

HELD A GHOST DANCE

Bogle and His Braves Preparing to Fight the Government.

PUTTING ON WAR PAINT

Each of the Chiefs Told How Long He Had Fought the Powers That Be—An Independent Belligerent Warriors and Turns the Meeting into a Dance

With a vast amount of solemnity, the oppositionists of Rossland in mass meeting assembled at Dominion hall last Monday, told why they were "ferminst" the government, and, with many chests swelling with pride, they itemized their respective length of service in the glorious cause of obstruction.

The meeting was presided over by J. A. Kirk, and at the start off Hugh McCutcheon introduced this universe-embracing resolution:

"Resolved, that the electors for this district should return a man to the legislature who is opposed to the policy of the present provincial government."

Mr. McCutcheon fortified this resolution with a soporific fusillade of figures, with which he bombarded the audience.

In conclusion, Mr. McCutcheon announced that he had been fighting the government for 15 years.

Arthur Dutton, who seconded the motion, devoted himself to flaying the members of the government, individually and en masse.

Mr. Dutton ended by editing the ranks of the terrified with the announcement that he too had fought the government for "many" years—exact statistics not furnished.

J. S. Clute's speech consisted in his solemn affirmation that he wanted to identify himself with the opposition movement. He, too, had been engaged in the "glorious" fight against the present government for "many" years—(exact data withheld).

D. B. Bogle, the uncrowned king of Kootenay well-binders, then flung wide open the flood-gates of his verbal reservoir, and let his tumultuous accumulation of words loose upon the face of the thirsty earth. Mr. Bogle's delivery of his well known albeit somewhat moth-eaten recitation entitled, "The Shifting Center of Gravity in British Columbia," was greeted with rapturous applause.

In conclusion he asseverated that the only way to get Rossland recognized as Victoria was to elect a kicker who would travel night and day until recognition were secured. Mr. Bogle himself, it was understood, would sacrifice himself upon the altar of patriotism by acting as representative, in case the populace so demanded. He had fought the government a dozen years.

A. B. Clabon was the next talker. He talked about the business relations of the government officials.

He could only boast of having engaged in the crusade for holy war against the government for five years.

The solemnity or somnolence so prominent in the remarks of the previous speakers, was completely shattered when John McKane ascended the platform in response to calls.

His first allusion was to a grievance he had in having been denied access to the voters' list, notwithstanding the fact that he had contributed the sum of \$4, fully paid, to aid in its collection.

How with Mr. McCutcheon so earnestly fighting the government for the past 15 years, and his friend Mr. Clute for many years, and Mr. Dutton for an equal number, and Mr. Bogle for a dozen, and Mr. Clabon for five, the present government had not been wiped completely off the face of the earth. His remarks were devoted almost entirely to a review of the volcanic eloquence of Mr. Bogle, with a correct imitation of the sweeping and hypocritical gestures, accompanying the overflow of that gentleman's ire and indignation against what he termed a decayed and venially corrupt administration. In short, he earned the meeting into a farce, and robbed it of all semblance of seriousness.

His suggestion for a remedy, in closing, was that an independent man, one with the progress and welfare of the district at heart; a broadminded, wide awake, representative citizen, be chosen for a seat in the next legislature, and he had no doubt that the people and the district he was elected to serve, would be benefited thereby.

The audience was in no very serious frame of mind when A. H. MacNeill, the closing speaker, arose, and his remarks were brief. No statistics regarding Mr. MacNeill's length of service against the government were presented. His address concluded the program, and the stalwarts, after adopting the McCutcheon resolution, solemnly filed home.

MINING NOTES.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Gold Mining company (foreign) will be held in Spokane on the 16th of May, in the office of the company there.

W. Davis, the visiting London broker, has purchased five promising properties in the vicinity of Erie. The properties are said to have an excellent surface showing.

Charles Parker, engineer in charge of the Dundee mine, near Ymir, reports that it is looking better than ever. Work on the 1,600-foot tramway is making excellent progress, and it is expected that it will be ready for operation by the middle of next month. In order that there may be a dry and solid foundation for the concentrator the work of installing it has been postponed. It will be perhaps the middle of August before the concentrator will be ready for operation.

A. Klockmann is back from the Priest lake country in Kootenai county, Idaho, where he is interested in the Con- tinental, one of the big silver-lead properties of that section. Mr. Klockmann is delighted with the showing on the property, and he expects that it will prove a bonanza. There is a three-foot streak of clean cube galena and five feet of concentrating ore. He brought down a ton of the former class to Spokane, and an average assay from it returned \$65. Mr. Klockmann expects to give much of his attention to the property during the coming summer. He brought several hundred pounds of fine ore from the property back here, and it is to be seen at the International.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

The Committee on Horse Races Arranges an Excellent Program.

A meeting of the committee on horse racing for the Queen's Birthday celebration was held in the Windsor hotel last Monday and the following program was arranged:

Open race—Heats best two in three, 4 to enter 3 to start, catch weights, for a purse; first money \$110, second \$60.

Saddle horse race—Best two in three, 4 to enter 3 to start, purses, first \$60, second \$45. The horses to be entered in the event to be confined to a radius of 10 miles of Rossland and used as a saddle horse for at least three months within the limits mentioned, prior to May 24th, 1898. In the race they must carry 160

pounds and up race—For ponies of 14 1/2 hands high and under, best two in three, 4 to enter 3 to start, catch weights; purses \$60 and \$25.

Rossland Livery Stable Race—A single dash, catch weights, 4 to enter, 3 to start, purses \$60 and \$25. This race is confined strictly to horses owned by the proprietors of livery stables in Rossland. The horses must have been kept here for two weeks prior to May 24. The entrance fee in all cases is five per cent. of the purse to be contested for.

Entries must be made with Claude A. Cregan, at his office on Columbia avenue before 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 24. The races to be called at 2 p.m. sharp.

\$1,200 for the Celebration.

Twelve hundred dollars has been subscribed toward the fund for the celebration of the Queen's birthday. Such was the announcement made at the meeting of the general committee on celebration, held at the Windsor hotel Tuesday.

The committee feels with this sum the celebration will be a great success. While the meeting was in session the announcement was made that the city council had appropriated \$50 for a gold medal for the winner of the military contest. The statement was also made that Aldermen Clute, Lalonde and Thompson had been appointed by the council to cooperate with the committee for the purpose of preparing the streets for the races and in other ways to make the celebration a success.

Secretary Strickland was instructed to communicate with the Nelson brass band to the end that its services be secured, if possible, on the 24th.

The following committee on arrangements for the ball to be given in Dominion hall on the evening of the 24th, was appointed: His Worship Mayor Wallace, John Ferguson McCrae, H. W. C. Jackson, J. McKane, E. A. Rolf, J. Squires and A. W. Strickland.

Chief McKinnon of the fire department was instructed to correspond with the Nelson fire brigade for the purpose of inducing it to come to Rossland to participate in the firemen's tournament on the 24th.

It is certain that there will be some sword and lance contests in the city on May 24th. Yesterday Henry Esmond received a telegram from Frank Elliott, the swordsman, who is at Victoria, announcing that he would be here on the Queen's birthday. Mr. Elliott was sergeant-major of the royal horse artillery and is an adept with both the sword and the lance. It is certain that Mr. Esmond will try conclusions with him in this line in the city, and an endeavor will be made to have them enter the lists. Mr. Esmond is painting a large picture of a mounted sword and lance contest and also of tent pegging. The work is being done in the studio of the Rossland Sign company.

The Rossland Sign company will present the Queen's birthday committee with a fine portrait of Queen Victoria, painted in oil. Those who have seen the picture say that it is an excellent likeness of the Queen.

The meeting adjourned to meet on the 17th instant, when the attendance of members is earnestly requested as business of the utmost importance will come up.

THE MINERS PROTEST.

Say That There Are No Celebration Contests in Which They Can Enter.

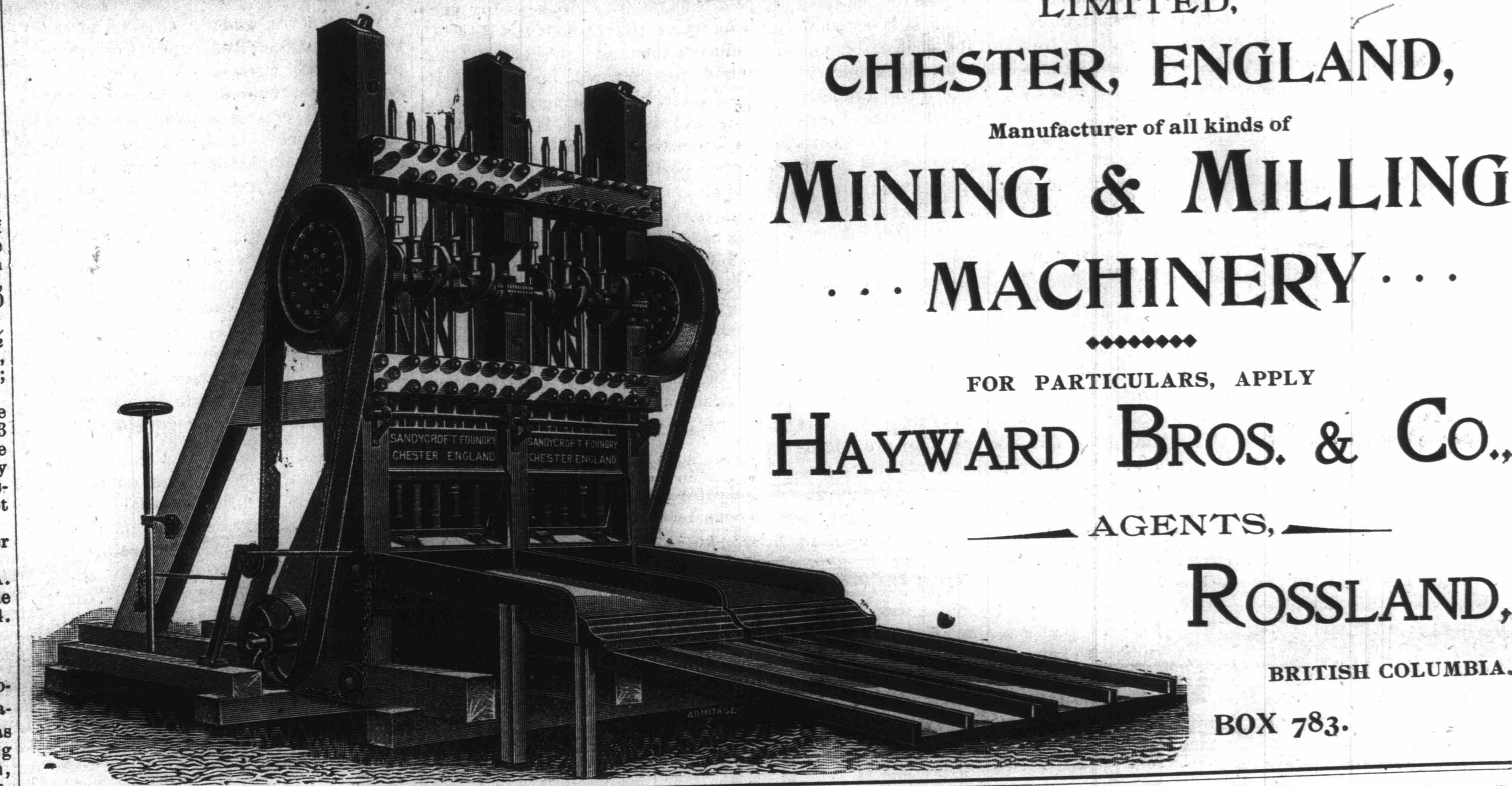
There is much dissatisfaction among the miners because of the failure of the celebration committee to include a drilling contest among the sports of the Queen's birthday. Several miners called at The Miner office last night to express the hope that the program could be changed so as to include at least one drilling contest. There are half-a-dozen different teams in the camp which would compete in such an event, and the call for a contest night expressed the opinion that if proper prizes were offered several teams from the Slocan and around Nelson would enter. The miners argue that they and not the horsemen represent the great industry in the camp, and that it is absurd to appropriate the celebration funds for horse races, while overlooking such interesting events as drill contests. They are sure to have the prizes offered to prospectors, but at best, prospecting and underground mining are two very different occupations, and prizes for prospectors do not offer any openings for legitimate miners to compete on ground familiar to them.

As to the tug of war, to be contested for by the miners, they explained that it was doubtful whether it would be contested.

Claude A. Cregan was seen by a MINER reporter last evening in regard to the demand for drilling contests. Mr. Cregan explained that the committee had arranged the program as it stands under advice that it would be impossible to get any lively drilling contests, and the committee accordingly substituted a tug of war to be contested for by teams from the different mines. If, Mr. Cregan added, drilling contests could be secured he would be glad to have the committee hand out adequate prizes, and he promised to use his efforts to that end.

Annual Meeting of Monte Christo. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Monte Christo Consolidated Mining & Development company limited, was held in the offices of the company in this city yesterday. The reports of the various officers of the company were read and accepted. The following board of directors were elected: E. N. Heney, George G. Benson, W. Campbell of Montreal, D. W. Higgins of Victoria, Frank W. Rolt, George E. Plunder, Harold Kingsmill and John Smith of Rossland. The directors elected the following officers: John M. Smith, president; F. W. Rolt, vice-president; George E. Plunder, managing director, and Harold Kingsmill, secretary-treasurer.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

A number of the men who stopped work in the Le Roi because of the new order requiring them to work 10 hours in the shaft, called at The Miner office Tuesday afternoon and requested that the announcement be made that they did not strike, but simply quit.

On Sunday Peter McNabb, a prospector, met with a serious accident. He was engaged in cutting down a tree on Sheep creek when it fell upon one of his legs, breaking it above the knee. Dr. Campbell was summoned from the city and he set the injured member. He is at Summer's hotel.

D. W. Moore, who has for several years been prominently identified as a mine operator in the Slocan, has accepted the position of ore buyer for the Trail smelter. At one time Mr. Moore was ore buyer for the Helena, Montana, smelter. He is a shrewd and first class business man and will undoubtedly prove a very valuable acquisition to the smelter company in his present capacity.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the Lucky Boy Mining and Development company, limited liability, of Rossland, B. C., will be held at the office of the company, 36 North Washington street, at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 23rd, 1898.

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Stock List.

By reason of the "war scare" money continues to be tight and as a consequence the stock market is very flat. A transaction that has aroused great interest in mining circles for the week is the reported sale of the Le Roi to the British America Corporation. The purchase price is said to be \$3,000,000. We will have more to say on this subject when the deal is consummated.

The Mountain Goat Gold Mining company was recently stocked in Rossland with the object of operating the Jubilee claim at Ymir; capitalization, 1,000,000 shares, par value one dollar, of which 375,000 have been relegated to the treasury, proceeds from the sale of which ore are to be devoted to defraying the cost of development. The prospects ahead of this company are considered to be very bright. Assays have been taken running into thousands of dollars, and a smelter test taken on 1,000 pounds of ore gave the phenomenal return of \$3,900 per ton in gold. We understand that \$3,000 worth of work was done by the locators on the Jubilee previous to its being taken over by the company.

The first block of 50,000 shares has been placed on the market. As it is the intention of the directors to raise the price of stock, intending investors will require to order quickly if they desire to buy at first cost. We can confidently recommend this stock both as an investment and also as being good for a rise in the near future. Prospectuses will be forwarded on application.

Table with columns: NAME, Par value, Price last week, Price this week. Lists various stocks like Arlington, Canadian Gold Fields, etc.

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