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THE PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS.

The recent municipal contest was conducted on a basis that has a considerable amount of significance so far as the rapidly approaching Provincial election in this district is concerned.

The Liberals of Trail Creek division are well organized, and the success that attended their efforts in the last campaign should encourage them next June to still greater exertion in behalf of good government.

LONDON STOCK MARKET DURING 1897.

An Eastern exchange that has just come to hand sums up the operations in the mining section of the London stock exchange during the year 1897, as follows:

"Though there was not any boom, there were many features of interest which may be chiefly described as the advance in deep level workings on the Rand, the development chiefly through Hannan's district of West Australia as a gold producer, the revival of interest in copper mining, the progress of Canada as a mining country and a Klondike craze."

It might not, however, be amiss to review the trend of the market at greater length. South Africa demands our first attention, as it still represents the largest interests of any mining district controlled from England.

Rhodesia as a mining center has been at a standstill during the year. The Bechuanaand railway has been extended to Bulawayo and the Mashonaland railway to Beira is being built.

As mentioned already, the West Australian section has been notable for the advance in the output of gold, especially in Hannan's or the Kalgourie district.

The mining progress of other Australian colonies continues to be directed chiefly on the spot, but shares in local gold companies in Victoria and Queensland have been introduced in London with some success.

retain some of their popularity, though on a limited scale, and the chief source of interest lies in the possibility of working the sulphides at a profit.

Indian gold mines have taken more hold on the public this year. Mysore and Champion Reefs have been leaders, and both have paid dividends of 100 per cent.

New Zealand mines were very much in the background last year. During the summer of 1896 there were evidences of a boom being engineered by the principal promoters, but the public did not respond to any great extent, and the promoters have now deserted that colony for other and more promising fields.

As regards British Columbia, it may be said that almost all the promoters in London have formed some sort or other of company to deal with mining in this Province.

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RAILWAY SUBSIDIES.

The Toronto Globe of the 10th instant has a lengthy reply to the article published in THE MINER to the effect that British Columbia is entitled to railway subsidies in order to open up its rich mineral lands.

On the other side, the Victoria Colonist continues to sing the praises of the Government as heartily as of yore, but signs of growing lukewarmness are not wanting in the editorial columns of certain other journals that have hitherto supported the Turner administration, but which are not so blindly partisan as to endorse all the actions of that party, good, bad and indifferent.

While the arguments advanced by the Globe appear plausible enough they are not as broad and national as are the usual views that are disseminated in its editorial column.

If it ever becomes known to the electors of this Province that the Government has dared to fly in the face of public opinion to the extent of introducing legislation having for its end the establishment of a transportation monopoly in Southern British Columbia, under the control of the Canadian Pacific railway, it is safe to say that the chances of the Turner administration being returned to power will be hopelessly remote.

nothing for the public and the devil take the hindmost."

On the other hand the antithesis of the sentiment expressed by the Globe is the broader national view that anything that helps one Province cannot fail to be of benefit to the other portions of the Dominion.

What has been said of the C. P. R. being of benefit to Toronto and other eastern cities in a large way, can with equal truth be said of a railway which is proposed building from the Columbia river to the Boundary country.

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PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

With the approach of the Provincial elections, public interest in the event increases. From one end of the Province to the other probable candidates for election to the next legislative assembly are beginning to appear on the political horizon, and in one district the Opposition have gone so far as to nominate their man. The newspapers have commenced to reflect this interest.

Then consideration must be given in this connection to the claims of the Columbia & Western. This system is but a part of the Heinze interests in British Columbia. Mr. Heinze's policy is to build an all-Canadian railway from the Columbia river, across the Gold range to Penticon, on Okanagan lake.

Mr. Heinze was the cause of materially lessening the cost of smelting at Butte, and he made Rossland what it is today by establishing a smelter at Trail when other men, less enterprising, dared not undertake the risk.

as it offers an excellent opportunity for the local government to obtain an unbiased expert opinion regarding the railway and smelting situation in Southern British Columbia.

To bring about such a condition it is necessary to reduce the cost of supplies, freight rates on ore and smelter charges to a minimum.

In making a comprehensive report on this vitally important question Mr. Carlyle would find it necessary to discuss at length the respective merits of the several railway companies that are in the field.

It is to be hoped that the relations that have attained and exist today between D. H. Mann, the chief promoter of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway, and the C. P. R.; and the V., V. & E. people at the last session of the Dominion parliament; their recent attempt to persuade the Provincial Government to assist them to build a small portion of the Boundary railway, in order to block the operations of a more substantial and enterprising rival; the enormous outlay necessary to build an adequate system from the Columbia river to Penticon, and that such a road would not be self-sustaining for a considerable time subsequent to its completion, in spite of the fact that it is necessary for the development of the country.

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smelting by extending his railway from Trail to Robson, in order to reduce the excessive freight charges imposed by the C. P. R., and has also shown, by sending his ore buyers into the Slokan, that he was willing to smelt the ores of that district as well as those of Trail, but in attempting this was again thwarted by the excessive rates of the C. P. R.

In the event of his making a report regarding the railway situation in connection with the many mining interests of this section, it is to be hoped that Mr. Carlyle will take into consideration all the facts that have herein been set forth. We believe that every mining man and merchant in Southern British Columbia would heartily approve of Mr. Carlyle interesting himself in this matter without further delay.

EDITORIAL NOTES. JUDGING from the utterances of the Toronto Globe asent the subsidizing of railways for the development of British Columbia, one might imagine that Mr. J. S. Williston, the editor of our esteemed contemporary, is not as good a Liberal as he was previous to being turned down for that senatorship.

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Certificate of Improvements.

U. S. No. 1 mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: South of and adjoining the B. C. mineral claim.

Take notice that I. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for G. D. Monk, free miner's certificate No. 52,050, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

Take notice that I. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for T. R. Newman, free miner's certificate No. 52,050, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

Take notice that the Pine Ridge Gold Mining & Milling company, limited liability, free miner's certificate No. 3,113, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

Take notice that I. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for H. P. Shaw, free miner's certificate No. 52,050, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

Take notice that I. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for the Wandee & Trail Creek Gold Mining company, limited liability, of Rossland, Province of British Columbia, free miner's certificate No. 3,113, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

Take notice that I. E. Rammelmeyer, acting as agent for Mary E. Rammelmeyer, free miner's certificate No. 5,440, and P. J. Walker, free miner's certificate No. 5,928, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

Take notice that I. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for George Willard, free miner's certificate No. 52,725, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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Take notice that I. F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Charles E. Hope, free miner's certificate No. 5,792 and J. J. Johnstone, free miner's certificate No. 5,928, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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