HELBOARDS OF TRADE

Opening Proceedings of ing a report. the Association's Convention.

President Buchanan's Annual Address-Officers Elected.

From Thursday Daily, The Rossland convention of the As seciated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia promises to be among the most notable sessions of the organ ization. The business to come before the convention is important, the representation from Kootenay-Boundary cities is good and the calibre of the men in attendance is such as to inspire confidence in the decisions of the convention. The proceedings opened yesterday morning, and the business was attacked with a vim that speaks volumes for the business capacity of the delegates.

he delegates. The delegates in attendance yesterday were as follows: Kaslo-George O. Buchanan, D. W. Cockle and J. L. Retallack. Nelson-J. M. Lay, T. G. Proctor and

Fernie-Abraham Joyce. Trail-Noble Binns, James P. Byers and W. H. Aldridge. Cascade-George C. Rose.

Greenwood-George R. Naden and Duncan Ross. Fort Steele-Dr. Hugh Watt, Cranbrook-J. D. McBride.

Rossland-A. H. MacNeill, K. C. Mayor Dean and Robert W. Grigor. The opening session at 10 o'clock was of a perfunctory nature, a committee on credentials being appointed to examine the certificates of delegates. At 2 o'clock the business session opened The initial business was the presentation of an interesting resume of the events of the past year by George O. Buchanan, president. The address was as follows:

THE YEAR'S WORK.

The recollection of the generous hos pitality extended to us by the people of Rossland on occasions in the past makes us glad that this city has been selected as the place of meeting of this our sixth convention.

The attempt, by making our meetings with the assembly of the provincial house, to keep ourselves in touch with the progress of provincial legislation, has resulted in giving us six meetings in about four and a half years, a fact for which the unsettled condition had have obtained in Brit-ish Columbia politics is responsible. Of the different subjects that were

recommended by the convention that met at Fernie in March last for presentation to the provincial government I am not aware that any (except the provision of county court facilities for Fernie) have been dealt with.

sufficient explanation for this is found in the fact that a political strug gle, terminating in the overthrow of almost the whole time of the last ses sion of the house, so that no business except the passage of the estimate and of some private bills was accom-

for the first time the "party line" system of government. The attempt has been so nearly successful as to warrant the hope that an administration supported by an organized and coherent party will be able untramelled by local and class influences to legislate for the general good.

THE LEAD BOUNTY.

I am happy to inform you that the long fight for the recognition of the rights of our lead miners has at last eached a definite result. The Dominion government, in view of its large surplus of revenue over expenditure has been unable to see its way to grant the increased tariff protection upon lead products coming into Canada, for which we have been asking, adding as this would have done to the burdens of consumers. Recognizing, however, the justice of the request of our pro-ducers that they be placed upon an

I had a lengthy interview with the prinister of labor in regard to the resolutions on the subject of the settle-ment of labor disputes which were passed at the Fernie convention.

The government had already decided upon the appointment of a special ecmmission to investigate the labor sittation, and while giving respectful at-tention to the views of the association, the minister deferred all action pend-

mmission, upon which wer This co appointed Chief Justice Hunter and the Reverend Dr. Rowe, has since sat, and submitted to the government an extensive report, with some recommen-dations, and this will, it may be asbe dealt with at the next sitting of parliament.

the termination of the coal niners' strike at Fernie in February iast, no labor troubles of any consequence have been heard of in our ter-

BRIGHT FOR MINING.

In the mining situation the encouraging factors are: First-The development of the coal miles in the Crow west Pass, creating, as this development has, a ies of busy communities, and offering at reasonable prices an ample sapply

of fuel for existing local industries. Second-The demonstrated existence in both the east and west sections of our territory of enormous additional stores of coal lying ready to meet any demand that can be made upon them er any industrial conditions that can possibly be created in a thousand years

to come Third-The hopeful indications of the existence in the extreme southeast corner of the province or vant petro-

cum deposits. The political complications that have arisen have completely tied up this region, even from the prospector, 'ut lis state of things cannot conceivatly continue for a very long time and it is a general oninion that the removal of the embargo now resting upon it will be quickly followed by the develorment on our side of the line of a great central deposit of petroleun, of which it is believed the flows that have been found in Montana and Alberta are but the offshoots.

Fourth-The increased copper production and the demonstration that the copper ore bodies of the Bundary and Rossland camps can be mined and treated profitably at a figure that a few years ago would have been conpsirered riciculously low.

Fifth-The successful application of the Elmore and Hendryx processes of the treatment of low grade gold ores suggesting the possibility that deposits of such rock heretofore useless will be brought within the zone of pro-

fitable exploitation.
Sixth—The probability that under the stimulus of the liberal bounty now paid by the government, the lead industry will revive, and 'attain proj greater than at any time in its his-

tery. SOME DRAWBACKS.

The unfavorable feature of the situation may be stated as an extraordinary dearth of capital offering for the devclopment of new properties. Not only is this experienced in the older camps

in Which it might be supposed hat even in new camps such as Poplar creek, great difficulty is experienced in selling properties. or selling in selling properties, or raising anney for their development.

The reasons for this ebb of capital from the province are generally known

First-The operations of the "wildcatter," the robbery of investors by the sale to them of worthless ground, or stock in legitimate mining ventures at inflated prices. Second—Economic—The

tion in the province of false notions as to the relations of capital and labor ished.

In the general election just held an to the investing class, the denanciapoliticians, as if the members of this Scotch songs were sung to the piano class were the chief enemies of the accompaniment of Harold Nelson.

province.
Third—Political—The reflection of the scriments mentioned above in the legislation of the country, the heedless passage of some legislation calculated to annoy and injure investors, and the introduction, or threatened introduction of more of the same kind.

The indications are that for a time at least the influences that produced these conditions have ceased to operste. The unscrupulous promoter, if not dead, has lost his influence with his clientele, and can work no further learm, and the return of the investor is so earnestly desired that it is likely that for a long time to come no vitu-ucration will be heaped upon him, and no legislation will be projected for his

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to the committe on resolutions, sisting of the following delegates: W. Beer, J. L. Retallack and

Watt. George C. Rose and J. M. Lay wer appointed a committee to report on the George O. Buchanan was unanimous lected president of the

a third term, with A. B. Mackenzie, o Rossland, as secretary.

THE BUSINESS DOCKET. The association then proceeded to ake up the resolutions submitted by

take up the resaffiliated boards. The resolution of the Nelson board endorsing the policy of Hon. Joseph Chamberlain evoked a warm discus-sion. An amendment was introduced by Messrs. Ross and Aldridge endorsing preferential tariff without reference to the view of any particular British statesman, but the amendment was voted down by a narrow majority and the original resolution endors

A resolution was passed requesting the Canadian Pacific to furnish facilities for the expedition in handling of freight to Poplar Creek, and urging he maintenance of a winter between Kootenay lake and Trout Resolutions from the Kaslo board ur-

ging that the department of the provincial mineralogist should be made more efficient and that a comm pointed to investigate the requirements of the mining industry, were carried. Other resolutions emanating from the ame board were carried as follows:

1. Urging that bulletins be published the department of mines the result of new methods in the treat ment of refractory ores such as the Elmore process: that the existence of nany of the rarer metals and the economical treatment of their ore is a nany of bject requiring the urgent attention of the department of mines; that the provincial legislature be memorialized in the direction of defining more strict-19 the respective rights of lode and placer miners as against each other and that the representations hereto regard to forest fires be repeated and emphasized.

DOMINION BUREAU WANTED.

An important resolution also introduced by the Kaslo board met with the unanimous approval of the convention:

"That the Dominion government ne requested to establish in connection with one of the departments of the public service a bureau of mines, into which shall be merged the existing geolegical survey, and that means be afforded said bureau to engage on a greatly extended scale in the investiof the natural mineral wealth of the Dominion, and of questions affecting the economic production, treat-ment and marketing of minerals, and that the publication upon a liberal scale of information calculated to attract the attention of capitalists to our min eval wealth be made a prominent feat ure in the duties assigned said bureau The convention adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning. Prior to commencement of business today the delegates will be the guests of the man-ag ment of the Le Roi Two concen-

SOCIAL AMENITIES. The Rossland board of trade endeav-

trator.

ored to afford the visitors some measare of entertainment and the testimony of the delegates pointed to success in the effort. The committee in charge of this branch of the convention included President MacNeill and Messrs. A. B. Mackenzie and Robert W. Grigor. The evening was devoted to social amenities, commencing with a theatre party. The convention en masse at-tended the production of "Damon and Pythias," occupying a block of seats in a prominent part of the house. The tions heaped upon that class by a section of the press, and by some local the fourth and fifth acts when familiar the fourth and fifth acts when familiar

Following the theatre a recherche supper was served at the Hotel Allan. The affair was more or less impromptu but none the less successful and enjoyable for this reason. President MacNeill occupied the chair, with Messers. A. B. Mackenzie and C. B. Winter in the vice-chairs. About the tables vere all of the visiting delegates and the following citizens: A. S. Goodeve, Paul S. Couldrey, William Thompson, Alderman Thomas Embleton, J. McArthur, James Anderson, John P.
Cosgro, W. Harry Goodeve, A. W.
Strickland, Robert Hunter, Robert W.
Grigor, T. G. Challoner, John D. Macconald, W. H. G. Phipps, H. G. Oliver and Archibald B. Barker.

The toast list was informal, but elicited a series of interesting and felic-

Conclusion of Associated **Boards Reached Last** Night.

Want East Kootenay Coal Lands Opened—Abolish 2 Per Cent Tax.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Yesterday saw the conclusion of the bounty. Associated Boards of Trade convenganization until 1904. Much business hoist. was crowded into the last day's session, although the evening's proceedwere of a more leisurely nature than those of the morning and after-

Early yesterday morning the delegates proceeded to the Le Roi concentrator, where the party was shown over the works and the method of operation clearly explained. Returning to the court house the consideration of business was resumed One of the interesting matters on the day's docket was the resolution by the Rossland board asking for an

extension of the free list to embrace oil and machinery required for concentrators and now subject to duties that decidedly hampered the expansion of the industry along these lines. The delegates seemed to consider that it would be futile to ask the govern- oc thanks to the steamship and railment to admit American machinery duty free into the Kootenays when the president and secretary for valued similar machinery was manufactured locally, and that where the machin-courtesies extended and to the Ross- by his ability he can secure recogniery desired was not made in Canada and Miner "for its full and fair represent customs regulations cov- port of the proceedings." ered the ground. The admission of oil was conceded, although an unsuc- and good will the convention adjourn cessful effort was made to tie a string ed. on this concession by stipulating that only such concentrators as shipped their products to Canadian smelters could reap the advantage of any rebate on oil duties. Such a move would of the proposed Le Roi concentrator and the sensible element of the convention rallied to down the amend

ment. The resolution as carried reads as follows: 'Whereas the successful operation of a plant recently installed at Rossland, B. C., known as the Elmore process has proved that the concentra render it possible to mine and treat at a profit large bodies of ore, which have hitherto been unprofitable.

"And whereas this process requires for its successful operation large quan- M. L. A. for Nelson, has delivered titles of oil of certain special proper- himself on the floor of the house in ties which cannot now be obtained in Canada and is now subject to a duty hostile to Premier McBride and the of five cents per gallon.

"Be it therefore resolved that in the opinion of this board the best interests of the mining community would be served by placing on the free list all from the government bench such machinery as is required in a these did not move him to the invec-concentrating plant when used exclusively for such purpose, and of the oil follow.

necessary for the reduction of ores by Houston introduced his remarks the oil process until such oil can be cured in Canada,"

by a division of 11 to 4.

unable to care for themselves, but they to President Buchanan as follows:
"The committee on resolutions begs to subscribe to the views so ably set to become as garrulous as some of the forth and to congratulate the Assomembers of the last house who had "Assomembers of the last house who had "Assomembers of the last house who had ""Assomembers of the last house who had """. ciated Boards on being presided over by a gentleman who takes such an en
This was evidently a thrust at the gave him a loaded one, and then they went to see their prey. Like a flash thusiastic interest in promoting mat-ters of public importance, and would call special attention to the admirable compilation of statistical information in extension of statistical information. The Liberals, he said were with regard to the metaliferous mining trying to kick Ross from the house, industry prepared by our president." while the attorney-general was trying to kick him (Houston) from the party. industry prepared by our president."
The report was adopted amid ap-

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to lock up and reserve large tracts of let it get out of the way and make way coal and petroleum lands inimical to for others. Had the applications for the interests of the province; that such lands should be thrown open and the rights of bona fide locators adjudicated upon without delay and that in granting leases or crown patents in connection with the said coal and oil connection with the said coal and oil connection with the said coal and oil connection with the chinese head tax, the receipt of which encountered to the said coal and oil connection with the chinese head tax, the receipt of which encountered to the said coal and oil connection with the chinese head tax, the receipt of which encountered to the said coal and oil coal an lands in Southeast Kootenay the government should safeguard the interests of the province by preventing any coathey had failed to do this? Private trol over the new areas and by imposng such regulations as will insure an adequate revenue from the exploitation of the coal and oll lands in Southeastern British Columbia."

WIPE OUT THE TAX.

On motion of Messrs. Dean (Rossland) and Ross (Greenwood) it was re-solved that "Whereas the provincial government is now rearranging its iscal policy and it would appear that it is not the intention to remove the so-called two per cent tax; that this association again petition the government to remove the tax." A resolution was carried thanking the Federal government for the lead

The Fernie board's resolution anent liens on sawmill products by sawmill tion and the adjournment of the or- employees was given a six months

> Mayor Dean of Rossland moved resolution, which was seconded by Mr. and district, had contributed \$410,131 Ross, that the government be peti- and had had expended on it \$855,489 tioned to set aside unoccupied crown In other words it had contributed 47

On motion of Messrs, Joyce and Naden it was resolved that the proposed increased fee for timber licenses by the provincial government from \$100 annum to \$160 is inexpedient, and that it will not result in increased revenue to the province.

produced in the Kootenays was broached, and a resolution drafted which will I can do is to resign and possibly that be submitted to affiliated boards for discussion, after which the executive will deal with the question on the lines decided upon by the individual organizations.

The concluding business was a road companies for reduced rates, to With mutual expressions of esteem

NELSON MAN SPEAKS

effectually prevent the construction JOHN HOUSTON EXTENDS HIS CONSIDERATION TO PRE-MIER MeBRIDE.

> HE SAYS MEMBERS OF THE GOV ERNMENT BROKE ELEC-TION PLEDGES.

VICTORIA, Dec. 3.-John Houston terms that mark him as unmistakably ministry. The member from Nelson spoke at some length, with moderation pointed by ironical passages. From

comparing his position with that of Davidson, who was the lone representative of the labor party.

The Kaslo board's resolution advocating a duty on American rough lumber imported into Canada evoked a discussion which took the entire moral ty, Mr. Wilson, has attempted to kick ing. Arguments are and con were line out of the party which he is now recovering. ing. Arguments pro and con were me out of the party, which places me exchanged, and on the conclusion of in a rather embarassing position, alexchanged, and on the conclusion of in a rather embarassing position, althe debate the resolution was carried most as embarassing as that of some of the young members who hod taken part in the debate."

A DESERVED COMPLIMENT.

The report of the committee on resolutions contained a neat compliment unable to care for themselves, but they

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abled the government to issue cheques for a few weeks longer. (Laughter.) Would the government explain why

parties had appealed to the lieutenantgovernor and had been told why the leases were not issued. Such appeals must appear ridiculous to the giant intellects who are today governing the said some Continuing, he province. people claimed the financial crisis was due to the large expenditure for roads trails and bridges in the Kootenays. He had heard this charge made before moreover, Kootenay, according to the premier, was represented by bad men who were unfit to associate with men from the lower Fraser. (Opposition laughter.) What were the facts during the five years ending June 30th. 1903? Kootenay contributed \$1,911.123. and received for roads, trails, etc., \$707,116.54. In other words, Kootenay had cost 37 per cent of what it had contributed. Kootenay has been more than paying its way for five years On the other hand, the premier's district, namely New Westminster county lands for school purposes, which was per cent of what it had received. be plain, the premier was tall through his hat (Applause.)

The premier appealed to the patriotof the members to bring about stable government.

"Well," remarked Mr. Houston, " am as loyal as anyone, and will do al I can to bring about that state of The question of a bounty for zinc affairs, but if the government spurns my support, I suppose the best

would be very satisfactory to the pres

Continuing, Mr. Houston said: will refer in conclusion to what has been called the 'Houston incident.' The Houston part of it relates to myself; the incident is of moment to the whole province. I believe that every member of the legislature, notwithstanding the prerogative of the crown, has a right, if tion from the people, to aspire to the final fruits of his labor. That is the position in which I find myself in the Houston incident. So far as I am persorally concerned. I do not care a snap whether I am a member of this or any other government. But if the people whom I represent, and I represent one of the most independent constituencie in the province, and a city which stands third in commercial import ance in the province, see fit to elect me it is only fair that they should know why their representative is re-

fused recognition." Mr. Houston concluded his remarks by reading from Todd, as to the practice in England, "a country," he observed, "where I believe constitutional government has been carried on sucressfully for some years." (Laughter.) This quotation admitted the right of the lieutenant-governor to express his opinions in the choice of ministers. insisted that the governor must, in the last analysis, accept the premier's

"This," he added, "is how constitutional government is understood in England, and I hope the day is not far distant when it will be so understood in British Columbia."

MAJOR LECKIE'S ADVENTURE. The Story of His Encounter With a Leopard Told in a Letter

Capt. John S. Tait, of Vancouver, has received a leter from Guy H. Kirkpatrick, formerly of that city, dated

The letter says: "Poor old Bert has had a narrow escape from being snuffed out by a le pard. He has been in bed for a week, and will not be able to leave this spot for three weeks or a month. He is badly torn on the face and head and bitten on the left arm. He had wound-ed the beast during the night, and was tracking him in the morning. He shot him again, and thought he had killed

"As his gun was empty, his shikari went to see their prey. Like a flash the brute was up and at Bert, and he, thinking he still had the unloaded rifle, did not fire, but tried to stand him off with the 'point one.'
"He did check the charge, but they

both fell together and rolled down a

From Thurs Edward Funk, for Canadian Pacific m Mr. Funk had charg runs in the Bound put in charge of the senger run. In the was exceptionally of a marked dispos traveling public an sections along the li

William J. Nelson of police magistrat without opportunity indicial function in Today the record w ever, a couple of as ing citizens who h in the small debts on the docket for a ing.

The work of razing destroyed in last me ing fair progress, a tion of the building moved. The owner not as yet conclud will take in the ma but it is understood ture will be erected secured to lease th premises.

Fernie is in the fi

a fast hockey team, arrange a match wit the approaching se Laughlin, formerly manager of the seve of arranging games at an early date. I beyond Nelson and will be generally r probation. A determined effo convince the offici

Mountain railroad genuine necessity for rection of filling n ed by Washington and Fourth avenue. to point out in th when filled to the rounding section should be extreme building lots. The passing of th recent thaw has with the teaming of tions. The Jumbo

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adding snow to the company have been tain operations. tain operations. road these condition snow has run off, prevents sleighing, of the water on wagon-hauling dan of which shippin essarily suspen snow falls. Herr Albert Kloc who is in the city business, is well kn

as one of the larg the celebrated Co Northern Idaho, Mr that the company work on the proper extensive shipping the winter months, more practicable. ject to connect the view, and matters ficiently in this co tee the commence with the incoming

The returns from October are just The following is f nancial Times: Y tober-"Sixty-five and crushed 5500 ore, producing 937 The estimated rea of the product is concentrates shipp value, \$7750. Cyar 2650 tons (2000 pour ducing bullion have value of \$1950. St \$20,387. Working Loss, \$3863. There during month on

A dispatch from DeKeyser, who has here and erected tons daily capacity has instructed his against Dr. Hend with his contemp public and the Hendryx process in all particulars as soon as the te good his expectati ton per diem cu

Some unwritten was enacted after meeting. The re included an item in court in connectagainst the decision istrate in City vi mittee eliminated Mayor Dean dis after council had cized the action i the appropriation it would seem to ceed with the app

eastern and Cro discussing with Wreck near Cran senger train was collision with a proceeding at a r hour, when a boy The locomotive comal's body and j fifteen or twenty coaches follower many feet high. not a fatality of wounds on the the most serious