

REGINA VERSUS NICHOL

Trial of the Action Entered Against the Editor of the Province.

Selection of a Jury and Preliminary Sparring Concluded Yesterday.

The trial of Regina vs. Nichol, the proceedings instituted by Messrs. H. F. Nichol, editor of the Province, for criminal libel, was commenced yesterday before Chief Justice McCall and a special jury. The trial was adjourned from the forenoon in London had not then reported. Mr. Charles Wilson, Q.C., and Mr. R. Cassidy appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. P. C. Davis, Q.C., and Mr. W. H. Langley for the defence.

The court did not sit long yesterday, a very short adjournment being taken in the forenoon and the afternoon session lasting but two hours. The case for the prosecution, however, was closed, they being satisfied with the evidence given by the witness, and the defence was allowed to cross-examine the witness, and the work of swearing in the jury was proceeded with. Each side took advantage of the full number of challenges allowed, the defence challenging Messrs. J. R. McKenzie, Charles Langford, E. A. Powell, James Angus and the prosecution Messrs. Alexander Wilson, John Piercy, M. Bantley and W. Dickford.

On the first challenge made by the prosecution, Mr. Davis contended that the prosecution must show cause for challenging the witness, and that, in contending that the prosecution had shown cause, Mr. Davis's objection was overruled.

The failure to attend of two jurors, both of whom were required to make up the jury, caused an adjournment for half an hour.

The jury, as finally selected, was composed of the following: Samuel N. Reid (foreman), John Swainson, George P. Webster, John Colquhoun, Ernest A. Harris, G. H. Seelig, Charles N. Cameron, E. A. Morris, George I. Jackson, Wm. Chalmers, Joseph Somers and P. C. Davis.

The indictment was read to the defendant. It includes the whole article published in the Province, numbered 12, referring to the appearance on the direct-orate of mining companies of Messrs. Langford, E. A. Powell, James Angus, and the prosecution Messrs. Alexander Wilson, John Piercy, M. Bantley and W. Dickford.

The defence objected to the admission of the evidence, contending that it had been obtained as directed by the court. The commission had refused to put the interrogations and cross interrogations and had proceeded contrary to practice and the direct order of the court.

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must be shown that such articles could not be published about public men, to gain a political advantage. There was a question as to whether public claim could be made directors of companies.

Mr. Cassidy commenced to read a list of public men, including Messrs. Nichol, Dufferin, who were connected with British Columbia mining companies when Mr. Davis objected.

Mr. Cassidy continuing said his clients did not complain of the publication of the fact that they were directors of mining companies. What they did complain of was the charges that they had accepted bribes and sold their companies.

Mr. Langley, in opening for the defence, said he had no intention of going into the case at any length, leaving comment to Mr. Davis after the defence had shown that the allegations were true and that the publication of the same was justified.

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THE ATLIN MINES. Victoria, March in Evidence in the New Gold Fields—Rich Quartz at Bennett.

Skagway, Alaska, Jan. 26, 1890.—Have just returned from Lake Bennett to-day, having had about as mild a trip as can be expected for this time of the year, the thermometer being about 9 degrees below zero across the summit of the White Pass.

The trail at present follows the river (Skagway river) from here for about six miles until it strikes the wagon road, which it follows as far as the White Pass summit; it then runs along Summit, Middle and Shallow lakes, when it takes to the woods and runs to Lake Bennett. It is in very fair condition all the way through.

The railroad at present only lands passengers as far as the White Pass (12 miles from here), but it will soon be completed to the summit of the White Pass. It is a grand sight to see the train towering up above the river, and where the people or passengers are landed they have a huge boat which had been built for the purpose of carrying men employed on this road at present, working in different camps or ways, one camp being at White Pass City, one at the ford, one at the summit, and one at the camp at the Log Cabin.

The Victoria business men are coming well to the front up here, such as the hotel, merchandise and packing business, the principal hotels and stopping places being run by Victoria men.

News of the alien law having passed was received here to-day, and has considerably dampened the spirits of all the Americans up here, not knowing what to do and how to take it. It certainly has put a stop to the large rush that was commenced to come to the Atlin.

The weather up here has been exceedingly soft, not having frozen enough to thoroughly freeze the ice on the rivers, animals breaking through in several places.

The Lake Bennett district, I see, is liable to turn out just as rich in a way as the Atlin, as it has some very valuable quartz veins, the Redman quartz claim being no exception.

There is quite a lot of prospecting going on in the Atlin district at present, and people are discovering new creeks right along, but as to their value it is not yet ascertained, as there has not been digging enough done to their value.

It is surprising that there seems to be no quartz mine coming in with stamp mills or quartz mining machinery.

ADDITION TO DRUGS. "The majority of persons who acquire the disease of drug addiction," says the Medical Record "are practically constituted individuals, who may be divided into two classes, those who live upon the sense plan, regarding the body as a harp of pleasure, to be played upon by long and low strings can be made to vibrate by force of will, and a masterful excitement, and who, when the natural resources of the body are exhausted, seek another means of gratification through the aid of various stimulating, pain-and-true-annihilating, tickling, and narcotic-producing drugs."

SIR HENRY IRVING POOR. Needs Help Because of Ill-Health and Business Reverses. Sir Henry Irving finds himself, in an old age and after having achieved fame and success as the world at large has measured it, in an absolute need of help, on account of ill-health and business reverses.

Overwork and public failure, which have been an intense strain upon a man of peculiarly sensitive organism, and the added demands upon his strength and his social hospitality after an evening's work upon the stage, have wrecked his health and ruined his once large fortune.

Irving's older son, Harry, is an actor. Laurence, the second son, has also been seen on the boards, but is rather inclined to the literature.

PEUCLAR AND PERTINENT. In Turkey the Sultan is by tradition bound to die his hair and beard.

MARKET FIRE HALL. The municipal electors will be called upon in a few days to vote on appropriating a portion of the Market building for fire department purposes.

Why It is Necessary to Submit a By-law to the Ratepayers. The municipal electors will be called upon in a few days to vote on appropriating a portion of the Market building for fire department purposes.

DR. CHASE CURES CATARRH AFTER OPERATIONS FAIL. Toronto, March 16, 1897. My boy, aged 14, has been suffering from catarrh, and lately we submitted him to an operation at the general hospital. Since then we have resorted to Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure, and the cure of this medicine has been a prompt and complete cure.

VICTORY CELEBRATED

Friends of the Cause of Constitutional Government Meet for Felicitations.

Victoria's Action First Step in the Early Overthrow of Martiniism.

The supporters of the loyal opposition in provincial politics, who have every reason for self-congratulation in connection with last Monday's victory for constitutional government, had a most successful meeting in the general committee rooms yesterday evening.

Mr. Hall, who came next with a well-satisfied smile, commented that all Canada had watched the contest in Victoria on Thursday, and from what he had heard he was sure that the battle would be won by the result.

Mr. McPhillips also returned his thanks to those who had worked so faithfully in his behalf and in behalf of his colleagues. They had now been elected, but would remember that they did not go to the legislature to exercise their own judgment, but to carry out the wishes and behests of the electorate, with which he hoped all those who were closely in touch would read in contradiction of the government's assertion of sectionalism, many of the telegrams from all parts of the province which he had gathered together.

Mr. Turner, who was first called upon and exercised the most enthusiastic expressions of affection toward the party of good government.

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played their part nobly, and this was certainly as it should be, for British Columbia of the grandest opportunities to the young man. It was met that the Capital City of British Columbia should have shown itself true to the principles of constitutional government—and it had done so.

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opponents, illustrating with a card which he had himself received in the form of a license, printed on small paper with a red seal, which he had not regarded as sufficiently important to so much as mention before. None of the literature of this class had been given on the fundamental principle of issue—the unconstitutionality of the Lieutenant-Governor's action.

Mr. Turner laughingly interposed that he had not suggested an early retirement; it might be many years before he would be restored to the province. He re-established in its proper place, and policy of progress to the province.

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DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLOROZYNE.

Vice-Chancellor Sir W. Page Wood stated publicly in court that Dr. J. Collis Browne was undoubtedly the inventor of Chlorozyne Chloroform. The defendant Freeman was literally untrue that it had been used on him, as he testified, July 18, 1888.

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LICENSE AUTHORIZING AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL OFFICE TO CARRY ON BUSINESS. Companies Act, 1887.

MINERAL ACT, 1890. Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE—Iron Duke, Count of Monte Cristo and Grand mineral claims, situated in the Territory of Vancouver Island, Mining Division of Clayoquot District. Where located: On Monte Cristo mountain, Trans-Pacific basin, Fofno hills.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for a grant of money to construct a standard or narrow gauge railway from the City of Dawson to the Northwest Territories.

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