SCOTCH MINERS AND THEIR WAGES

SEVENTY THOUSAND DEMAND AN INCREASE

Work Resumed To Day in Additional Mines in Pennsylvania Anthracite Coal Region.

Glasgow, Oct. 27.—The Scotch miners have demanded an increase of 12½ per cent. in wages. About 70,000 miners are affected.

In the States.

Wilkesbarre, Oct. 27.—More mines are in operation in the anthracite region to-day than at any time since May 12th last, when the strike began. The Lehigh region continues to be the exception to the rule. The employees of Pardee & Co. and Coxe Bros. & Co. are still out. The Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company started its collieries in the Lehigh region. Ninety-five per cent. of the mines in the Wyoming and in the Lackawanna region are now in operation.

More Mines Working.

Hazelton, Pa., Oct. 27.—Operations were resumed to-day at seven additional collieries in the Hazelton region.

Arrival of Coal.

New York, Oct. 27.—The British steamer Madura, which arrived today from Glasgow, brought 5,500 tons of Scotch anthracite coal.

Situation in Virginia.

Montgomery, W. Va., Oct. 27.—Every coal operator of the Kanowha mines resumed work this morning in full force. An early resumption in the New River district, where the men are still out on account of differences, is expected.

The Commission.

Washington, Oct. 27.—With one or two exceptions the parties to the anthracite coal controversy have arrived in the city to attend the conference with the President's commission, which is to be held this afternoon. It is expected that all will be present when the conference opens. The members of the commission are all here. They are hopeful that they will be able to complete the preliminary arrangements at one sitting.

So far as the operators and the miners have expressed themselves, they have indicated a willingness to subordinate their desires in the matter of time and place of hearing to the wishes of the commission. It is the general understanding that practically all the meetings for the taking of testimony will be held in the anthracite regions, and it is believed that the commission will be able to start work during the present week.

Another preliminary question which will require attention is that as to the questions to be taken up by the commission. Mr. Mitchell, who reached Washington early this morning, accompanied by District President Fahey, will press for a very general inquiry, while it is understood that the operators will seek to restrict the inquiry.

The anthracite coal strike commission met at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the hearing room of the Interstate Commerce Commission. All the members of the commission were present, occuping seats upon the bench. President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, and District President Fahey appeared for the miners, and the coal carrying roads were represented by President Baer, of the Philadelphia & Reading; E. B. Thomas, chairman of the Erie directors; Alfred Walter, president of the Lehigh valley; W. H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; David Wilcox, vice-president of the D. & H.; John B. Kerr, vice-president of the Scranton Coal Co. and the Elk Mill Coal & Iron Co.; J. B. Torrey, attorney for the Lehigh Valley Company.

FEAR SEVERE WEATHER.

Nanaimo Indians Are Preparing to Obtain Supply of Food For the Winter.

Nanaimo, Oct. 27.—In the drizzling rain this morning a large band of Indians from the Nanaimo reserve left for Cameron lake, armed with shot guns, rifles and hunting knives. They are after a whole winter's supply of food. For years past they have made a practice of obtaining food from day to day throughout the winter, the same as in the summer, but a bad omen, the recent eclipse of the moon, which was clearly visible from here, has caused alarm among them. They recall the winter of twenty years ago when Nanaimo harbor was frozen up, and declare that the eclipse was a warning of a repetition of that hard season, when there was but little game to hunt, and it was too cold for hunting.

KING CHEERED BY TROOPS.

His Majesty Inspected Guardsmen To-Day and Praised Their Work in South Africa.

London, Oct. 27.—King Edward review nearly 4,000 Guardsmen who have recently returned from South Africa today. The spectacle attracted a large crowd to the Horse Guards parade. His Majesty, wearing the uniform of colonel-in-chief, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Lord Roberts and a gorgeous staff, rode through the ranks and then addressing the troops, welcomed them home. He praised the work which they had done in the field saying:

"You have upheld the great name which has made everybody who has served in the Guards a proud man. I, myself, feel proud to have as a young man served in your ranks, though I regret I never had the opportunity, like my brother, of seeing active service. A finer body of men it is impossible to command. It is a proud day for me to have inspected the Guards brigade."

In spite of their arduous duties in South Africa, the King remarked, the men had not forgotten their drill, and the march past to-day was as well done, if not better carried, than ever before. The Queen and other ladies of the Royal family drove past in carriages. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the troops gave hearty cheers for the King, waving their bayonets.

READY FOR ACTION.

Colombian Cruiser Bogota, Formerly the Cutch, Has Arrived at Colon.

Panama, Colombia, Oct. 27.—The Colombian cruiser Bogota, formerly the British steamer Cutch, and later the Jessie Banning, arrived here to-day from San Francisco, October 7th.

Capt. H. H. Marmaduke, her commander, informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that the vessel made a slow trip because the crew was exercised at target practice all the way down the coast. She stopped at Magdalena Bay for thirty hours to tighten parts of her engines and for target practice. The Bogota made very good time after that, taking the outside course, and reached port in fine condition, with no sickness on board and ready for action.

The arrival of the Bogota caused much enthusiasm in conservative circles, where the event is being properly celebrated. The land forts saluted the Bogota on her arrival and the cruiser replied.

VICE-CONSUL MONIN

Arrived at New York En Route to Vancouver.

New York, Oct. 25.—Among the passengers who arrived to-day on the steamer La Savoie from Havre was Jules Cambon, French ambassador to Spain, formerly ambassador to the United States. M. Cambon comes to present his recall to President Roosevelt and to bid good-bye to his many friends. Among the other passengers was M. Monin, vice-consul of France at Vancouver.

DIAMOND ROBBERY.

Jewels Valued at $8,000 Taken From Vaults of Chicago Firm.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Diamonds valued at $8,000 are reported to have been stolen from the vaults of the jewelry firm of Wesher & Weinman. There is no clue to the robbers. The store is located in the Masonic temple, where a watchman is on duty all night, but he saw no trace of the robbers.

STOLE PERFUME.

Man Sentenced to Two Years' Imprisonment at Winnipeg To-day.

Winnipeg, Oct. 27.—John Lane, prominent in Winnipeg labor circles, was today sentenced to two years' imprisonment for theft of two bottles of perfumery from a drug store. Previous crimes increased the severity of the sentence.

THE BOER GENERALS.

Dewet Going Home but Botha and Delarey May Visit America.

London, Oct. 27.—General Dewet informed a representative of the Associated Press to-day that he will sail for South Africa on November 1st, adding: "Botha and Delarey still intend paying a visit to America.'

MOTOR CYCLIST KILLED.

New York, Oct. 27.—Frank E. Elwell, of Brooklyn, an international authority on motor cycling and a frequent contributor to the magazines devoted to this sport, was killed near Hicksville, L. I., while participating in a club run.

THE PORT OF LONDON.

Committee Will Interview Imperial Government Regarding Improvements.

London, Oct. 27.—A special conference, summoned by the Lord Mayor, representing the mercantile, banking and manufacturing interests of the capital, met at the Mansion House to consider the improvement of the facilities of the port of London. On motion of Lord Avebury, president of the Central Association of Bankers, the conference agreed to appoint a thoroughly representative committee to approach the government on the subject. The committee includes three representatives of the city corporation, which already had a special committee investigating the same question.

EMPEROR UNINJURED.

Jumped From Carriage When the Horses Became Unmanageable.

Vienna, Oct. 27.—While Emperor Francis Joseph was driving from his country palace at Schoebrunn to-day, the horses became unmanageable, and His Majesty jumped out of the vehicle and walked the remainder of the distance to the Hoffburg. No one was hurt, but great excitement was caused by rumors that the Emperor had been injured.

BELONGED TO STATES.

Indians Who Were Sent to Montana Were Placed in Quarantine.

Ottawa, Oct. 27.—There is no truth in the report about Canada sending over Indians to Montana suffering from smallpox. The Indians were United States Indians who were visiting Canada, and they were not returned until they had been cared for and placed in quarantine.

AGAINST SUNDAY CONCERTS.

Petition Being Circulated Asking for Amendments to Public Morals By-Law.

A petition is being circulated asking that amendments be made to the Public Morals By-Law of this city, which will make the holding of Sunday concerts an impossibility. Yesterday copies of the petition were placed at the entrance to several of the city churches, giving an opportunity for those interested to sign their names to it.

The petition is the outcome of the action taken to prevent the giving of the concert by the Royal Italian Band a week ago. Finding that the provisions of the Public Morals By-Law were not such as to make the holding of a concert illegal, this step is taken in order that the by-law may be so amended as to make such a concert a direct violation of it. It is asked that all concerts, at which an admission fee is charged, should be prohibited from being held on Sunday.

There is also a prayer asking for further restrictions with respect to gambling in licensed houses of the city.

SOUTH AMERICAN RHEUMATIC CURE CURES RHEUMATISM.—It is safe, harmless and acts quick—gives almost instant relief and an absolute cure in from one to three days—works wonders in most acute forms of rheumatism. One man's testimony: "I spent 6 weeks in bed before commencing its use—4 bottles cured me." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—66.

CHAMBERLAIN TO VISIT NEW COLONIES

WILL INQUIRE INTO POSITION OF AFFAIRS

Decision of the Colonial Secretary Has Caused Surprise in Political Circles.

New York, Oct. 27.—Gloomy accounts of the state of affairs in Cape Colony, the Orange Colony and the Transvaal have been received from time to time through private channels, but there has been a tendency to discredit them, cables the London correspondent of the Tribune. The announcement of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's decision to proceed to South Africa to examine on the spot the problems presented by the termination of the war, and the settlement of affairs in the new British colonies, consequently caused the utmost surprise in political circles. It is tolerably certain, declares the correspondent, if the situation had not been one of peril, the colonial secretary would have left the whole matter absolutely in the hands of Lord Milner.

The feeling between the British and Dutch people in Cape Colony just now is said to be more bitter than it was in the days before the war. The Transvaal and Free State colors are worn freely in the Dutch towns of the Cape. The Loyalists are naturally alarmed at this state of things.

Ever since Mr. Chamberlain became colonial secretary he has disregarded precedent. One notable instance which has a slight resemblance to a master stroke of policy now initiated by him, was his visit last autumn to Malta to inquire into the petition of the Maltese against compulsory adoption of the English language. When he returned to London he consulted with his colleagues, and soon afterwards came an intimation that the objectionable edict had been withdrawn. It is possible that it is this experience which has prompted him to study for himself the present position of affairs not only at the Cape, but in England's two new colonies, so as to be able to initiate and carry out an imperial policy which will be best suited to the requirements of the whole of British South Africa.

LEGAL NEWS.

Two Applications Disposed of By Mr. Justice Martin To-Day.

Mr. Justice Martin presided in Supreme court chambers Monday morning and disposed of the following applications:

Bacigalupo v. Heller—Application by plaintiff for an order giving leave to issue writ of execution and putting into effect an order made herein in the August sitting of the County court by Drake, J., sitting County court judge; and for an order that the plaintiff's costs, taxed on October 9th last, be paid out of moneys in court to the credit of this cause. Order made reducing the amount of the judgment given herein, from $659.07 to $249 that the plaintiff may issue writ of execution, and that plaintiff costs be paid, out of money in court, including costs of and incidental to this application. S. P. Mills, K. C., for plaintiff; J. H. Lawson, jr., for defendant.

Bartlett v. Estate of J. G. Tiarks, deceased—Application by plaintiff for an order for sale of certain lands belonging to estate. Order made. J. H. Lawson, jr., for application; Lambert Bond for estate.

LAID AT REST.

Funeral of the Late John Teague Took Place This Afternoon.

The remains of the late John Teague were laid at rest Monday afternoon, the funeral taking place from the family residence, No. 33 Fernwood road, at 2.30 o'clock.

There was a large attendance, including the Mayor, council and city officials and members of the Masonic order, of which Mr. Teague was a member. Services were conducted at the house and the Metropolitan Methodist church, where Rev. Elliott S. Rowe impressively alluded to the exemplary life that has just been closed. Few men were more highly esteemed in the community than the sterling citizen who has just passed away, and those who knew him are unanimous in their sincere tributes to his worth. There were many beautiful floral offerings.

The pall-bearers were: Mayor Hayward, A. McKeown, W. W. Northcott, B. S. Oddy, Dr. E. Hall and E. Crow Baker.

The city hall flag has been drooping at half mast out of respect to memory of the deceased.

VICTORIAN HONORED.

Trooper W. C. Winkel, of the Coronation Contingent, Presented With Medal.

The following communication from Ottawa has been received by Trooper W. C. Winkel, who served in South Africa with Strathcona Horse and more recently as a representative of this province on the Canadian coronation contingent:

Militia Headquarters,
October 17th, 1902.

Sir:—I have the honor to forward herewith (registered) the medal awarded you as a member of the Canadian coronation contingent.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

I have the honor to be, sir,
B. H. VIDAL, Lt.-Col.,
Deputy Adjutant-General.

Mr. W. C. Winkel, Victoria, B. C.

The medal is a very pretty decoration of bronze metal slightly smaller than a half dollar, with the bust of the King and Queen on one side and on the other June 26th, 1902. The colors of the ribbons are red in the centre and Royal blue on either side with a narrow white border. The medal, which should have been awarded for the coronation, was dispensed with and the one received issued instead as a memento of the mobilization of the colonial forces in London on June 26th.

YMIR MINING.

Good Progress on Various Properties—Machinery Being Installed.

A property that is coming to the front and which will soon become a regular shipping mine is the group operated by the Active Gold Mining Company of British Columbia. This company is made up of Cincinnati, Ohio, capital. The properties owned are the Union Jack, Queen, Climax, Horseshoe, Empress, Magly, Victor. An upper tunnel has been driven in on the Queen a distance of 345 feet, which discloses at intervals solid ore running from ten inches to five feet in width, and in order to stope out this ore a second tunnel was started September 1st, 100 feet below the first mentioned tunnel.

On the Union Jack claim a crosscut tunnel has been run 320 feet and it is expected that with a drive of 70 feet more that the ledge will be crosscut, which will give them a depth of 195 feet. About 200 feet from where this crosscut tunnel will tap the Union Jack ledge a shaft has been sunk to a depth of 60 feet.

A wagon road is being built from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway to the property, a distance of about seven miles, which is costing the government about $6,000.

Work on the Golden Monarch Mining & Milling Company's property, the Foghorn, is steadily going forward, Maanger Wolfe came in recently and brought up from Spokane a gasoline engine and fan for clearing out the workings. This is now being installed.

Prospects are looking good on the Hunter V property, operated by Wm. Davis. It is reported that the Big Four property being worked by A. A. Vernon of Owen Sound, has made a strike of a good grade of shipping ore.

TRIP THROUGH CHINATOWN.

North Ward Teachers Entertained By One of Their Pupils in the Chinese Quarters.

The teachers of North Ward and Central schools Saturday evening paid a visit to Chinatown as the guests of Lim Yat a scholar of the North Ward. An inspection of the Rice Mills was the first event on the programme, followed by visits to the Chinese public school and Joss house, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association and the Chinese private school, where the scholars went through a part of their exercises, reading extracts from the Chinese poetic classics.

In one of the stores was shown a very curious Paradise eel and many kinds of gold fish from China that sported a rather funny tail. A visit was paid to the Chinese Empire Reform Association, an institution that is endeavoring to bring China up to date and elevate it from its present abyss. Six hundred or more of the Chinese in this city are members, in spite of the very considerable expense attached to it, the majority of course being the better class, and on whom the greatest part of the expense falls. There is also a considerable amount of risk also attached to being a member of this institution, for should one of them return to his native land he is very liable to be put out of the way.

There is also a junior branch of this league, the ages of its members ranging from six years up. The association has branches all over the world where there are Chinamen, except for very obvious reasons, in China.

When the visitors were tired of sightseeing they adjourned to the Chinese restaurant, where a most expensive banquet was served up in Chinese fashion, ivory chopsticks, china cups, spoons and dishes. The menu was an extensive one, consisting of about twelve courses. Almonds, lychee nuts, bird nest soup (a very palatable dish, chicken and French truffles, orange peel, duck, shell fish, pork, pineapple and chicken, Fican tea (without sugar or milk), rice and barley soup, the whole being washed down with four kinds of Chinese and French wines. There were several other kinds of eatables to come, but as everyone had eaten too much for comfort these were dispensed with. The banquet disposed of, the play began. It was a comedy relating how a certain prince married a certain princess of another country, and of the complications that ensued, but like most plays it, of course, wound up in the last act with happiness for all concerned with the exception, of course, of the villian, who meets with his just dues.

NANAIMO WON.

Defeated Vancouver at Intermediate Rugby on Saturday Last—Eleven to Five.

The Nanaimo intermediate Rugby team defeated the Vancouver aggregation in the Coal City on Saturday by a score of eleven to five. Marshall, Smith and Snowden scored for Nanaimo, while Drake converted; Crawford scored and Donaldson converted for the visitors.

According to the Nanaimo Herald: "The local forwards were much the heavier and from the very beginning the weight told, to the advantage of the home team, Nanaimo's forwards keeping the ball and preventing their opponents from working their really fine combination and their backs from utilizing their speed. There was a marked absence of brilliant individual play, with the single exception of a play by Crawford, for the visitors, who secured a try after a magnificent run, which Donaldson converted. The home team played a steady, careful game, and their combination was very effective while the weight of their forwards prevented their opponents from playing their kind of game or the tale would have been different. For the home team Drake, Piper and Smith played an excellent game, while Marshall, at back, proved a star.

"From the very first the visitors discovered they were up against weight, and were unable to secure the ball so as to give their backs an opportunity to utilize their speed. Watson, the three-quarter back, played a magnificent game, time and again saving a score for a try.

"On the whole the match was most satisfactory, being a good clean game, and the spectators were more than pleased."

The teams lined up as follows:

Nanaimo—Full back, A. Cassell; three-quarter backs, A. Piper, W. Piper, A. Stewart, W. Marshall; half backs, J. Murray, A. Dickson; forwards, O. Dobeson, H. Smith, F. Snowden, R. Vipond, J. Piper, A. Waring, C. Drake, H. Freeman.

Vancouver—Full back, Dods; three-quarter backs, Johnston, Rogers, Watson, Donaldson; half backs, Crawford, Debeck; forwards, O'Callaghan, Foster, McConaghy, Sawers, Brydon-Jack, Lentz, Lauson, Templeton.

Provincial News.

REVELSTOKE.

Ed. Austin, of Revelstoke, C. P. R. engineer, has been appointed locomotive inspector for the Kootenays.

Col. Peterson inspected and passed the rifle range on Friday, but stipulated for further protective work at the marker's pit.

A pretty wedding took place at St. Peter's church on Wednesday afternoon when Miss Francis Cannon and Mr. T. Lawrence were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. A. Procunier. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, J. J. Porter. Miss H. Dunne acted as bridesmaid and H. McRae as groomsman. The happy couple left on a visit to Coast cities.

ROSSLAND.

An unfortunate accident occurred in the Le Roi mine on Wednesday evening whereby Harry C. Adams, an esteemed employee of the mine, received injuries from which he died on Saturday. Adams was employed on the timber gang and went into the east Tregear stope on the 700-foot level, where blasting had loosened some timbers on the second floor. He was accompanied by Peter Servel, and the two were engaged in replacing the loosened timbers when a section of ground overhead became detached and fell. The cave went through the floor of the stope to the first floor of the level, carrying the men along. Adams was seriously hurt. His right leg was badly crushed between the hip and knee. Servel was caught against a timber by the ankle and was painfully though not seriously hurt. Adams, who was a married man, came from Spokane, and will probably be buried there under the auspices of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

SLOCAN.

The men working in the hills of this division have had numerous experiences with the bruin family this season, some of which have, to say the least, been hair-raising affairs. But it has remained for Chris. Hogan to make the personal acquaintance of the bears—and, perhaps, it was too personal to be pleasant. Last Friday Chris, who is interested in a claim near the Hampton, started out to find some material for making a pair of ski—the Norwegian snowshoe. Going up a steep hill on the Ten-Mile slope, he most unexpectedly stumbled onto three huge brown bears. He had the ski timber, his axe and his Winchester all fastened together, to make it easier climbing. The poles sticking out ahead came in contact with one of the animals. The impact knocked him off his feet and sent him rolling down the hill. When he finally brought to Chris had time enough to swing his Winchester into action. He fired a broadside at the enemy and then the fur flew. Chris saw the patriarch of the tribe fall and then he scooted. Taking the hint, the two surviving quadrupeds also departed. Chris touched only the high places in getting back to the Hampton, and remarked that he was never quite so glad to get away from any place before in his life. He says the bears made an awful fuss, but it was nothing compared to the fuss he made himself.—The Slocan Drill.

GREENWOOD.

Supreme Court Register McMynn received telegraphed instructions from the Attorney-General on Tuesday to notify all grand jurors and petit jurors summoned to attend the Court of Assize set for 27th instant at Greenwood, that their attendance will not now be required, the sitting of the court having been cancelled. This action was taken following Mr. McMynn having, in the performance of his official duty, informed the Attorney-General that there were not any criminal cases for this assize, and in the only important case set down for hearing at it the counsel concerned had consented to a postponement. Two criminal cases should in ordinary course have come before the court at Greenwood, but these were not serious ones and were disposed of in Nelson when the court was sitting there.

John Lindsay, a rancher well known in Midway district for years, died on Tuesday in the Sisters' hospital, Greenwood, from typhoid fever. Deceased was 31 years of age, a native of Wentworth county, Ontario, his home having been near Hamilton. He came West about 13 years ago, and to the Kettle River valley about 9 years since. At one time he had charge of the provincial government road repair party in this district. After selling out his ranch near Midway he removed to Rock Creek, where a sister and brother lived with him.

VANCOUVER.

The funeral of the late Miss Mary McDonald, who died in San Francisco on October 19th, took place on Friday, and was attended by many sorrowing friends. The service was conducted by Rev. R. G. MacBeth.

Through the unfortunate mistake of a careless bicyclist, Dr. W. J. Snyder received a severe shaking-up on Friday morning. The doctor was crossing Hastings street at the corner of Westminster avenue, at the time, and was near the sidewalk on the north side, when he was struck by the wheel. He was removed to his home in a hack, and although not seriously hurt, will be confined indoors for a few days.

The funeral of the late William Hall, who was found dead in his cabin at Moodyville on Thursday afternoon, took place on Friday. Dr. McGuigan, the coroner, decided that an inquest was unnecessary, death undoubtedly being due to natural causes. The deceased was 69 years of age.

A pioneer resident of Vancouver passed away at an early hour on Friday morning in the person of Edward McKendry at the ripe age of 76 years. Deceased came to Vancouver some time before the fire and had a shoe store at the corner of Carrall and Cordova streets. After the fire, deceased retired from businesss and built a house near the Cedar Cottage, where he resided till the time of his death. Deceased, who was a native of Ireland, has several relatives, who are engaged in farming on Lulu island. Death was due to heart disease.

At the last meeting of the board of school trustees the following resolution was passed on the motion of Trustees Banfield and Brydone-Jack: "We, the board of school trustees, duly assembled, endorse the work of manual training as inaugurated by Sir William Macdonald, and recognizing the great advantage to the boys derived from this training have pleasure in recommending manual training as an important part of our school system."

A special meeting of the city council was held on Friday night, to consider the question of charter amendments. The chief item of expense involved in the enactment of new by-laws, the mayor pointed out, was not the initial cost of getting the enabling clauses embodied in the charter, but the subsequent necessity, under present arrangements, of having the by-laws published in the Official Gazette. Suppose the city passes a by-law regulating the keep of cows within the city limits, it is necessary, according to present usage, to pay for the publication thereof in the Gazette, with no apparent advantage, beyond contributing to the support of the government printing bureau. The mayor observed that Vancouver was, as far as he could learn, the only municipality that was subject to this unnecessary expense, which in Vancouver's case had run into thousands of dollars, and he suggested that if the city could have the charter amended to escape this expense, that in itself would repay the outlay and trouble of applying to the legislature for other changes. After some discussion, this was posted as one of the amendments for consideration. Under the charter, as it stands, there is no provision for licensing laundries, and an amendment to empower the city to pass a laundry license by-law was added to the list. The charter at present provides that any action taken against the city must be brought within a specified time, but there is no such time limit against arbitration proceedings. Mr. Hamersley, the city solicitor, had suggested an amendment stipulating that such proceedings must be begun within a year from date of origin. Ald. Foreman moved to have his water commission scheme included, and this was done. Upon his suggestion, an amendment to empower the council to fix the location of stables within certain precincts, was also booked for review. Before adjournment the following additions were made to the list of proposed changes: Strike out the leasehold qualification for aldermen, the mayor; limit municipal franchise to the one man, one vote principle, Ald. Wylie; license drivers of express wagons, etc., to debar incompetent persons, or boys under age of competency, Ald. Wylie; license tobacco dealers, wholesale or retail; remove fire and police department from control of council to board of commissioners.

Major-General Sir Charles Parsons, general officer commanding troops in British North America, has presented the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, Vancouver, with two pieces of artillery to be mounted at the drill hall, that is, when they arrive. The guns were cast many years ago at Sheffield, Eng., and are the old 8-inch smooth bore 32 pounders. They formed part of the original armament of one of the batteries in Halifax harbor, where they are at the present time. The guns are said to date from the opening years of the last century. Colonel Worsnop said to a World reporter, that it was merely a question of getting the guns to Vancouver. They were not playthings by any means, weighing from three to four tons each. In the old days of service they were deemed most formidable engines, hurling great spheres of steel, eight inches in diameter, for several miles. Of course they are obsolete now and valuable only from their tragic associations of the past. New Westminster is presented with one also, which will accompany the other two West. The pieces are without carriages, and when they reach here they will be properly mounted and placed in position at the drill hall.—The World.

At the meeting of the Brotherhood of the Railway Trackmen on Saturday, Brother Joseph Lennan was presented with a very handsome solid 14-kt. gold watch and chain, with nugget charm, in appreciation of valuable and energetic services rendered the Brotherhood of Railway Trackmen while acting as chairman of the joint protective board for the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific railway.

As an indication of the activity in lumbering circles, it may be stated that the Vancouver engineering works and the Albion iron works are turning out a large number of donkey-engines for use in logging camps. These engines cost from $2,000 to $2,000 each, and at the present time both firms have a number of orders in hand.

Through a "double-barrelled process, backed by the city license inspector and the collector of customs, a large quantity of Japanese whiskey has come under the surveillance of the authorities, and incidentally suspicion has arisen that a great deal of this class of fire-water has been entering Vancouver without contributing its quota to the revenues. On Saturday last Detectives Mulhern and Jackson made a round of the Oriental tenderloin. During their cruise they had occasion to visit a lodging house said to be kept by a Jap. In one of the apartments of this establishment, they discovered what they took to be a well-stocked saloon. Whiskey and beer were there in casks and bottles. Some of the casks were empty, as also some of the bottles, but several of each were full. Continuing their rounds, the detectives were led to call in on another place occupied by Japs. Here they found another outfit for supplying the alcoholic appetite, including three big demijohns of whiskey, containing 25 gallons each. Advice of the finds was conveyed to the license inspector and collector of customs, and both officials came to the conclusion that their was something wrong. Mr. Robinson decided to pull the places for selling liquor without a license, and Mr. Bowell's curiosity was excited to discover whether the liquors had paid the necessary duty. At any rate, both outfits were seized, and will be held pending trial of the cases in court. Altogether the stuff aggregates several hundred gallons. The investigation of the officers continued further. From one of the Japs they had it that the goods had been purchased from one Y. Harobo, who resides near Heaps's mill, in the East End. They called upon Mr. Harobo, and were surprised to find about a dozen 25-gallon kegs of Japanese whiskey in his abode. When the case comes up to-day all three Japs will be called upon to explain to the magistrate.

NAKUSP.

A sad drowning accident occurred here on the night of the 22nd by which Jno. Lawrence, mate of the tug Columbia, was drowned. The Chinese cook was going ashore and walked off the tug. The men, hearing the cries, rushed from the engine room, and it seems as if the mate walked off into the water also; he was not able to swim and was only seen once. He had been mate of the Columbia for two years, and was a native of Sweden, and about 30 years of age. After grappling for an hour his body was recovered.

ROSSLAND.

The course adopted by the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier in reading Hon. J. Israel Tarte out of the Liberal cabinet appeals to Rossland Liberals and was unanimously endorsed at the annual meeting of the association on Thursday night. One of the important features of the meeting was the selection of officers, which resulted as follows: Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, honorary president; William A. Galliher, M. P., honorary vice-president; Robert W. Grigor, president; James Young, first vice-president; Dr. Kerr, second vice-president; Dr. Kenning, third vice-president; Roland A. Laird, secretary-treasurer; Messrs. J. A. Macdonald, J. H. Macdonald, Wallace Fraser, Harry Daniel, A. H. Dutton, Wilson Pyper, Francis C. Lawe and John H. Robinson, executive committee.

NELSON.

The case of Winter vs. the Kaslo & Slocan Railway Company was concluded on Tuesday afternoon. In his charge to the jury Chief Justice Hunter directed that there was liability on the part of the defendant company. The jury returned, after rather more than an hour's deliberation, with a verdict of $1,000 for Mrs. Winter, the victim of the accident, and of $200 for her husband. In accepting the verdict His Lordship expressed the opinion that it was very just, and that the parties to the case were under an obligation to the jurors for the careful attention which they had given to what proved a very tedious case.

The excursionists from the great copper district of Michigan arrived in Nelson on Thursday evening. There are 30 in the party and they are bound for the Lardeau district, where they will look over the Cariboo and Eva groups of claims. These properties are being developed by the Northwestern Development Syndicate and the Calumet & British Columbia Gold Mines Company, and in both of the companies the excursionists are large shareholders, four of them being directors, including President A. J. Scott. The excursionists comprise representative business men of the entire copper district. Many of them are men of means, and taken as a whole they probably represent more money open to investment in legitimate mining ventures than any part that has visited British Columbia. It goes without saying therefore that their impressions of the Lardeau will have a very important bearing upon that district's future development, since if they are pleased with what they see, there will be practically unlimited capital available for the development not only of the properties in which they are already interested, but also for such others as they might consider worthy of attention. They have also this very important advantage over many parties that have visited the province in that they are all men who have a greater or lesser knowledge of mining, and of the risks which invariably form part of mining investments. In other words, they are men who are prepared to take a chance, who are not afraid of prospects simply because they are prospects. Just the sort of men that a new district requires to open it up.—News.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Prussia Taking Steps to Acquire Six of the Principal Railroads.

Prussia is determined to acquire six of the principal railroads remaining in private hands. The first is the East Prussian Southern, the second the Marienburg-Mlawka, the third the Altdamm-Kolberg, the fourth the Stargard-Kuestrin, the fifth the Kiel-Flensburg, and the sixth the Breslau-Warsaw, the whole amounting to 538 miles, with $19,250,000 capital, for which the government has offered a somewhat larger sum.

The effect of the announcement on the Berlin bourse was to raise the quotations of some of the common stocks and to depress others. But the preferred stocks rose to within a fraction of the government's offer.

It seems certain that the proposition will be accepted in every instance. Only two important private lines are not included in the government's scheme, the Dortmund-Grenau and the Luebeck-Buesnen roads.

The Prussian government's plan, which came as a complete surprise to the country, is one of the first energetic steps of the new railroad minister, Herr Budde, who is credited with the ambition to inaugurate a new era in Prussian railroads.

The chief constable of Birmingham has issued a warning to all arms and ammunition manufacturers not to sell goods for shipment to the proclaimed districts of Ireland. A special order also has been issued that even to such parts of Ireland as are not proclaimed shipments of arms must be clearly marked as such, under pain of stringent penalties.

WE HAVE NOT ADVANCED THE PRICE OF OUR TOBACCOS. AMBER SMOKING TOBACCO, BOBS, CURRENCY AND FAIR PLAY CHEWING TOBACCOS ARE THE SAME SIZE AND PRICE TO THE CONSUMER AS FORMERLY. WE HAVE ALSO EXTENDED THE TIME FOR THE REDEMPTION OF SNOWSHOE TAGS TO JANUARY 1ST, 1904. THE EMPIRE TOBACCO CO., LIMITED.

Attorney-General Knox has decided that if the United States should accept the offer of the New Panama Canal Co. submitted last spring for the sale of the canal for $40,000,000, it would receive through the parties interested a valid and unincumbered title to the property.