WHAT WILL GOV. M'INNES DO?

That is the Question Which the Coast Politicians are Asking--Late Returns Show that the Government has Eight Seats and the Opposition Thirty.

Victoria, B. C., June 11.—Special.)—Has the Lieutenant Governor been dismissed Has he resigned? Who will he call upon to form a government to succeed Mr. Martin? These are the questions passed from mouth to mouth among local politicians and in answer to all of them it can only be said that the most diligent inquiry fails in arriving at any conclusion which may be considered authoritative. A fillip to the interest in the situations given is in the arrival of Messrs. C. A. Semlin and Dr. McKechnie yesterday, and Winchester Brown tonight. Semlin, when asked for an expression of opinion on the situation, replied that he had nothing to say for publication. He had come down from the upper country on business he said; there were several matters which required attention, and until this had been done he did not care to talk. McKechnie was equally noncommunicative. In his opinion the situation was too complex to admit of a judicious estimate of the result of the elections. Asked as to whether it was not likely that Ralph Smith would be called upon to form a government, the doctor replied that he would not be at all surprised if the Governor should so decide, and he further expressed the belief that it was evident that Mr. Smith's chances for success would not be entirely hopeless. Although he will make no statement, it is known that Hon. J. C. Brown, finance minister, entered the cabinet on the distinct understanding that in the event of Mr. Martin making a fair showing at the elections he (Mr. Brown) would be called upon by the Governor to form a ministry and be granted another appeal to the country.

In well advised quarters it is believed that the Governor will take that action, though prominent Liberals assert that the Governor will be dismissed forthwith, Hewitt Bostock, M. P., succeeding him.

Rumors have been afloat since Martin's defeat to the effect that the Lieutenant Governor had forwarded his resignation to the Federal authorities, but the most diligent inquiry failed to develop anything corroborating the statement. Another rumor to the effect that Mr. Martin will hang onto office till the House meets, if he is permitted to do so by the Lieutenant Governor.

The Martinites are tonight holding a meeting here to "discuss the situation," as one of them puts it. The opposition will hold convention at Vancouver on Monday to include all opponents of Martinism. A recount is to be held in Vancouver, where Wilson's friends allege that with an impartial tally it will be found he is elected over Gilmour. A mistake was made by the scrutineers.

From the returns now received it is evident that results have been as indicated in the subjoined paragraph. In the case of Cassiar the results will not be obtainable for some time, but as there has been nothing to show a change of sentiment there, the seats are conceded to Messrs. Irving and Clifford.

Alberni, provincial party, A. W. Neill; Comox, opposition, A. Mounce; Cassiar, opposition, Captain Irving; Conservative, C. W. Clifford; Cariboo, opposition, S. A. Rogers, Jos. Hunter; Chilliwack, provincial party, C. Munro; Cowichan, opposition, G. H. Dickie; Delta, government, J. Oliver; Dewdney, opposition, R. McBride; Esquimalt, opposition, C. E. Pooley, W. H. Hayward; Lillooet, East, opposition, J. D. Prentice; Lillooet West, opposition, A. W. Smith; Kootenay N. E., independent, W. C. Wells; Kootenay S. E., government, E. C. Smith; Kootenay West, Slocan, provincial party, R. F. Green; Kootenay West, Rossland, government, Hon. Smith Curtis; Kootenay West, Nelson, provincial party, J. Houston; Kootenay West, Revelstoke, Conservative, T. E. L. Taylor; Nanaimo City, opposition, labor, R. Smith; Nanaimo North, independent, W. W. B. McInnes; Nanaimo South, opposition, J. Dunsmuir; New Westminster, government, Hon. J. C. Brown, Richmond, government, Duncan Rowan.

Victoria City, opposition, H. D. Helmcken; J. H. Turner, R. Hall, A. E. McPhillips; Victoria North, opposition, J. Booth; Victoria South, opposition, D. M. Eberts.

Vancouver City, government, Hon. Jos. Martin, Hugh Gilmour; Conservative, J. F. Garden; R. G. Tatlow; Yale West, opposition, D. Murphy; Yale East, opposition, F. Ellison; Yale North, opposition, F. J. Fulton.

MAJORITIES OF MEMBERS.

The Vote as Recorded in the Various Constituencies.

(By Associated Press.)

COWICHAN.	
Dickie (Turnerite)	198
Ford (Gov.)	106
Majority for Dickie	92
CARIBOO.	
Rogers (Con.)	289
Hunter (Con.)	286
Jones (P. P.)	201
Kinchant (P. P.)	177
Majority for Rogers	88
Majority for Hunter	85
DELTA.	
Oliver (Gov.)	306
Berry (Con.)	226
Forster (P. P.)	160
Majority for Oliver	80
DEWDNEY.	
McBride (Con.)	340
Whetham (Gov.)	285
Majority for McBride	55
ESQUIMALT.	
Hayward (Con.)	272
Pooley (P. P.)	235
Higgins (Ind.)	103
Fraser (Gov.)	74
Bizanton	49
Majority for Hayward	169
Majority for Pooley	132
EAST KOOTENAY SOUTH.	
Smith (Gov.)	422
Fernie (Ind.)	380
Costigan (Con.)	169
Majority for Smith	43
EAST KOOTENAY NORTH.	
Wells (Ind.)	241
Armstrong (Con.)	118
Burnett (Gov.)	77
Majority for Wells	123
LILLOOET WEST.	
A. W. Smith (P. P.)	135
Skinner (Con.)	83
Lachore (Gov.)	7
Majority for Smith	52
LILLOOET EAST.	
Prentice (Ind.)	165
Graham (Gov.)	43
Majority for Prentice	122
NANAIMO CITY.	
R. Smith (Labor)	753
Yates (Gov.)	86
Majority for Smith	667
NEW WESTMINSTER.	
Brown (Gov.)	629
Reid (Con.)	541
Majority for Brown	88
NORTH NANAIMO.	
McInnes (Gov.)	238
Bryden (P. P.)	195
Dixon (Labor)	73
Majority for McInnes	43
NORTH VICTORIA.	
Booth (P. P.)	123
White (Gov.)	117
Robertson (Ind.)	41
Majority for Booth	6
SOUTH VICTORIA.	
Eberts (Turnerite)	259
Sangster (Gov.)	208
Majority for Eberts	51
VICTORIA CITY.	
Helmcken (Turnerite)	2,010
Hall (Turnerite)	1,927
Turner (Turnerite)	1,863
McPhillips (Turnerite)	1,729
Martin (Gov.)	1,644
Brown (Gov.)	1,510
Yates (Gov.)	1,504
Beckwith (Gov.)	1,418
Four Turnerites elected.	
Majority for McPhillips	85
VANCOUVER CITY.	
Garden (Con.)	1,799
Martin (Gov.)	1,737
Tatlow (Con.)	1,663
Gilmour (Gov.)	1,462
First four elected.	
Wilson (Con.)	1,456
McPherson (Gov.)	1,433
McQueen (Gov.)	1,392
Wood (Con.)	1,349
Dixon (Labor.)	856
Cotton (P. P.)	809
Williams (Labor)	726
MacClain (Labor)	684
Majority for Gilmour	6
WEST KOOTENAY, ROSSLAND.	
Curtis (Gov.)	1,321
Mackintosh (Con.)	1,285
Majority for Curtis	36
WEST KOOTENAY, NELSON.	
Houston (P. P.)	772
Fletcher (Con.)	511
Hall (Gov.)	303
Majority for Houston	261
WEST KOOTENAY ,SLOCAN.	
Green (Ind.)	644
Keen (Con.)	378
Kane (Gov.)	166
Majority for Greene	266
WEST KOOTENAY, REVELSTOKE.	
Taylor (Con.)	504
McRae (Lib.)	355
Majority for Taylor	149
EAST YALE (Incomplete.	
Ellison (Turnerite)	138
Snodgrass (Gov.)	62
Raymer (Ind.)	27
Majority for Ellison	76
NORTH YALE.	
Fulton (Ind.)	506
Deane (P. P.)	387
Palmer (Gov.)	104
Majority for Fulton	119
WEST YALE.	
Murphy (Ind.)	351
Beebe (Gov.)	152
Majority for Murphy	199

OFFICIAL RECOUNT.

Gilmour's Majority Has Increased From Six to Twelve.

Vancouver, B. C., June 11.—(Special.)—The local election interest is centered in the official count of ballots being made today by Returning Officer Beattie. To-night about half of the total number of ballots had been counted and Ex-Alderman Gilmour's majority over Charles Wilson has increased from the original six to 12. Premier Martin was standing at the returning officer's elbow all day and prompted him frequently. A galaxy of politicians and lawyers with their coats off had surrounded the official desk five deep all day. The count will not be completed until tomorrow.

SMITH'S ELECTION.

The Ballot Boxes Were Stolen—A Recount Impossible.

Victoria, June 11.—(Special.)—During the celebration over Mr. Smith's election at Fort Steele the returning officer was relieved of the keys to his office, where the boxes were collected. At 11 o'clock last evening on his going by the office, the door was found open, and on examination two of the boxes were discovered to be stolen. The police were at once notified, and have arrested one man who is suposed to have been implicated, but who claims he is not the principal, and interesting developments are looked for, the election being very close. No trace of the missing boxes have been found.

Mr. F. Label, a merchant of Montreal, is in the city on a visit, and is much impressed with the possibilities of the camp.

Mr. R. E. McEntire, wife and daughter, passed through the city en route for Greenwood.

THE STOCK REVIEW

When Money Becomes Easier the Market Will be Lively.

A FLURRY IN SHARES OF GIANT

It was Caused by the Sudden Calling in of a Lot of Contracts for the Shares—Winnipeg is Active and Reached the 16 cent Point During the Week.

The stock market continues in about the same condition during the week ending last evening as it was during the previous week. There were sales every day, but the number was limited. It will take some little time for the market to reach the same condition as in ante-bellum days, said a well known banker yesterday. The industrial activity continues in the east, and there continues to be a considerable demand for all available money at good rates of interest. Then, too, the money will be in demand for the harvesting of the wheat and other crops. Just as soon as the harvesting is finished and the grain disposed of, then, he thought, there would be money available for speculation in mining stock, and then would come the market which has been so long waited for. In the meanwhile, however, he was of the opinion, the stock market has seen its worst days, and from now on there would be a gradual improvement in prices and a stead advance.

The sales for the past week by days were as follows:

Thursday	14,500
Friday	12,000
Saturday	13,000
Monday	9,000
Tuesday	32,000
Wednesday	7,000
Total	87,500

Against 88,500 for the previous week.

One of the chief flurries of the week was in Giant. Ever since the Philadelphia and Michigan syndicate took hold of the Giant there has been an increased demand for the stock. C. O'Brien Reddin of Spokane, bought a great deal of the Giant on future delivery contracts. On Monday he gave notice that the stock he had contracted for would be called in within 24 hours. This meant the immediate delivery of 120,000 shares and on Tuesday there was a tremendous effort on the part of those who were short to cover their contracts. This caused the price to advance from around 3 1-2 to as high as 4 3-8. One broker here received an order for 50,000 shares from Spokane at 4 cents, but could not secure the stock here, as local holders refused to sell at the price offered. According to Spokane advices the new owners of the Giant are considering the question of erecting a smelter for reducing Giant ore at Spokane. This seems to be a premature move as ore in sufficient quantities should first be found in the Giant before reduction works are erected. In the meanwhile work is being pushed on the Giant with considerable energy.

Winnipeg has been a ready seller during the week, and on Tuesday there was one sale for 16, but yesterday the 4,500 disposed of brought 15 1-2. The Winnipeg company has secured the services of Mr. Nicholas Tregear, formerly the superintendent of the Giant, and better results than ever are expected under his direction.

Deer Trail is being handled extensively. This is particularly the case at Spokane, where calls are selling for from 7 3-8 to 7 5-8. On the local board 7 1-2 is asked and 6 1-2 bid.

On the local board 25 is asked for Athabasca and 20 bid. It is predicted that the cleanup for the month of June at the Athabasca mill will amount to $25,000. This estimate is based on the fact that 200 ounces of gold were taken from the plates a day or two since.

Brandon & Golden Crown is selling for 21 cents. Ore is now being regularly shipped from the mine and shipments are to be kept up continuously from now on, and the management anticipate that the small indebtedness against the company will soon be paid, and that the running expenses can, at the same time, be paid. It is thought from the favorable manner in which affairs are shaping themselves that the Brandon will be able to pay dividends some time next year.

On the local board 10 is asked for Evening Star and 8 bid for it. Since the company began the use of machine drills the progress has been rapid in the mine. The showing in the Evening Star is so good that holders of shares are not inclined to part with them at current quotations.

There is some inquiry for War Eagle, and $1.60 is asked for it and $1.50 bid. The shares are firmly held.

There has been an increase in the demand for Morning Glory, of the Republic camp, and yesterday it was worth 3 7-8.

There is considerable inquiry for Waterloo, and it is worth from 3 3-4 to 4 3-4.

There has been some Black Tail sold, and the price ranges from 17 1-2 to 19. The mine is taking out considerable ore and it is being reduced in the custom mill at Republic and the returns are very good.

Tamarac is rather dull, and on the board 4 1-2 is asked and 3 3-4 bid.

There has been a number of transactions in Similkameen Copper at 3.

SALES.

Thursday's Sales.

Winnipeg, 500 at 15c., 1,000, 1,000 at 15 1-4c., 500, 500, 500 at 15 1-2c., 2,000 at 15 1-2c.; White Bear, 2,000 at 2c.; Deer Trail 1,000 at 7c.; Similkameen Copper Mining Co, 1,000, 1,000, 1,500, 2,000 at 3c.

Friday's Sales.

Winnipeg, 1,000, 1,500 at 15 1-4c.; Waterloo, 1,000 at 5 1-4c. Giant, 5,000 at 3 1-4c.; Similkameen Copper Co., 4,000 at 2c.

Saturday's Sales.

Similkameen Copper Company, Limited, 1,500 at 3, 500 at 3, 1,000 at 3, 1,500 at 3; Winnipeg 1,500 at 15 1-2, Peoria 5,000 at 1 1-2; Black Tail 500 at 19 1-2; Giant 1,500 at 3 1-2.

Tuesday's Sales.

Winnipeg 2,000 at 15 1-2, 1,000 at 15 1-4, 4,500 at 15 1-4, 1,000 at 16; Giant, 3,000 at 4; Morning Glory 10,000 at 16; Similkameen Copper Co. 1,500 at 3.

Wednesday's Sales.

Winnipeg, 1,000, 1,000, 500, 2,000 at 15 12c.; Giant, 1,000, 2,0 0 at 4 1-4c.

Appended are the official quotations of yesterday of the Rossland Mining Stock exchange:

	ASKED	BID
Athabasca	25	20
B. C. Gold Fields	2½	¼
Big Three	5	3½
Black Tail	19	17½
California	11½	8
Brandon & Golden Crown	20	18
Canadian Gold Fields	6¾	5½
Cariboo (Camp McKinney)	95	85
Centre Star	$1.55	$1.50
Crows Nest Pass Coal	$42 00	$37 00
Deer Trail No 2	7½	6½
Deer Park, new	3	
Dundee	15	11
Evening Star	10	8
Giant	4¾	4
Homestake [assess. paid]	2½	1
Iron Mask	40	35
Iron Colt	4	
I. X. L.	18	12
Jumbo	25	20
King (Oro Denoro)	11	7
Knob Hill	59	58
Lone Pine	16½	14
Minnehaha	4	2
Monte Christo	5	3
Montreal Gold Fields	3½	2
Morrison	3½	2
Mountain Lion	95	85
Noble Five	5½	3½
North Star [East Kootenay]	$1.05	$1 00
Novelty	3	2
Okanogan [assess. paid]	2½	1½
Old Ironsides	80	75
Payne	$1 08	$1.00
Peoria Mines	3	
Princess Maud	5	3½
Quilp	20	
Rambler-Cariboo	24	21½
Republic	95	90
St. Elmo Consolidated	3¾	1
Sullivan		11
Tamarac (Kenneth)	4½	3¾
Tom Thumb	25	23
Van Anda	3¾	3
Virginia	4	2
War Eagle Consolidated	$1 60	$1 50
Waterloo	4¾	3¾
White Bear	2½	1¾
Winnipeg	16	15

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GRAND FORKS NEWS.

Development Work in Progress on the Earthquake Group.

Grand Forks, B. C., June 12.—(Special.)—The new working shaft on the Earthquake group, Brown's camp, north fork of Kettle river, has attained a depth of 12 feet. It penetrates a ledge, which parallels two other veins upon which considerable development work has been done The ore at the bottom of the shaft is three feet wide. The values are in copper and gold. The ledge extends and is easily traceable for several hundred feet to the shaft of the adjoining property, the Golden Eagle.

The management of the Earthquake purpose drifting at the 50-foot level. The ore will be followed to the 100-foot level and then a crosscut will be extended to catch the two parallel veins.

The Golden Eagle will shortly make an experimental shipment to the Trail smelter. The values are expected to exceed $50 per ton.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Bills of Sale.

June 1.—Ivanhoe No. 4, all; A. Constantine to W. J. Whiteside, $15.

June 1.—Golden Circle, all; C. Hiteshue to F. Hiteshue, $1.

June 2.—Golden Nugget, all; W. K. Browne to M. Browne, $1.

Certificates of Work.

June 6.—To L. H. Merrill on the Twilight for L. H. Merrill and W. Paulson.

June 8.—To W. Hooper on the Royal Oak for Ross Thompson et al.

June 8.—To S. L. Wilhams on the Unit for S. L. Williams.

June 8.—To O. Owens on the Minnetonka for M. A. Owens.

June 8.—To O. Owens on the Red Cap for M. A. Owens. On work done on the Minnetonka.

June 8.—To O. Owens on the U. P. for M. A. Owens on work done on the Minnetonka.

June 9.—To J. Finnegan on the Bon Record for J. S. Clute, Jr.

June 9.—To J. Finnegan on the Shandon Bell for J. S. Clute, Jr.

June 9.—To J. Finnegan on the Gladstone for G. H. Suckling et al.

June 9.—To J. Kolstado on the Bergen for J. Kolstad.

June 12.—To J. Kloman on the Big Sheep for Joe Conrads.

June 12.—To J. Kloman on the Jo Jo for J. Kloman.

June 12.—To K. L. Burnett on the Ontario Fraction for W. J. Merryweather.

June 13.—To A. Janette on the Montreal for A. Janette et al.

June 13.—To A. Janette on the Gold Thread for A. Janette et al.

Died at the Sister's Hospital.

George McClusky died in the Sisters' hospital yesterday from the effects of Bright's disease of the kidney's. He had been in the hospital for only two days. Dr. Coulthard was summoned to attend him shortly after he was taken to the hospital, but as soon as he saw him he declared that he rould only live a day or two, as he was in the last stages of the disease. McClusky was 55 years of age and a carpenter by occupation. He has lived in this city for the past three months and was a member of the Salvation Army. The members of the army have telegraphed to his relations, and the funeral arrangements will be made today. The body is at Beatty's undertaking parlors.

SAVAGE AVENUE.

The First Macadamized Street in the Camp Is Now Being Laid.

The Aboriginal cart track through the War Eagle village has lately been improved wonderfully. Water mains, sidewalks, grass plats and a regular street of offices, hotels and private houses now adorn the thoroughfare. The latest improvment has been to screen a part of the waste dumps from the mines and lay the finer sharp-edged fragments upon the roadway. The residents on Savage avenue will shortly be far better off than their neighbors on civilized Columbia, inasmuch as they will be able to cross the main street without getting a mud bath.

Mr. Tom C. Gray left yesterday for Sumpter, Ore.

NEWS FROM THE SIMILKAMEEN

MUCH DEVELOPMENT WORK NOW GOING FORWARD.

Some of the Properties Which Are Making Great Showings—Great Outlook For the Future.

Olalla, June 7th, 1900.

Considerable assessment work is being done at Summit camp, about eight miles northwest of this place. It is rather a series of camps at the headwaters of the six or seven creeks which rise here. Three of these, Keremeos, Cedar and Olalla creeks, flow eastward to Keremeos valley, while 15-Mile, 16-Mile and 20-Mile creeks flow west and then south to the Similkameen. There are good trails up all these creeks from Olalla, and pack horses can get up quite easily.

The celebrated Nickel Plate mine is situated near the head of 20-Mile creek, and there are several other high grade properties within sight of it. The Yuneman group of five claims, located at the head of Olalla creek, has recently been sold to Mr. E. Bullock-Webster, J. P. of Keremeos, who intends developing the property and has a force of men at work there now.

The ore bodies at Summit camp are not very large, averaging from two to six feet in width, but they are very rich. Assays from the Nickel Plate ore gave values of considerably more than $100 to the ton. While some of the samples from the Yuneman group have gone still higher. The ore is a heavy black arsenical iron, and carries high gold values, little or no copper being found as yet. But Mr. Yuneman told me last week that he had recently come across some copper stains and other indications that copper will be found there with depth. Free gold is also found in considerable quantity.

Not much work has as yet been done on the Yuneman group, but Mr. Webster thinks he has one of the big things of the Similkameen country. He intends to stock it later on, and is now engaged in developing it for that purpose. Nels Pearson of Rossland, has four or five good claims at the head of Cedar creek, and is up there now at work on them. Billy Gibson of Rossland, camped here a couple of weeks ago on his way to Summit camp.

No doubt you have heard something about the Nickel Plate up 20-Mile creek. It is said to be owned by the Sandard Oil company magnates, or Rockefeller, at least. The representative at the mine is Mr. K. Rogers, who bought the property from the two men who located it, Messrs Arundel and Wollaston. They went to Victoria in the spring of 1898 and took a sample of the ore with them for assay. The were surprised at the result. The heavy black stuff went nearly $200 per ton. Mr. Rogers was staying at the hotel they put up at, and was so pleased with the looks of the rock and the assay returns that he made a deal with them then and there. He paid them $1,000 down, and last fall paid them the full amount of $60,000. They had never even put a pick in the ground. Arundel, a Devonshire man, went home with $30,000 to enjoy himself.

The Nickel Plate is worked as a close corporation. So close, indeed, that no one is allowed to enter the mine or any of the buildings. It is said that the owners do not like to have the property written up, as they prefer to have its value depreciated so that they may purchase the surrounding properties at their own figures. It isa game of freeze out, but the prospectors who are fortunate enough to own claims on the same lead are sufficiently up to the game to hold on to their properties.

There is sufficient ore on the dump at the Nickel Plate, I am told, to pay for for the purchase of the mine and all the development work done since. A smelter site has been obtained on 20-Mile, not far from the Nickel Plate, and it is said that work on the proposed smelter will soon be commenced. Twenty-Mile, or rather Summit camp, will shortly be making a stir in the mining world. The only feasible route for a wagon road to Summit camp is up Olalla creek from Keremeos valley.

At Olalla itself things are looking very promising. An assay from a claim on Goat creek, about four miles from town, went $18 in gold, $22 in silver and 10 per cent copper. Returns of an assay of rock from the Mountain Chief, about a mile from town, were received yesterday, giving 11.55 per cent copper, worth $41.18. From another lead on the same property the returns were $6 in gold and 3 1-2 per cent copper. Both samples were from the surface. On another claim, half a mile from town, the assay went $0.80 in gold and 20.68 per cent copper, worth $75.25 in all.

A new lead of decomposed quartz containing rich copper sulphides, was uncovered on the Mountain Chief yesterday, and the owners think the new find will go higher in copper than the samples they had assayed.

Work continues on the Flagstaff, the tunnel being in about 20 feet, and is all in ore, the rock being a granite full of bornite, or copper sulphides. Two shifts are working in the Bullion tunnel, and the first lead may be struck any day now, as the breast is a little beyond the outcrop at surface. More than a dozen properties are being developed in the camp.

Mr. W. J. Snodgrass, the Liberal candidate for this constituency, held a meeting here last Saturday night. There was a large audience, and Mr. Snodgrass received quite an ovation, it being very evident that the majority of his hearers were sympathizers with the government, the railway promises of Mr. Joseph Martin being no doubt responsible for this. Through the courtesy of Mr. Snodgrass, his opponent, Mr. Price Ellison, was allowed to address the meeting, and after that we were treated to a very good speech by Mr. McKelvie of the Vernon News, who is touring the constituency in behalf of Mr. Ellison.

All three gentlemen are to be complimented on their command of language, their knowledge of the affairs of the province and their definitions of the intention of Mr. Joseph Martin. As the election will be a thing of the past ere this is published, I need not enter into details of either of the speeches.

Mr. D. Black has been appointed mining recorder for Olalla, a very necessary convenience, which saves us a 40-mile ride when we wish to record a location or assessment.

If capitalists are on the lookout for snaps in mineral claims, let them come to Olalla. We have more than one good thing to show them. Now that the Boer war is over let us hope capital will no longe get timid about coming to B. C.

R. W. NORTHEY.

GREENWOOD NEWS.

Anaconda to Be Annexed to the Big Town Beside It.

Greenwood, B. C., June 9th.—(Special.)—Next to politics, interest has again centered in the bylaw for the annexation of the townsite of Anaconda within the municipal limits of the city of Greenwood. Some time back Anaconda real estate owners presented a petition to the city dads praying for annexation. Negotiations were entered into and an agreement made whereby the city is to expend a certain sum in improving streets and laying sidewalks and water connections. For this it gets the right to utilize Lind creek for water purposes. The matter now comes before the citizens in the shape of a bylaw, which will be voted on Thursday, June 21st. On the same day another bylaw for the purpose of raising $20,000 to improve the streets and walks will also come up for public vote. It seems pretty certain that both will pass, though there is some little adverse talk in Anaconda within the municipal limits.

John Widdicomb of this city has been appointed Dominion quarantine officer at Midway.

Chief of the Fire Department Henton has been called to St. Paul, where his father is dangerously ill.

J. L. White, the druggist, has gone to Slocan City for a few days visit.

E. Dewdney, of the Rossland branch of the Bank of Montreal, is in the city, and will act as relief clerk while the members of the local staff take their holiday.

W. L. Orde, the Rossland broker, is again here in connection with the Brandon & Golden Crown company, of which he is secretary.

The Golconda Mining company has presented to John Z. Beaton, who lost his left hand by a premature powder explosion in its mine last February, with 10,000 shares of the company's stock.

F. M. McLeod, barrister, is back again after a brief trip through the Kootenay and Nelson districts.

J. C. Hass, M. E., Spokane, after a few days visit here, has returned to his home.

POLITICAL GOSSIP.

Brown After a Fat Billet—Resuscitation of the Old Island Party.

Vancouver, B. C., June 12.—(Special.)—There is very little change in the political situation here since the election. The attitude of "waiting for something to turn up" was noticeable on all sides. The atmosphere is very close and thundery..

It is, of course, said that J. C. Brown, finance minister, elected in New Westminster, is angling after the shortly-to-be vacated berth of collector of customs, when Mr. Peter Grant is superannuated, a step expected shortly. Brown has been chasing Premier Martin around corners, but the Hon. Joe is "not at home" to him, evidently having heard that Brown wants to resign with this plum in view, and feeling sore at it.

There is an unconfirmed report that Mayor Garden and R. G. Tatlow, old members here on the Conservative party lines ticket, have already offered their assistance to J. H. Turner, a step viewed with some surprise, especially as it has been intimated from several mainland points that the resuscitation of the old island party would be anything but welcomed.

PREMIER BROWN!

Conflicting Rumors as to Brown of New Westminster.

Victoria, B. C., June 12.—(Special.)—There are persistent rumors tonight that Brown is to be called by the Lieutenant-Governor to form a ministry, while on the other hand rumors are abroad that he is to resign his portfolio to accept the collectorship of customs at New Westminster. Robert Beaven, in an interview here today, said: "There is only one course open to Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, he must resign."

Today has been given over entirely among the politicians to conjecture as to what will be the outcome of the political enigma in this province. The premier seems to be playing a waiting game, and even those of his ministers who are in town seem to be ignorant of the purposes of their chief.

Chinese Advices.

Victoria, B. C., June 11.—Queen Adelaide, from the Orient, brings files containing the story that six weeks ago Japan and Russia were close to war over the landing of a Japanese trader, whose removal was demanded by Russia at Masampo. War was said to be averted by the refusal of Britain to act with Japan, owing to the fact that she was engaged in South Africa.

Advices from Shanghai tell of the murder of the Chinese general Yang Loh while parleying with the Boxers near Ting Fu. He was cut down from behind and hacked to pieces.

The French consul at Yunnan was found to be supplying arms to the rebels in South China and the Chinese government asked for his removal.

The Flora.

Victoria, B. C., June 12.—News has reached the city that the steamer Flora reached Dawson on her second trip on Tuesday, the 5th inst. She broke all records, making the run from Dawson to White Horse in 36 hours.

Machinery Sold.

The Canadian Rand Drill company has sold a 10-drill compressor plant to the British Columbia Exploration company. The plant includes a boiler, drills, bars, etc. and is complete in every particular.

The Granite mine at Nelson yesterday purchased three drills, stoping bars, etc., from the Canadian Rand Drill company.