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THE GENERAL ELECTION.

Halifax Herald—Among many regrettable features of this election and the result, the main one is that it was not decided by political and business considerations, but by sectarian and racial prejudices.

A CROP OF PREJUDICE.

Montreal Gazette: The anti-French, anti-Catholic agitation which the McCarthy-Martin wing of the Laurier combination has been conducting for years

Wrinkled Loveliness! Crinkled Prettiness! Puckered Beauty! Knotted Elegance!

Of course, every lady whose eye catches this heading will know that it leads up to Crepons.

Wash Fabrics. Percalae. Teazle Down. Crepe Llamas.

Of course, in white goods we have the very best for the money, Nainsooks and Lawns from 12 1/2 cts.

The Westside.

J. HUTCHESON & COY.

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past now has not prepared the mass of the Protestant population for government by an almost solid French delegation from Quebec.

FRENCH LIBERALS PLEDGED. Stratford Herald.—The immense turnout in Quebec in favor of Mr. Laurier, which has been a puzzle to Liberals and Conservatives alike, is to be accounted for in the last grand wobble of Mr. Laurier.

Hamilton Herald—Premier Mowat gave Librarian Preston a holiday in order that he might run as a Liberal candidate.

THE MAINLAND.

(From the New Denver Ledger.)

Ten Mile is becoming crowded. Bartlett Bros. have finished their contract of packing a two carload shipment of ore from the Enterprise.

Several parties have been into the Little Slovan Lakes this month and a few locations made. They report the country as hard and barren.

TURKEY'S DANGER.

BERLIN, July 6.—The German foreign office is watching the Crete troubles with intense interest. Though the ministers are away on vacation all can be assembled here on 24 hours' notice.

Another tunnel has been started on the Enterprise about 175 feet below the lower tunnel. This property is being thoroughly and systematically developed, and up to the present time has amply repaid all the labor expended in it.

The following amusing bit of evidence was heard in the Hamilton (Scotland) J. P. court of court to female witness (wife of the accused)—"Why does your husband keep a dog? He can't not pay for the license." Witness—"Weel, you see, a man aye catches some thing, but the dogs fancy a dog he might fancy something war—he might fancy another man's wife." (Great laughter.)

OTTAWA, July 6.—An explosion of chemicals took place this evening in the laboratory of the Central experimental farm. A fire resulted which destroyed the laboratory building, involving a loss of \$4,000.

THE FATHERLAND.

Ministerial Changes in Prospect—Louis of Bavaria and Emperor Wilhelm.

Li Hung Chang's Visit a Disappointment—An Efficient Navy Wanted.

BERLIN, July 4.—Rumors have been current throughout the week of another cabinet crisis, and in the Reichstag lobby the most extravagant reports were credited.

Prince Louis of Bavaria, who distinguished himself in raising a storm in Germany by his protests at Moscow against being classed as a follower of Prince Henry of Prussia, who represented the Emperor William at the coronation fetes, had an interview with the Emperor at Kiel.

At the launching of the new German ironclad Frederick III, the Emperor while inspecting the vessel remarked: "I hope I may yet see a German navy worthy of the German army."

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Miss Caldwell, missionary among the Fort Simpson Indians for the past four years, is in Vancouver on her way to her home in the East.

Six thousand eight hundred people are expected to get through the gate at Brockton Point during the celebration. This is ahead of other years.

The proposed flower show will be held during carnival week in Vancouver and not on a day especially set apart as previously advertised.

VANCOUVER, July 6.—Forest fires continue to rage about Vancouver, making the air very smoky. The firemen have been called out several times to extinguish fires in dangerous proximity to houses.

A mass meeting of citizens is being held to-night to consider the best means to adopt to prevent Mongolian immigration. Among the speakers was Mr. Ralph Smith, of Nanaimo.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, July 4.—C. S. Douglas has returned from a trip of inspection to the Alberni mines. He speaks enthusiastically of all the prominent mines in operation there.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE. Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

contractors for the chairs and tables are Weiler Bros., of Victoria, and for the office fittings, Bradbury & Hurst, also of Victoria.

J. J. Stuart, superintendent of the Cataract claim, Alberni, has left for California on a visit to relations.

W. B. Garrard, a devoted disciple of Isaac Walton, went down the canal on a fishing trip on Monday and returned with a huge catfish weighing over 100 lbs.

ROSSLAND. (From the Rossland Prospector.) W. A. McClure has bought the Ore-or-go fraction adjoining the Nickel Plate, of which property it now becomes a part.

The Tyrone, Carberry and Hansard claims, on Big Sheep creek, have been transferred to the Hansard Gold Mining Company.

Exceptionally good ore has been obtained from the San Joaquin. At a depth of from 10 to 12 feet assays running from \$3.50 to upwards of \$200 were obtained.

F. S. Algernon and J. Peterson have been awarded the contract of continuing the shaft which is now down 25 feet on the Emu. Men are also tunnelling on the Kurrage, a fraction which belongs to the Emu Gold Mining Co.

T. Walbeser and J. J. Hand came in on Wednesday from Salmon river bringing good specimens of ore from the Emerald and Bright Star, taken from near the surface. The rock carries considerable galena. They will return to prospect on the north fork of the Salmon river.

A discovery has been made on the Iron Hill in the group owned by the Southern Cross & Wolverine Consolidated Gold Mining Co. within ten feet of the Tiger boundary line. The croppings show a vein of about four feet in width, with a seam of solid ore about ten inches wide.

On Saturday stock in the Enterprise Mining Co., one of the Ohio Syndicate's properties, was put on the market. The company has six men working on the claim, which is one of the best known on the Monte Cristo mountain. The C. W. railway runs through it.

The Silver Cliff, on Ten-Mile creek, shows a foot of dry ore which assays high. Two thousand dollars have been refused for it.

The Prometer will soon be shipping ore. The Little Daisy is also sacking ore. Ten-Mile creek offers many attractions for the prospector. There is quite a section of country which has not been looked over closely.

W. A. Coplen has brought to New Denver copper-gold ore from the Mountain Meadow, a Cariboo creek claim. This is a variety of ore not previously found in that part of the country. Native copper is apparent in some of the rock.

Some weeks ago the Le Roi Company made preparations to take water from Big Sheep creek to the mines, to supply their boilers and for general use around that mine and the War Eagle. The Kamloops Water Works Company objected to that step as an infringement of their rights. The matters in dispute have been practically settled by a reference to the gold commissioner at Nelson. Sol. Cameron has the contract of constructing the necessary ditches and flumes. The way leads from the Jumbo gulch around Red mountain. Work, which was suspended a short time ago, will be resumed shortly.

A. B. Acorn, acting for J. H. McDonald and George Willard, on Saturday bonded the boundary. Sawward, Mountain Key, Fraser and Blue Grouse, known as the Boundary group, situated on Beaver creek, across the Columbia river from Trail, to Melver Campbell, of Vancouver, for \$25,000, of which 10 per cent was paid down, the balance to be paid in monthly instalments of 10 per cent.

months, is down 30 feet in mineralized matter all the way. The last four feet, however, has been very rich, assays of picked pieces going over \$80. On Saturday a sample assay was obtained from specimens taken from several parts of the bottom of the shaft, and the result was so good that from this time forward the ore will be shipped. The owners intend incorporating with a capital stock of \$500,000.

LANGLEY, July 4.—During the month of June 1896 rain fell upon thirteen days, amounting to 3,263 inches, as follows: On the first week, 2,038; in the second, 1,026; in the third, 0,110; in the fourth, 0,00; and the balance of the month, 0,091 inches. This shows a slight increase over '95, when the deposition amounted to 3,069 inches, falling upon fifteen days, and both have a much lower record than June, 1894, when the rainfall amounted to 5,678 inches upon eighteen days. In May, 1894, rain fell upon sixteen days, amounting to 5,047 inches; in May, 1895, eighteen days, 4,914 inches; in May, 1896, fifteen days, 4,320 inches; in July of 1894 there were four days' rain, amounting to 0,899 inches; in July, 1895, there were ten days' rain, 0,714 inches.

LANGLEY. (From the News.) The little steamer Fairview, which has been tied up on Okanagan lake for several months, was unmoored on the morning of Dominion Day and was utilized to take an excursion party to Kelowna. Soon after her return it was noticed that she was on fire and she rapidly burned down to the water's edge, and the boat and machinery is a total loss.

On Saturday an old man named Peter Smiley was riding along the Mission road on the commonage when, in dismounting to arrange the stirrup, the horse suddenly started and he fell to the ground with one foot entangled in the stirrup. In this position he was dragged about fifty yards. On being brought to town it was ascertained that two of his ribs had been broken and his head and face seriously contused. Mr. Smiley is a man of advanced years.

The intense heat which had prevailed for several days was greatly relieved on Monday night by a heavy and refreshing shower, which lasted for about two hours. It was worth thousands of dollars to the farmers, as the wheat fields were beginning to look parched, and the grass on the ranges was rapidly becoming dried up.

Camp Hewitt was visited last week by J. Wulffohn, of Vancouver, who as the head of a strong company of English capitalists looking for mining investments in this province. He had with him Mr. Clemmings, the company's expert, and a large number of claims were visited. G. A. Hanky, who accompanied the party, returned on Tuesday and reports that they were well pleased with what they saw. Messrs. Wulffohn and Clemmings continued on south and will visit the Boundary creek district before passing on to Kootenay.

Nine carloads of young cattle were shipped last week from the Coldstream ranch to stockmen in the neighborhood of Calgary.

A. B. Gray, a well-known business man of Victoria, recently spent a few days in Vernon, and was highly delighted with the appearance of the city and surrounding district.

Two claims at Camp Hewitt—the Comstock and Stenwinder—have recently been bonded by Mr. Pettie, on behalf of an English company, for \$50,000. Considerable development work is also being done on other claims, and new locations are of frequent occurrence. Over one hundred claims have so far been recorded in this camp and vicinity, and different mining experts who have visited it speak in high terms of its future.

On Thursday morning about 9.30 o'clock a young man named Dennis Healy, who for several years has been a resident of this city, expired suddenly at the livery stable owned by his brother. A coroner's jury ascribed his death to alcoholic poisoning.

STEVESTON. "Piscator" writes from Steveston: "Strangers are crowding in daily from all quarters, and of all nationalities; Indians from Fort Simpson downwards, but mostly of the Fort Rupert tribes. Japs and Chinamen and whites, arrive by stage, steamer, rowboat and every conceivable kind of conveyance, and whilst everything appears to be in readiness to commence fishing, only a few boats are out as yet, as on account of the high water and consequent amount of driftwood the great destruction of property would more than overbalance the return of fish caught. It is expected that unless something unusual happens it will be a week yet before the fleet is dispatched."

"Complaint is heard on the part of white fishermen against the enormous increase of licenses granted to Japs instead of to themselves, and it is expected that at a meeting to be held at Westminister, at which the new M. P. is to be present, resolutions will be passed dealing with the matter."

Costello's cannery got on fire yesterday somewhere near the smokestack, but luckily it was discovered in time, and put out before much damage had been done.

VANCOUVER, July 7.—(Special)—The river in the Fraser river is said to have fallen at every point and consequent water and the trouble is believed to be over.