelting centres of Greenwood, Grand Forks and Boundary Falls. Why does not Victoria make some of this machinery at all events? It would be profitable to those engaged in the industry and save mine owners paying freight and duty importing from the other side."

The B. C. Copper company, which acquires the Mother Lode mine at Greenwood early in 1898, and has since operated it without intermission determined a year ago to more than treble the capacity of its smelter at Greenwood. This work has just been completed as Mr. Williams was good enough to give some interesting particulars of the new institution.

Will Treble Output While, during 1906, until some four months ago when the old smelter was torn down to be replaced by the larger one, the output of the mine was 100 tons a day, even now that it is doubled and will be trebled before very long. It is safe to state that the Mother Lode will alone add over 300,000 tons of extra ore to the production of Kootenay during 1907.

The new smelter consists of three furnaces, having a capacity of at least 300 tons a day. Two of them are at present being operated heating about 200 tons of ore, but the three will be in operation very shortly. The converter department has 25 feet foundations 120 feet long, the blast furnaces are being 26 feet wide and 40 feet high. There are also machine shops, blacksmith shops, copper warehouses and many other necessary buildings.

The blowers for the furnaces are 30 feet long, built of 42-inch pipe, and there is every appliance for economical working. From the mine the ore leaves the shaft in a large truck, and is dumped into a motor to provide power to carry it to the dump.

Labor Saving Device Gigantic spoons, or ladles, have been invented by Mr. Williams to catch the electric current full pot is being replaced by an empty one. These are held on a traveling crane, with a large truck projecting from it that holds the ladle itself. All are mounted on ball bearing and can be operated with one hand. The ladles hold 3-4 tons and are so mounted when the empty slag pot is run underneath they can be inverted and emptied.

Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been spent on the new smelter, which has embodied in it every labor-saving device at present known. Mr. Williams said yesterday that it could handle copper ore at the lowest price the market has ever seen, and still make a profit. If the present high market value is maintained the profits will be enormous. The large furnaces of 600 tons capacity, replacing those of 300 tons, are effecting a great saving of fuel and the mechanical feeding appliances enable two or three men to do the work formerly done by twenty.

Mr. Williams states that the mine is maintaining its value with depth. Though it only runs about 11.5 per cent copper, the enormous bodies of ore make mining costs very low. In fact it could handle gold and silver ores. Many small mines around Greenwood are being operated successfully. The ore is generally of high grade, and though the shipments are not large they have a big aggregate value.

The B. C. Copper company employs about 300 men, 200 at the mine and 100 at the smelter. Other mines employ, in all, about another 100 men. Mr. Williams says that prospects for the Boundary country during the present year are exceedingly bright.

LARGEST BATTLESHIP ORDERED BY JAPAN

Will Build Fighting Machine of 22,000 Tons at Yokosuka

Steamer Empress of Japan, which arrived yesterday morning brought news that the Japanese naval authorities have decided to build a battleship of 22,000 tons, larger than any afloat. Orders have been given to the construction bureau at Yokosuka where the battleship was built. Besides a squadron of warships, Japan has decided to send a battalion of Imperial Guards, with officers selected from those who took part in the war, to represent the army also at Jamstown next May. The squadron, which will include the Chitose and Tsukuba, or Iwate which may replace the Takuboku, will leave Japan in February, commanded by Vice Admiral Iida, and will go first to England arriving at Jamstown April 20. Admiral Iwano will not accompany the squadron.

RICHARD'S SOLILOQUY (ON THE EVE OF DISSOLUTION)

Throw down the gage of battle, and let them seek the fray. Who think the cry of "Better Terms" was raised, to pass away. Like the clouds that hide the moonbeams on a sultry summer night, Obscured but for a moment, they will shine again more bright. Aye, "Better Terms!" our battle cry, we raised it in the East, The words of warning on the wall, as at Belshazzar's Feast. Drove dread into the hearts of those, who, like the Persian king, Cared nothing for the country, but the profit it would bring. They offered us a pittance; when the pittance was disdain'd, They raised the price; and this refused, perhaps, had we remain'd, They might have raised the price again, to hide their purpose set, "Full justice, British Columbia, from them should never get."

Throw down the gage of battle! Let him take it up who will. We fight the fight for Justice; if we lose—for Justice still We will raise our voices, strengthened, by adversity, for Right. Never yet, by Treason weakened, but arose to gain the fight, Shall our province be a satrapy, and governed from the East? Shall all her rich resources but to enrich the gorging feast Which the federal ring has promised to its parasites to pay? For service servile rendered to perpetuate federal sway?

We ask from the Dominion that it give to us our Right— We do not ask for favors, for a favor is a blight— We ask that we get "Better Terms," and in the People's name, Let the Dominion grant them, or on it be the blame!

Let the Dominion grant them, or on it be the blame!