

the city yesterday morning Spokane Falls & Northern. Spink was ticketed to Vancouver over the Spokane Northern.

From Friday's Daily.) Jones has returned to the city from Morrissey Mines, is locating in the saloon business.

McCutcheon, customs and excise at Greenwood, was in the city, the guest of H. Perry Coakley has returned from a business trip to Camborne and Dean mining camps.

Oliver, in charge of the department of the War Eagle Star mines, has returned after three weeks' vacation in Winnipeg.

Green of Palo Alto, Cal., is registered at the Hotel Allan, accompanied by Mrs. Green. Mr. Green is in the Velvet mine.

Coulson, of the War Eagle Star mines, is recovering from the operation he underwent at the Sisters' hospital, Logland, the well known Rossner who was injured in a rick accident near Butte recently, has sufficiently resumed his work.

Yesterday he sailed from K for his old home in Sweden, will visit for a couple of days at the home of Mrs. Galusha, of Spokane, is registered at the Palace Hotel.

Reporters, of Victoria, is staying at the hotel. Charles H. Mackintosh arrived yesterday night from Vancouver. The governor will remain here some days.

Henderson, B. C. representative of the Dominion department of works, arrived in the city last night and is registered at the Hotel Griffin, representing the ex-branch of the department of works, is registered at the Hoffman.

From Saturday's Daily.) Molly Morrell, of Boise, Idaho, city for a few days on route to K, where she will remain for a few days.

R. Bittel was ticketed to Saturday over the Spokane Falls train. Coakley and family were ticketed to Woodstock, Ont., yesterday over the Spokane Falls train.

J. Goodell, manager of the Falls smelter, is registered at the Hotel Allan. Paterson and C. J. Dunlop are guests at the Hotel Allan.

A. Eden, of the Bank of Montreal, left last night for Vancouver on a vacation. Henry was ticketed to Winnipeg over the Canadian Pacific yesterday.

Henderson, resident architect province for the department works of the Dominion, leaves today for Nelson en route to K.

From Sunday's Daily.) Ross, the new superintendent boundary-Kootenay division of the Pacific, was in the city at port time yesterday with R. A. Keegan, resident engineer. Mr. Keegan remained in the city a few days and is expected to return at a later date.

W. S. Deacon left last evening for Stratford, where she will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. Fraser, for several months. Winn left last evening on a trip to Edgewood, on the Arden.

R. Dunn left last night to visit friends. In Martin leaves this evening for Halcyon Springs. Mrs. and daughter go to Hamilton, where they will remain for several months, and Miss Martin goes to Vancouver, where she will visit for a short time prior to her departure.

Spokane Falls, well known Spokane Falls man, returned to Spokane yesterday morning after having spent the day in Rossland, the guest of G. Larson, general superintendent of the Kootenay mine.

McLair leaves this morning for Kootenay. He is to consult with the members of the Liberal association at a political situation.

H. Babcock, at the head of the Northern land department, arrived at St. Paul, arrived in the night, accompanied by Charles Minneapolis. It is understood that he will be the permanent representative of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard company here in succession to Ed. Jones.

McCrone, E. M., returned to Rossland last night after spending the day in months at his old home. He had a most enjoyable trip.

Tronsides Dunn left last evening for Comaplex. Mr. Dunn left her as far as Rossland. H. Mackintosh and family are summer cottage at Halcyon Hot and will remain there until the end of the season.

From Tuesday's Daily.) Sentell left yesterday over the Spokane Falls & Northern for Victoria. Macdonald left yesterday over the Spokane Falls & Northern for Victoria.

G. A. Ohren and Mrs. Ohren returned to the city on Sunday night after a pleasant visit to the coast. Mr. Ohren is a member of the Canadian Pacific city on a business trip.

McCutcheon, customs and excise at Greenwood, was in the city, the guest of H. Perry Coakley has returned from a business trip to Camborne and Dean mining camps.

GOVERNMENT DEFEATED

The Result of a Vote in the Legislative Assembly.

Colonel Prior Says the Governor Will Order a Dissolution.

VICTORIA, May 27.—Col. Prior has at last sustained defeat, and according to present arrangements will tomorrow seek a dissolution from the governor. He has but one minister, Prentice, McInnes having resigned this afternoon. The galleries of the house were packed when the premier rose this afternoon to give an explanation of his dismissal of his ministers. Eberts sat in Ellison's chair. Wells and McInnes were in their old seats. The premier traced the history of the grants and referred to the opposition of Eberts to bill 16. He said he had attended the investigation, and he came to the conclusion that he must take the bull by the horns, effective government being impossible in view of the wide divergence of opinion between the two ministers. McInnes had resigned, but he had not accepted the resignation, asking him to retain the portfolio temporarily. He said he had acquainted the governor with the situation and been accorded the privilege of dissolution.

The premier was asked if this promise would hold even in the event of his defeat, and he said "Yes." He asked the house to grant him legitimate supply and pass a few unopposed bills first. McInnes's statement was to the effect that he had come to the conclusion the government could no longer carry on with dignity. He resigned, he said, in order to facilitate an appeal to the country on party lines.

Eberts complained of the premier taking action before the committee reported. He said he was opposed to bill 16, and so were a majority of the ministers. He said he opposed bill 16 and told the premier he would not vote for it, and if he wanted him to he would resign.

Prior interjected that he (Prior) told him he could do whichever he liked. Prentice said it was a day of plain speaking, and if he told of all that took place in the last four years, Eberts would be looking for a hole to crawl into. He spoke of Taylor as "Eberts' nefarious partner, the blackguard," and said Prior had ministers who were untruthful to him and who were liars and cowards.

This last expression the speaker compelled him to withdraw. Wells' defence was mainly along the same lines as Eberts', though he referred to the value of Dunsmuir put on his services and resented Prior's insinuation that his department was inefficient. Prior's action was, he said, plainly to divert attention from himself in the expectation of an unfavorable report from the committee.

McBride refused to say whether he would grant supply or not, and in connection with other opposition speakers challenged Prior's statement that he could get a dissolution, attacking this as most unconstitutional. McBride drew attention to the charges against the premier re tenders for the Chimney creek bridge supplies, and asked for an explanation from the premier.

It had been stated that Prior, acting in Wells' absence, opened tenders and then put in a lower one from Prior and Company. The premier replied that his firm was a limited liability company, that it submitted the lowest tender for that work mentioned, and the statement that he opened tenders previous to his own firm's being filed was false.

The premier then moved to adjourn. Martin wanted to know where the house stood. They were confronted by a peculiar condition. Three ministers had resigned, the premier had taken the proper course and he laid the matter before the lieutenant governor, and according to his statement had the promise of a dissolution.

The premier—"I got the assurance and the right to use it." Martin warned the house that if the motion to adjourn passed it practically meant that the premier controlled the house. Personally he would fall in with the premier's offer, but the opposition should either reject or accept the premier's advance for legitimate supply, followed by an appeal to the country.

McBride referred sarcastically to Martin's vigilance in resisting the encroachments of the prerogative, and alluded to his present silence when the premier was outlining a possible course by the governor, contrary to practice.

Martin—"I see nothing unconstitutional in the governor taking the position he has." Curtis asked if the premier had an express promise that in any event the governor would grant the premier a dissolution. For instance, if the special committee reported against the government, would the governor still grant a dissolution. He asked for an explicit answer.

The premier—"I have stated as much as I intend to state." The vote then being taken the motion to adjourn was defeated by a vote of 17 to 15 on the following division: Ayes—Gilmour, Hayward, Martin, Helmecken, Prentice, Prior, A. W. Smith, Clifford, Houston, McInnes, Hall Rogers, Hunter, Dickie and Mounce. Nays—Stables, E. C. Smith, Hawthornthwaite, Gifford, Garden, Fulton, Curtis, Tatlow, Green, McBride, Semlin, McPhillips, Taylor, Kidd, Paterson, Wells, Dunsmuir.

The premier, after the opposition applause had subsided, rose and said that as it was evident he had lost control of the house, he would feel it his duty to ask the governor to come down at

2 o'clock the following day and dissolve the house.

McBride—"I move that the house, when it adjourns, stand adjourned until 3 o'clock tomorrow."

At this Martin took alarm, and warned the house that this motion if carried would express confidence in McBride. The motion was defeated. This produced a deadlock.

Hawthornthwaite at this stage, amid laughter, attempted as leader of the Socialist party to also move the adjournment.

Mr. Martin and the premier held that the passage of the vote of want of confidence was a rejection by the opposition of the premier's advances to that end. The only way, they thought, to not overcome the difficulty was to withdraw or reconsider the vote. The premier said he had sought to make an arrangement. The opposition had rejected his offer, and he would tell the governor so. It was now too late to mend matters.

Finally the premier moved that the house do adjourn, and seeing there was no other way out of the difficulty the house passed it.

The members will reassemble at 3 o'clock tomorrow.

(By Associated Press.) VICTORIA, May 27.—The political crisis grows acute. Following the dismissal of W. C. Wells, chief commissioner of lands and works, and Attorney General Eberts, when the house sat today, W. McInnes, provincial secretary, tendered his resignation.

Colonel Prior, the premier, announced that he had received a promise from the lieutenant governor that he would grant a dissolution of the legislature after the estimates and necessary non-contentious legislation had been passed. Then the premier will go to the country, the election taking place in September or October next.

The general feeling in the legislature is that the election will be held on party lines. The attorney general said he had resigned, having been asked to do so. He had not done so before because his reputation was at stake, he considering himself on trial at the enquiry. He was bitter regarding the action of the premier.

J. D. Prentice, finance minister, who followed, said the attorney general had brought his dismissal on himself. Speaking regarding the Columbia & Western deal he said George McL. Brown, executive officer of the C. P. R., had been assisted in 1900 by the attorney general in this matter. He referred to Eberts' partner, Taylor, as a "blackguard," denouncing the premier's course, he said that he had for colleagues "men untrue and unfaithful, cowards and liars."

Asked to retract, he said he would withdraw the final "a." Commissioner Wells spoke, taking his dismissal philosophically but justifying his action and speaking at length. He defied the premier to show where he had been negligent. He read the letter dismissing him, which told of matters in his department not meeting with the premier's approval, and said that under any circumstances the premier had intended to ask for his resignation at the close of the session.

After a lengthy discussion several minor matters were dealt with and then the government was defeated on the premier's motion to adjourn. Col. Prior said he regarded the defeat of the motion as a vote of non-confidence and would ask the lieutenant governor to come tomorrow and dissolve the house. This would result in the province being left without funds from June onwards.

The leader of the opposition then moved the adjournment, thinking thus to demonstrate that the opposition were in power, but the Martin wing in the opposition voted with the government and the opposition leader was defeated. After considerable discussion, in which W. W. B. McInnes made an effort to secure control, it was finally shown that it was necessary to pass supply, and the motion to adjourn offered by the premier carried.

COL. PRIOR IN TROUBLE

A Charge Laid Against Him Now Under Investigation.

Refused Privilege of an Appeal to the Electors.

VICTORIA, May 28.—By a vote of 19 to 16 the house this afternoon refused to grant supply to the Prior government, and the premier thereupon hurried to government house to seek the governor, only to be met by the statement from his honor that Smith Curtis had acquainted him with certain charges that were preferred against Prior by the newspapers, and on the basis of which Curtis would seek the appointment of a special committee the same afternoon.

In view of this charge hanging over his head Prior did not seek a dissolution, or if he did, it was denied. At any rate he came back to the legislature, explained the situation and concurred in the appointment of the committee.

The charges the said committee will investigate are that when acting chief commissioner, Col. Prior was a party to acquainting his own firm with figures in the tenders for the Chimney creek bridge and that the firm put in a lower tender, securing the contract.

Curtis moved for this committee this afternoon, the premier concurring. It consists of Curtis, who made the motion, Hall, Tatlow, Helmecken and Hayward. The first of the annual competitions at Kingston for the Dundonald Mounted Patrol Competition Challenge Cup was composed of Company Sergeant Major Bodwell, in command, Corporal Campbell, Cadets Walkem and Sherwood.

UNCERTAIN PROSPECT

The Question of Premier's Position Before the Governor.

Report of the Committee that Investigated Prior.

VICTORIA, May 29.—The special committee appointed by the house to investigate the charges against Colonel Prior in connection with the securing for his firm the contract for supplying a cable for the Chimney Creek bridge, reported to the house this afternoon. The report was really only a digest of the evidence. This was to the effect that tenders were asked for from four firms; that after they were received they were taken to Prior, who was acting as chief commissioner of lands and works, to award the contract; that he asked why the firm of Prior & Co. could not tender and instructed the engineer of the department to ask them to do so.

Subsequently he sent to the engineer for the papers in connection with the matter, also for one of the clerks of the firm. Prior and the clerk swear the contents of the tenders were not disclosed by Prior to this clerk or to the firm, but that they only discussed specifications.

The clerk of the department who took the documents says he did not give Prior the specifications, but the tenders only.

Prior disclaims giving his firm the benefit of his information, but the firm afterwards secured the contract, being the lowest tenderer. Prior in the house admitted that he was indiscreet, but said he was not dishonest.

The house today unanimously adopted the report of the committee, the premier being severely criticized. After the vote Premier Prior said he would submit the report and evidence to the governor and leave himself in his hands.

Adjournment was taken till Monday to this end, Martin, making a final appeal on behalf of Prior to get supply. It is believed the governor will refuse Prior a dissolution and send for McBride, leader of the opposition, for Oliver, who pressed the charges and caused the downfall of the government, for McInnes, who claims eleven Liberals in the house will support him, or for Martin.

The debate in the house was profitless, and it is quite evident the members are preparing for a general election. McInnes' stock seems to be in the ascendant for designation by the governor, though there is a growing sentiment that Oliver, as the hero of the crisis and the man who has practically caused the downfall of the government, should be recognized by his honor.

McBride in the debate in the house on the first vote of want of confidence seriously injured his prospects by declaring in favor of party lines and an immediate appeal to the country, thus alienating many Liberal supporters. His subsequent explanation that he did not mean he would form a Conservative government, has not dispelled this entirely, though it is conceded that this was a slip.

Martin is strenuously seeking a get supply for Prior, which he thinks will cause the governor to give Prior a dissolution and enable him to get to the country, with Prior as the Conservative and Martin as the Liberal leader. If a dissolution is refused Prior and the governor sends for McBride or any one else but Martin, it will imperil the latter's chances as leader.

OTTAWA, May 29.—The crisis in British Columbia is the subject of discussion in parliamentary circles today. It is not thought possible that Prior will be granted a dissolution, as he was a member of the government which brought about the existing state of affairs, and as premier was equally, if not more so, responsible with Wells and Eberts.

THOUSANDS OF MOTHERS Recommend Baby's Own Tablets. It is a very good thing for mothers to know that the tablets get this praise simply because no other medicine has ever done so much in relieving and curing the minor ills of infants and young children.

Mrs. Levi Perry, Roseway, N. S., says: "I take great pleasure in recommending Baby's Own Tablets for colic and constipation. I have never found anything to equal them for these troubles." Besides curing colic, constipation and indigestion, Baby's Own Tablets prevent cramp, break up colds, expel worms, allay the irritation accompanying the cutting of teeth, sweeten the stomach and promote health-giving sleep. Guaranteed to contain neither opiates nor other harmful drugs. Sold at 25 cents a box by all druggists or may be had by writing to the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

WORK AGAIN SOON. Operations to Be Resumed in the Dumas Mine on Wild Horse. Eugene Croteau has returned from a trip to the Dumas mine, on Wild Horse creek, near Ymir. His mission was to inspect the work done during the past winter on the property.

The main tunnel is now in a considerable advance, the vein, which maintains a width of six feet and carries an excellent quality of concentrating ore. It is the company's intention to resume work in June, and to prosecute development during the summer.

TWO OF A KIND. Both Le Roi Shares Quoted at Same Figure Yesterday. (From Thursday's Daily.) Cabled intelligence from London yesterday was to the effect that shares of the Le Roi and Le Roi Two were quoted at the same figure yesterday, namely, £1 6s. 6d. This shows a drop in Le Roi since last clearing day, while Le Roi Two are also a trifle weaker.

Several cases scheduled for yesterday morning's session of the police court were adjourned to a later date owing to the inability of attorneys to attend yesterday.

The matters referred to were McPherson vs. Adams, McPherson vs. French and City vs. Lombard. The latter case is an action brought against the proprietor of the Columbia saloon on First Avenue under the fifth by-law of the corporation, which relates to the conduct of licensed houses.

THE LAND SCANDAL

Report of the Committee Is Presented to the House.

Unanimous Findings that Reflect on the Government.

VICTORIA, May 27.—The findings of the investigating committee, submitted to the house today, are as follows, the report being unanimous: Finding 1—The committee finds that the order in council of the 10th day of August, 1900, authorizing the conveying of blocks 4598 and 4594 to the Columbia & Western Railway company, was not in the public interest.

Finding 2—We find that within the original Columbia & Western reserve there remained, after deducting the alternate blocks appropriated for the construction of the first section and two pieces of land appropriated for the deficiency lands to which the company were entitled for the construction of that section, an area of land amounting to 2,000,000 acres. We also find that within the said reserve there was ample land available to satisfy all that the company was entitled to receive for the construction of the third section, which reserve had remained set apart for the purposes of the company for a period of five years.

Finding 3—We find that the order in council directing the issue of grants for blocks 4598 and 4594 was fettered by no conditions of any kind whatever, and that under that order in council, assuming that the settlement had not violated the conditions of the subsidy act, the company would have been forthwith entitled to a delivery of the grants.

Finding 4—We find that questions pertinent to the matter we had to inquire into were asked throughout the session of 1902, as would appear by the journals of the house, and the government permitted answers thereto to be given that were not in accordance with the real facts.

Finding 5—We find that on the fifth day of May, 1902, a return, purporting to be a return of the order in council relating to the granting of blocks 4598 and 4594 and of all correspondence, etc., connected therewith, failed to refer to a number of letters that passed between the executive of the C. P. R. company and the honorable chief commissioner of lands and works, which, although marked "Personal," were clearly official letters, dealing with official business, and also failed to return a letter of the 8th day of November, 1901, from the deputy commissioner of lands and works to the government agent at Fort Steele, showing that blocks 4598 and 4594 were granted to the railway company.

Finding 6—We find that if bill No. 87 had become law the Columbia & Western Railway company would have had power conferred on them to claim blocks 4598 and 4594.

Finding 7—The committee have no difficulty in finding that the rescinding order in council on the 18th day of March, 1902, and bill No. 16 were steps taken in the public interest as unquestionably the said lands, being blocks 4598 and 4594, were not, and never could have been, considered to have been within the purview of the Columbia & Western railway subsidy act, 1896, and it is unreasonable to assume that the railway company, advised at all times by eminent counsel, was not aware that such lands were not within the purview of the statute.

That being the fact, no matter what other cause moved the government in the matter, the rescinding order in council was right and proper, as well as the legislation that followed—all being in the public interest—and viewing the matter in this way, we cannot see what ground of complaint is open to the railway company. All of which is respectfully submitted. (Signed) C. W. D. CLIFFORD, Chairman.

In addition to these specific findings the committee refer to the undue influence the railway company seemed to have in shaping legislation and drawing up bills, the reflection being on the government as a whole and on Eberts and Wells particularly.

PROPERTY LOOKS WELL. Bright Future Predicted for Mohican Group in Lardeau. (From Saturday's Daily.) A group of Rossland people are looking forward most hopefully to the future of a property in the Lardeau district that they have been developing for some months on the syndicate plan. The property is the Mohican group, on Gaynor creek, which has been owned and operated for the past year by the Rosslanders referred to.

A Houston returned yesterday from the Lardeau, where he has been in charge of the work on the Mohican. He has the utmost confidence in its future, and expects to offer his colleagues an evidence of its merit shortly in the form of a shipment of high grade ore.

Work has been temporarily suspended at the property owing to a shortage of supplies, which cannot be remedied immediately owing to the impassable condition of the trail. A fortnight will see the trail open, however, and the work will then be resumed.

Mr. Houston is most favorably impressed with the Gaynor creek section, stating that the development made the latter case is an action brought against the proprietor of the Columbia saloon on First Avenue under the fifth by-law of the corporation, which relates to the conduct of licensed houses.

TWO FURNACES RUNNING.

Boundary Falls Works Has Attained This Stage at Last.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Albert J. Goodell, manager of the Boundary Falls smelter, was in the city yesterday on a brief business trip. Mr. Goodell has been in charge of the Boundary Falls works since it passed into the hands of the present proprietary concern, and is now regarded as one of the best informed smelter men in the province. He is a member of the executive of the Provincial Mining Association of B. C.

Referring to the work under his direction, Mr. Goodell states that two furnaces are now operating for the first time in a considerable period, and that this will be maintained as long as the coke supply is adequate to the demand for fuel.

CIVILIAN RIFLEMEN.

Ranges May Be Open Sunday at Ferndale. (From Saturday's Daily.) The officials of the Rossland Civilian Rifle association hoped that the ranges for the formal opening today, but it is now apparent that this will not be the case, owing to the non-completion of the surface work required on the ground.

THE GROUND IS BROKEN

A Start Made on "Father Pat" Memorial Fountain.

The Work to be Completed as Rapidly as Possible.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Ground was broken yesterday morning for the "Father Pat" memorial fountain at the intersection of Washington street and Columbia avenue. The structure is to be pushed ahead to completion as rapidly as possible, and within a month, at the outside, should be finished and supplying water for thirty men and beasts. The promoters of the memorial feel that the fountain will be a handsome and suitable recognition of the life of the deceased clergyman whose imprint on the community and country generally will last for decades.

The fountain will be constructed midway between the street lines of Washington on the south side of Columbia avenue, a site having been selected that does not interfere with traffic on Washington. The contractors are the Kootenay Marble company, operated by Shackleton & Simpson at Nelson. Both members of the firm are in the city for the purpose of superintending the construction of the memorial.

Yesterday the street was excavated for the foundations, which will be in the form of a cross, sixteen feet over all by about ten feet in width. The main body of the fountain will be a compact pile of Rossland granite and Kaslo marble. Surmounting the main section is a granite pillar eight feet in height. At the corners of the main section are ornamental standards containing electric lamps. The standards are to be of wrought iron with rustless finish. Dog and horse troughs are provided for in addition to the jets from which persons will secure drinking water. A twenty inch chamber is arranged for in the centre of the pile on which to rest the pipes in case of freezing.

THE EPITAPHS. The inscriptions on the various fronts of the memorial will be as follows. On North side: FATHER PAT "He who would write an epitaph for thee, And do it well, must first begin to be Such as thou wert, for none can truly know Thy worth, thy life but he that hath lived so."

On the south side—"In loving memory of the Rev. Henry Irwin, M. A., First rector of St. George's Church, Rossland. (Familiarly Known as Father Pat.) Obilil Jan. 13, A. D. 1902. 'Christies Lore and His Apostles twelve He taught, but first he followed it himself."

On the west side—"I was sick and ye visited me." The epitaphs were arranged by W. J. Nelson and approved by the balance of the committee in charge of the "Father Pat" memorial fund. The city will, therefore, have two memorials of the late Rev. Henry Irwin—the fountain now under way, and the ambulance acquired last winter and in more or less regular use since that time.

POLICE COURT.

Several Cases Adjudged from Yesterday's Sittings. (From Saturday's Daily.) Three cases scheduled for yesterday morning's session of the police court were adjourned to a later date owing to the inability of attorneys to attend yesterday.

The matters referred to were McPherson vs. Adams, McPherson vs. French and City vs. Lombard. The latter case is an action brought against the proprietor of the Columbia saloon on First Avenue under the fifth by-law of the corporation, which relates to the conduct of licensed houses.