

## CUT OF \$1,500,000

Estimates Laid Before Parliament by Finance Minister Fielding.

## THIS YEAR'S COMPARISON

Almost Every Department Shows Reductions—Votes Asked For a Monument to Mackenzie and a Steam Launch on Yukon.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)  
OTTAWA, Ont., April 8.—The estimates which were presented to parliament today by Finance Minister Fielding show a cut over those of the current year of over \$1,500,000. The total for 1896-7 was \$39,698,925 and for 1897-8 is \$38,111,663, a decrease of \$1,587,262.

There is an item of \$5,000 for a monument to Alexander Mackenzie. It is understood it will be erected at the entrance of the government buildings. There is also \$5,000 for a steam launch on the Yukon river.

The principal decreases are as follows: Militia over \$300,000; railways and canals over \$140,000; public works \$175,000; Indians \$145,000; mounted police \$125,000; penitentiaries \$67,000, (of this amount a \$2,000 decrease is for British Columbia); railways and canals \$145,000; and for public works \$150,000.

The only increases are for agriculture in connection with cold storage, etc., \$94,352, and immigration \$44,500. There is also \$6,200 increase for customs. This increase is due to the arrangements for the better protection of revenue.

Of Local Interest.  
There is \$53,000 for a new postoffice at Victoria, \$20,000 for Fraser river, \$6,750 for William's Head quarantine station, \$5,000 for Columbia river improvements and \$6,000 for Nanaimo harbor. The other items are same as last year. The steam service between Victoria and San Francisco is reduced \$5,000. The supplementary estimates, however, will have further expenditures for British Columbia.

Steve Tingley is here pressing for the contract for carrying the mails from Ashcroft to Barkerville. David Miller in the senate supported the school settlement, and on the tariff question advocated closer trade connections with England. Although opposed to the national policy, the existing condition of affairs had to be dealt with.

LAURIER SQUEEZED IT.  
Charlton's Sunday Observance Act Will Be Dropped.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 8.—The house of commons was engaged most of the day debating Mr. Charlton's motion for the better observance of Sunday as a day of rest. Premier Laurier closed the debate by declaring the bill not to be within the jurisdiction of the federal parliament as it affected civil rights. It belonged to the provincial legislatures. Furthermore, as it proposed to stop railway and canal traffic on Sundays it interfered with the vast interests of continental commerce and could not be enacted so long as the United States had no such law. The bill, which will no doubt be finally dropped, was read a second time.

NOT QUITE UNANIMOUS.  
Some Liberals Want the Tariff to Ignore the Dingley Bill.

TORONTO, Ont., April 8.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Globe intimates there is by no means unanimity on the question of the tariff. "A number of prominent liberals," he says, "argue, and argue logically, that if tariff reduction will benefit the people of Canada, there is no reason why we should not secure the benefits that will follow a reduction on American goods, even if Americans are so foolish as to maintain the high tariff against Canadian goods." "The Dingley bill," they argue, will not be modified because of any action Canada may take either in increasing or reducing duties, and therefore it should be left entirely out of the reckoning, and the Canadian tariff should be framed without reference either to hostile tariffs or to the possibility of future reciprocity negotiations from an economic standpoint. This position is unassailable, but it is precisely here the disturbing factor comes in. Sentiment cannot be ignored even in framing tariff laws, especially when it has been inflamed by unprovoked hostility on the part of our neighbors."

"LIAR AND SLANDERER."

Toronto Globe Replies to McInnes' Speech in the Commons.

TORONTO, Ont., April 8.—Quoting from the Hansard report on McInnes' recent attack on the Globe in the commons on the Crow's Nest Pass, the Globe says: "We say the man who makes the statement that the Canadian Pacific are 'masters' of the Globe is a liar and slanderer. We say the man who says or insinuates the policy of the Globe on public questions is dictated, or influenced, directly or indirectly by the Canadian Pacific railway or any one connected with the Canadian Pacific, or any one having dealings with the Canadian Pacific, is a liar and a slanderer."

"We say the man who says or insinuates the Globe's policy in the Crow's Nest railway matter was dictated or even suggested, directly or indirectly, by any one having dealings with the British Columbia Southern, or with the British Columbia Southern, is a liar and a slanderer, and if the Globe has 'put its foot into it,' it intends to keep its foot in. Let him go on with his 'washing.' If the Globe made an attack on Mr. McInnes, it was in reply to the scandalous charge against this paper, made deliberately on the floor of parliament. The charge we brand as a falsehood, and its author is a liar and a slanderer."

MINNES IS DIGNIFIED.

Refuses to Notice the Globe's Personalities—Sticks to Main Question.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 8.—Mr. McInnes, the member for Vancouver, was seen by your correspondent in reference to the Toronto Globe's second attack upon him, calling him slanderer and liar. He

smiled with all the evidence of satisfaction that he had hit the Globe on the sore spot on the Crow's Nest Pass. "I can readily understand," said the young member for Vancouver, "when the motives of the Globe are taken into consideration, that it should feel hurt at my having exposed the matter. As to its coarse and offensive language towards myself personally, I have not the slightest intention of paying any attention to it. It will treat it with that contempt which it deserves. Abuse of me will not draw me away from the main question, which is to protect my province as far as I can against its being made the victim of monopolists. That is a matter which might well be discussed between the Globe and myself, but the abusive epithets of that journal are not deserving of attention. I have no quarrel with the Globe. It is my constituents I am interested in."

SUING FOR COMMISSION.

Smith, Dean & Co. Want \$2,000 For Selling the Trilby Group.

When the court convened Friday morning at 10 a. m., Judge Foran on the bench, the first case to come up was the adjourned one of Macklin vs. British Columbia Smelter company. After evidence of the smelter company to show that the plaintiff was engaged on the understanding that he was to be paid for the days he worked only, his honor dismissed the case.

The case of Bruce vs. British Columbia Smelter company, a repetition of the Macklin case, was in consequence withdrawn.

The afternoon session opened at two p. m. The first case was that of Hume vs. Roddy. This was a summons to find means of recovering the sum of \$209 from the defendant, Roddy, for which judgment had been given some time ago. Counsel for the plaintiff alleged that Roddy had means, but had it also built a large house from which he derived good rents. The defendant claimed that there were heavy encumbrances on the property which made him unable to pay the debt. The matter was arranged by defendant agreeing to pay \$25 per month for two months, then \$50 a month until the debt was paid off.

The next case, to which a good deal of interest is attached, was that of Smith, Dean & Co. vs. O'Neill. This was a suit for \$2,000, as commission for bringing about the sale of the Trilby and Prince of Wales claims. C. R. Hamilton appeared for the plaintiff and W. J. Whitehead for the defendant. The first witness was John Dean. He said that in consequence of a telegram from Victoria on September 18 last, asking him for what price the Trilby and the Prince of Wales claims could be got, he interviewed O'Neill, the defendant, in his (Dean's) office. They came to an agreement whereby Dean was to have in the event of the sale of the claims for \$17,000 cash, till 10 p. m. of the succeeding day, and failing selling he was to list them in his office to sell him at that price.

Dean then saw Mr. McMartin and interested him in the claims and mentioned the fact incidentally that D. B. Bogle was acquainted with them. He thought that the Prince of Wales was the best of the two. McMartin happened to meet Bogle the next day on the street and asked him what he knew about the Trilby and Prince of Wales. Bogle took him out to the claims and afterwards introduced him to the owners. McMartin bought the claims for \$20,000; \$5,000 cash and the rest in 90 days. Bogle getting the commission.

Dean now brings suit to recover \$2,000 commission for bringing about a sale, he claiming that it was owing to his efforts that the sale was due. Mr. McMartin, who bought the property, was the next witness, and corroborated Dean's statements. The court then adjourned till today at 11 a. m.

BROKERS TO INVESTIGATE.

Delays In Receipt and Despatch of Mails To Be Looked Into.

After the call at Friday morning's session of the exchange a meeting of the members convened, with F. W. Rolt, vice president, in the chair, to consider the matter of the delayed mails. C. O'Brien Reddin moved, seconded by Ernest Kennedy, that the chair appoint a committee of three to wait upon the postmaster, find out the reasons of the delay and the proper remedy, and wire the result to the postmaster general on behalf of the association. The vote was carried. Messrs. Reddin, Kennedy and Corbin as the committee. The members of the exchange were generally of the opinion that the delays of 24 hours at Northport and 30 hours at Trail were totally unnecessary.

To Aid Nurses in Crete.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 9.—Lady Henry Somerset cabled Miss Frances Willard, president of the W. C. T. U., asking that \$1,500 be spent for the White Ribbon nurses in Crete. Miss Willard cabled her consent.

FROM AGONY TO JOY.

Acute Sufferings From Acute Rheumatism Alleviated by South American Rheumatic Cure When Hope Was Well-nigh Gone—Mrs. W. Ferris, Wife of a Well Known Manufacturer of Glencoe, Cheerfully Tells the Story of Her Cure.

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## GOOD FOR THE PUG

Crosscut Tunnel Has Opened up 14 Feet of Solid Ore.

## ONE SAMPLE ASSAYED \$27

Mine is Owned by a Sault Ste. Marie Company and There is Little of the Stock on the Local Market—A Big Camp Probable.

THE MINER has already had a brief paragraph announcing a strike in the Pug mine near Waneta. Additional information was received Thursday which shows the strike to be one of the greatest ever made in the country. A tunnel was being run to cross cut the vein, and had been driven in about 165 feet last Monday, when the foot wall was broken into and the ore found in almost a solid mass.

The tunnel was driven straight ahead and up to last night had penetrated the ore body 14 feet, a steam drill being in use. The ore is a massive sulphide, resembling strongly the typical ore of Rossland, but carrying little copper. One assay is reported to have shown \$27 in gold. Nothing can be learned as to other assays made.

Very little of the Pug stock is on the market, most of it being tied up in a close pool, but there was a hot inquiry for the shares Wednesday and yesterday. The company is understood to have been doing the buying. J. B. Miller, who has for some time been in personal charge of the Pug, went east about a week ago, and Mr. White of Sault Ste. Marie, president of the company, has come out to remain at the mine during the absence of Mr. Miller.

People of eastern Canada are largely interested in the property, and there will be especial rejoicing in Sault Ste. Marie over the news of the strike. The mine is situated on Pug mountain, on the line of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, between Seward and Waneta. There are several other properties being developed in this neighborhood, and the indications are very favorable for a big camp.

TROUT LAKE CAMP.

Old Bonds Taken Up and New Ones Being Acquired.

Revelstoke Mail: The Trout Lake camp is to the front again this week. Investors who are already heavily interested have been further demonstrating their faith in its mineral possibilities by completing payments on bonds and taking new ones on other properties.

On Tuesday the Horne-Payne company made the final payment of \$13,400 due on the Broadview and \$10,000, the final payment, on the Old Sonoma and Phillips.

The balance of \$10,000 on the Great Northern bond is forthcoming—this was the word by cable on Wednesday. This is one of the leading properties of the camp and is situated, with eight others, on the Great Northern lead on Bald mountain.

On Saturday last Abrahamson Bros. bonded the Morning Star, Wild Man and Alice to a Scotch syndicate for \$30,000. The Morning Star and Wild Man are located on the Silver Cup lead and the Alice on a parallel one. The two former are silver propositions and assays from the latter give \$53 in gold.

The American, bonded by Abrahamson brothers to James Dixon, has been turned over by the latter to Vancouver people.

The Silver Queen (not the Queen of the Hills as stated) on the Great Northern lead, which was recently bonded by Staurert to James Dixon for \$30,000, has, it is said, been rebonded by him to London and Vancouver people for a big figure.

The district of Trout lake is one that, with its wonderful ore bodies, is fast coming into rank with the best camps of the province. The Horne-Payne company have invested largely there as have other English companies, and now several Vancouver syndicates composed of reliable men are taking hold of properties there. During the week two big bonds have been taken up in this city.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.  
Zilior and Magwump.  
EDITOR MINER.—Sir, I would be obliged for any information you can give me with regard to the Zilior and Magwump company, limited, and as to the prospects of this company. I have seen no mention made of it since January 21.

I am also anxious about the Magwump company, as I have sold to clients in Scotland some shares. Is there any chance of the interests of present shareholders being "wiped out" by a failure of the company to do the necessary assessment work? What are the prospects of a settlement? The price of these shares has made many would-be investors lose confidence in Rossland, or at least in the way the companies conduct business there. Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully, GLASGOW.

[The Zilior is not working at present, but the final payment on the property is due April 30, and we are informed that it is provided for and will be made. When this is done work will be resumed. There are no new developments in the Magwump case. There is no danger of the company losing its property by failure to do assessment work. It is certainly very regrettable the way the affairs of the Zilior and Magwump have been managed, but we are unable to say just who is to blame or to say when work will be resumed. The mine was in a promising condition when work was suspended several months ago.—Ed.]

Our Rotten Mail Service.

EDITOR MINER.—Sir: I am a resident of Rossland, but not a citizen of British Columbia, and therefore claim no right to criticize any government institution, still, I would like to ask a question. What is the matter with our mails? About four weeks ago I received a letter which had just been mailed containing a business proposition. After waiting for a whole week (there was no blockade then), I took the dispatch to the postoffice, but there was no letter then and no letter yet. I also wrote a letter to some parties in Portland, Oregon. The letter never reached its destination. I am not the only one who has suffered, having heard others making the same complaint. I am aware that "comparisons are odious," but the loss of a letter on the other side is a very rare occurrence. Somebody is to blame for carelessness, and I just would like to know who can remedy this fault. Can you tell? Yours truly, A. SUFFERER.

[We have almost quit kicking ourselves.—Ed.]

Jockey Hodson Killed.

LONDON, April 9.—Hodson, the jockey, was thrown and killed in a steeplechase at Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffordshire, yesterday.

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## Supplemental Report on the Eureka No. 1 Mineral Claim

Property of the  
Old Flag Gold Mining Co.

In compliance with your request I have examined the Eureka No. 1 claim, of the Old Flag Gold Mining Company, and beg leave to report as follows:

The development work consists of an incline shaft following the footwall, which has been sunk 50 feet. This shaft averages four by six feet, the footwall having an incline of about 65 degrees. From the incline a crosscut four and a half by six feet has been driven a distance of 40 feet in ledge matter.

At the bottom of the incline the ledge is somewhat broken, as I stated it was likely to be in my former report.

The footwall to the depth of 45 feet is perfect, and with the exception of a few feet near the surface is free, a thin talc seam separating the ledge from the wall. The ledge matter at this depth (50 feet) is more silicious, carrying mineral generally through it. At a point 30 feet from the shaft in the crosscut there are between four and five feet that show strong in copper and iron pyrites.

It will be necessary to attain greater depth either by continuing the incline or driving a tunnel in order to reach the ore body. I would recommend the latter, as the present work has demonstrated the fact that there is a well defined ledge, and by driving a tunnel from 180 to 200 feet, the ledge could be cut at a depth of at least 150 feet from the surface, then by drifting and cross-cutting, the ore bodies could be opened. The showing at the present depth is even better than I expected.

The sample taken is a general average from the crosscut, assaying \$13.00 in gold silver and copper.

HARRY GAGER, Mining Engineer.  
To J. E. CRANE, Esq.

Rossland, B. C., March 8, 1897.

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