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EXPORT DUTY ON ORE

The Adams Resolution Defeated by the Government's Opposition.

KELLIE NOT A CANDIDATE

He Has Not Asked for Fitzstubs' Office—Ten Per Cent Clause in Company's Act May Be Dropped—Division of Offices.

VICTORIA, Feb. 17.—[Special.]—Very soon after the session opened this afternoon Dr. Walkem, of Nanaimo, asked if he could propound an inquiry to the member from Kootenay. Permission being granted, he asked Mr. Kellie if it were true, as reported in a special dispatch from Victoria to the Rossland Miner, that he, Kellie, was an applicant for the position of gold commissioner?

This brought Mr. Kellie to his feet, who began to talk wildly about the great amount of telegraphing being done from Victoria to Rossland. The speaker compelled him to get the paper and read from it the matter which offended him. It turned out to be a simple report of a rumor which I heard, that Mr. Kellie was an applicant for the position. The report was given just as I heard it. I am here to give the news and if now, and then I say something not pleasing to Mr. Kellie he will probably have to put up with it, though I have no desire to be discourteous to him. Premier Turner made a jocular speech in which he said Mr. Kellie had not applied for the position and here the matter ended.

The Adams Resolution. The resolution of Mr. Adams, of Cariboo, concerning the duty on ores, came up early in the afternoon and precipitated a warm debate. The petition is worded as follows:

Whereas, there are large quantities of ore sent out of the province for the purpose of being smelted and reduced; and, whereas, the reduction of such ores in the province would give employment to a large number of workmen, and would help business generally; therefore, be it resolved that a respectful address be presented to his honor, the lieutenant-governor, requesting him to press upon the dominion government the desirability of placing an export duty on all ores going out of this country, such export duty to take effect one year from the date of the resolution.

Government Opposed It. Mr. Adams made a plain, straightforward speech in which he took strong ground in favor of cutting loose from American smelters. He was followed by Captain John Irving, who earnestly supported the resolution. Colonel Baker, the minister of mines, opposed it. He said it would never do to place a tax on low grade ores. Such ores must find the cheapest market possible in order to be mined successfully. He contended that the mining industry in the province is not yet strong enough to cut loose from American smelters.

As soon as Colonel Baker had spoken it was evident the resolution would be opposed by the government and would therefore fail. Foster of Westminster, McPherson of Vancouver, Sworn, Semlin and the premier all spoke in a similar strain though expressing sympathy with the purpose of the resolution. They thought it would be better to wait and see what is done by the United States congress as to tariff on ores. Adams was finally prevailed on to withdraw the resolution for the present.

This subject has been very earnestly discussed by members and other private conversations have taken place about the matter. When speaking on the resolution by Mr. Adams. The general conclusion reached was that the time has not yet arrived for the action indicated.

Companies Act Amendments. Much attention is being given to the amendments to the companies act introduced by the attorney-general on Monday. There is very general opposition to the 10 per cent clause. When speaking on about the matter the attorney-general indicated this provision would not be adhered to as there was general expression against it.

Rossland and Nelson Affairs. The bills for the incorporation of Rossland, Nelson and Grand Forks have been completed by the attorney-general, and were sent to the printer today. They will, no doubt, be introduced tomorrow.

It was practically settled this afternoon that Rossland is to have a supreme court registry office, and Nelson a land registry office. A. H. McNeill of Rossland and John Elliot of Nelson met the members of the government and went over the subject very fully. It had been agreed beforehand that the division of offices between the two places should be made as here stated. Mr. McNeill having with him the committee at Rossland and obtained their consent to such an arrangement.

Sir Charles Ross, bart., changed his plans and came direct to Victoria, arriving this evening.

THE WHITEWATER MINE.

Its Wines Sunk 125 Feet in Fay Ore—Strike in the Tunnel.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special.]—J. C. Eaton came down from Slovan last evening on his way to the coast. Mr. Eaton says that work on the Whitewater mine is progressing right along and that the property never looked better. A winze has just been run from the upper tunnel to a depth of 125 feet, through pay ore the entire distance and ending in a fine ledge of one five feet in width. A lower

tunnel is now being extended to connect with the foot of the winze.

Mr. Eaton is in receipt of a telegram from the mine this morning informing him that within a distance of 80 feet from the winze the ore body through which the tunnel was being run had widened to 27 inches, with every indication that it will strike the main ledge at the base of the winze.

The Whitewater last year paid all the expenses of development and the building of a wagon road to it, besides paying total dividends of \$38,000.

NELSON NEWS NOTES.

Some Nelson Citizens Want the Incorporation Bill Amended.

NELSON, Feb. 16.—[Special.]—Mr. Shaw, of her majesty's customs, who was at one time in Rossland, was married this morning to Miss M. Robinson, the youngest daughter of W. Robinson, deputy-sheriff of the county of Kootenay. The happy couple left by the morning train for Spokane.

An important meeting of property owners was held last night to protest against a proposed clause in the incorporation bill, by which the franchise is to be extended to all British male subjects who may have resided in the town for three months, irrespective of the question whether they hold property or not. A telegram to the attorney-general was drafted embodying the foregoing and begging the government to take no further proceedings until two delegates appointed by this meeting have had time to reach Victoria and make their views known.

H. E. Crossdale, general manager of the Hall Mines limited, and J. Roderick Robertson, general manager of the London & British Columbia Gold Fields limited, were appointed delegates. Mr. Robertson left for Victoria this morning and Mr. Crossdale will leave in a day or two. The meeting which appointed Messrs. Houston, Elliot and Kellyes (now in Victoria) was no means representative of property holders.

Paddy Miles, the constable, seems to be in further trouble. He appears to have great difficulty in keeping the whiskey bottle from the object of his affections. Last night, in the Stanley house, he accused a man named Ingraham of carrying spirits surreptitiously to the mine. The accusation resulted, quite naturally, in a stand up fight—at least Ingraham did the standing up, while Miles was chiefly occupied in picking himself out of odd corners of the room into which he was knocked by his opponent. This morning callers are informed that "Mr. Miles has gone up to the mine" an euphonious way of saying that he is in bed with his head in a sling.

SPOKANE MINING NEWS.

The Old Dominion to Make its Tunnel Five Thousand Feet Long.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special.]—At a stockholders' meeting of the Old Dominion Mining and Concentrating company, held last night, G. B. Dennis was elected president and general manager, and Cyrus Bradley was elected secretary.

The Old Dominion company, which has recently been reincorporated for the sum of \$5,000,000, is the owner of the Dominion mine, and those on this side of the Colville district. This group has probably more development work done on it than any other property in the northwest. The tunnel at the lower level is in over 3,000 feet. At this meeting it was decided to push the tunnel another 2,000 feet on the ledge in the quickest possible time.

The Salmon River Gold Mining company today let a contract for a 500 foot extension to the tunnel on its property in the Salmon River district in Kootenay. At a meeting of the Northwest Mining association held last night, resolutions were passed to the effect that more friendly relations should be developed and maintained between the people of British Columbia and those on this side of the 49th parallel.

Spokane Incorporations.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special.]—The Crystal Butte Gold Mining and Milling company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,500,000. The trustees are Thomas C. Richard, Charles E. Dumas, Charles M. Foss, R. A. Freese and Henry Seiffert.

Articles incorporating the Reservoir Consolidated Gold Mining company were filed with the auditor today. The capital stock is \$1,000,000 and the trustees are Adolph Reusch, Charles Uhlen, F. W. Keisling, Arthur Townsend and W. W. Saunders.

The North Star Mining and Development company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. The incorporators are E. J. Hayes, Isaac J. Black and S. A. Webb.

Spokane's Townsite Claimant.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special.]—Enoch, the Indian, who claims a title to the Northern Pacific-Cowley disputed property in Spokane, including Cook's addition, has had the decision of the land office affirmed against him. This, however, does not affect his suit against the Northern Pacific for the land claim.

Want to See the Fight.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special.]—A number of local sports are arranging to charter a special car to attend the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight at Carson, Nevada, providing the necessary number can be secured to go.

Real Estate Sales.

Despite the contention as to title, railroad lots seem to be in good, steady demand now. Seven were sold yesterday, for an aggregate of \$4,500, and with those sold on the previous day, amounting to \$9,700, this makes a total of \$14,200 received for lots during the first two days of the week.

MONITA UNDER BOND

Montreal Syndicate Has an Option On Six-sevenths of the Stock.

CONDITION OF THE MINE

The Main Shaft Has Got Through the Big Break and Into High Grade Ore Again—Stock Has Been Going Up Steadily.

For some weeks past there has been a steady demand for Monita stock, and all cheap lots have been snapped up as quickly as they were offered. In the past few days the demand for Monita has shown even greater strength, and there has been much comment on the movement among the brokers in the city. It was generally supposed that it was merely the result of the satisfactory way in which the Monita was developing which was causing this demand for the old bits of stock, but this Monita has just discovered that in addition to this there was another potent influence at work.

The Monita is capitalized for \$750,000 in \$1 shares, of which all but about 75,000 have been in strong hands from the first, and the majority interest has been held by people who had firm faith in the property. Repeated offers of 20 cents a share have been made to them for their holdings, but these offers were one and all declined. A few days ago James F. Wardner, acting for the Montreal syndicate, secured an option on over 600,000 shares, or about six-sevenths of the stock, at the rate of 24 cents a share. This option has several days yet to run, but it is because the belief is general among those familiar with the property that this option will be taken up that the quiet run on Monita has been augmented of late.

The mine, which is equipped with a pump, hoist and compressor plant, has been under steady development for a month or two past. This work is being done in the main or centre shaft, and is now down about 100 feet. It below the dreaded "break" and is in fine high grade ore. While the shaft was being put through the break the outlook was very rocky at times, but now it is almost a certainty that the Monita is a mine, and a rich one. It is the western extension of the War Eagle.

The Monita Deal.

From private sources we learn that the option held by James F. Wardner on the Monita is almost certain to be taken up. It runs till March 1, and the property continues to develop till then as it has been doing of late. Mr. Wardner ought to be able to turn it into a profit of \$50,000 before the bond falls due.

IMPERIAL COMPANY'S MEETING.

Sale of Promoters' Shares Rumored to Be the Cause of Trouble.

The Imperial Gold Mining company held its adjourned meeting again yesterday and again adjourned. Of course these constant meetings and adjournments have begun to occasion a great deal of curiosity, and the construction that people are putting upon these adjournments in the absence of any facts as to the actual proceedings, have started a number of rumors. Those attending the meetings have nothing to say except that it is the company itself that should give out the information to the public, and that the company declines to say a word.

As to the meeting yesterday it was unofficially learned that the cause of the adjournment was that during a discussion of the question of those entitled to vote was again raised, and it was decided that a sufficient quantity of stock to constitute a quorum was not represented and therefore another adjournment was had until today.

Among the many rumors of the cause of the trouble, the most persistent is that the charges of promoters' stock having been thrown upon the market, with the all too common result. One intimately connected with company said last night: "Nothing has been done yet, but in a day or two you will hear something important."

THE COUNTY COURT.

Judge Forin Rapidly Working Off a Pretty Heavy Docket.

Judge Forin, who is now sitting here as county court judge, decided a number of petty cases yesterday and will continue his court today. Among those decided yesterday are the following: F. Embree, C. F. Koffman and George Taylor, suits against the Kootenay Water Supply company for labor—judgment for the plaintiff in each case. George McGauchey against Michael Conway—judgment for plaintiff. W. A. Fuller against M. A. Rush—judgment for plaintiff, the claim to be paid by installments. E. Walkey against M. Sullivan—judgment for the plaintiff.

A HOSPITAL BENEFIT.

Dramatic Entertainment and Concert to Be Given March 1.

The Sisters' hospital is one of the most deserving charities in Rossland. Since its organization dozens of destitute sick have been taken care of and the demand for hospital accommodation is constantly growing. As is well known to most of our readers, the hospital is at present in rented quarters and the sisters are anxious to get a building of their own erected. A site has not yet

been selected, but one will be decided shortly and when that is done the construction of a building will be begun at once.

A considerable sum of money has already been subscribed by the generous people of Rossland for this purpose, but more will be needed and to raise a portion of this sum the sisters will give an entertainment in Dominion hall on Monday, March 1.

The first part of the entertainment will be a dramatic production under the management of Mr. Haskins and this will be followed by a concert. Particulars of the program will be given later.

THE C. P. R. IN KOOTENAY.

New Passenger Boat Ordered—Through Sleeper From Arrowhead.

From George McL. Brown, district passenger agent of the C. P. R. at Vancouver, we learnt yesterday, during a brief chat, about a number of new improvements which the C. P. R. intends to add to its Kootenay service. The company hopes to have its daily steamer service between Trail and Arrowhead in operation by April 1, by which time it is expected the new steamer now building at Nakusp will be ready for her regular run.

A fast dispatch boat for the carriage of mail and express only is to be built at once, and as soon as this boat goes on the river it will be possible to leave Rossland in the morning and arrive at Vancouver early the following afternoon. A sleeper will be run on each train between Vancouver and Arrowhead. An appropriation has also been made for the construction of a second telegraph line from Arrowhead throughout Kootenay to Rossland, which will greatly facilitate the handling of the enormous volume of business now being transmitted over one wire.

Mr. Brown also informs us that work on the Slovan branch is being pushed and that all freight is now billed through to Rossland over the Columbia & Kootenay.

CONDUCTORS TO BE INVITED.

Delegates To the Annual Convention May Visit Rossland.

At the meeting of the board of trade this evening, W. A. Campbell will ask the board to formally invite the Railroad Conductors' association of the United States and Canada, who number some two or three hundred, to pay a visit to Rossland, and to appoint a committee to receive them. Mr. Campbell has been in communication with the officials at Chicago, and believes that a formal invitation would be accepted, and that the association would come here in their special train. The annual meeting of the association held at Los Angeles.

Mr. Campbell is also in communication with a large Chicago newspaper and believes it will send out a representative shortly.

DUNN-UMFRIED CONTEST.

Both Men Are Confident of Winning—Harry Dunn's Record.

As the date for the wrestling match between Harry Dunn and Frank Umfried approaches the public is showing a great deal of interest in the contest, which it is evident will be straight business. Both men are training hard and in the pink of condition, and each is backing himself and advising his friends to put his money on him. The match will be pulled off Saturday evening in Dominion hall.

The Miner has posted the public pretty well as to Umfried's record, and has been strong boy being pretty well known in the west.

Though Dunn is a working miner and well known in Rossland, his record as a wrestler is not familiar to the public, and The Miner has been at some trouble to look it up.

He was born in England, but spent most of his life in Australia. Among the noted men he has met and vanquished are Herbert Slade, the hero, Donald Dinnie, Rom Cannon, who beat him in his first match, by a strangling hold, George Robinson and Eugene Le Bone, the Australian strong man.

He won three falls out of five from Duncan C. Ross in 1890, and wrestled a seven-set match with him in January, 1891, which was declared a draw. His latest matches were with Ed Stone at Seattle and E. H. Harden, champion of Utah, at Butte, both of which he won.

IS A ROSSLAND MINER.

Thomas McAvoy, Who Shot a Man Named Curtis in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special.]—Thomas McAvoy, the man who shot W. E. Curtis at the Howard saloon yesterday and the complaint read to him, charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. The case was continued until Saturday as the victim is as yet unable to be out. McAvoy's bond was fixed at \$300, which his friends were trying to raise this evening. McAvoy says he is a mining man and lives at Rossland, instead of at Wallace as reported.

The Maccabees' Ball.

The ball given by the Knights of the Maccabees of the World Monday evening in Dominion hall was an elaborate affair, about 30 couples were present. Dancing was indulged in until 11 o'clock, when all present proceeded to the dining room, where a luncheon was in waiting. Dancing was then resumed and continued until the hours of early morning.

Fire Chief Resigns. Wilson McKinnon, chief of the fire department, last night handed his resignation to the fire wardens, and turned in a list of the apparatus and supplies on hand.

OUR LOW GRADE ORE

W. R. Rust, of Tacoma, Says It Can Be Concentrated.

HAS BEEN EXPERIMENTING

The Tests Show That the Silicious Ore of the Le Roi Concentrates Admirably—Ore Averaging \$6 Would Pay Handsomely.

W. R. Rust, manager of the Tacoma smelter, is in the city inspecting the property of the Giant company, in which he is a director. To a representative of The Miner he stated that he had been making some experiments with the silicious ore of the Le Roi mine, which had resulted very favorably and were of great importance to Rossland.

"I have always realized," said he, "that the future of this camp lay in low grade ores. I have besides always entertained doubts as to whether concentration by fire was the most economical way of treating them. The tests I have made of the silicious ore from the Le Roi satisfy me that the gold value is in combination with the iron and not with the quartz. This being the case it is apparent that the values can be saved by water concentration, and my experiments indicated that this theory was correct."

"I have advised Col. Peyton and others connected with the Le Roi of my experiments and I have advised them to secure the use of the O. K. mill for a few days to treat a carload or two of their silicious ore. Should a test at the mill result, as I believe it will, the value of many mines around Rossland will be enormously increased, and much ore now valueless will be rendered productive."

Mr. Rust states that ore running \$6 a ton can easily be worked at a profit if concentration in a mill is found to save the values. The Le Roi ore is the only ore with which he has experimented, but he thinks many other well known mines in the camp have silicious ore. The result of concentrating such ore as he obtained from the Le Roi would be to reduce the quantity to be shipped by seven and enhance its value in the same proportion. Thus \$10 ore would make a \$60 to \$70 concentrate. The property owners would have to pay only have to be paid on one ton instead of seven.

THE SEWER PROPOSITION.

Fred Ritchie Experiences Little Difficulty in Obtaining Subscriptions.

J. Fred Ritchie was out yesterday soliciting subscriptions for the sewerage system. People are becoming impressed with the importance of having the sewers completed as early as possible, so Mr. Ritchie's task was a comparatively easy one. He obtained subscriptions aggregating \$500 and feels pretty confident of being able to collect the necessary \$250 additional today.

MINING NOTES.

J. L. Parker went out to the Dundee mines on Wild Horse creek yesterday.

McGill & Co., who took a \$3,500 contract to carry the Ethel shaft down to the 100-foot level, and do from 30 feet to 75 feet of crosscutting, left with supplies for the mine.

A contract was let yesterday to sink the Great Western shaft an additional 50 feet. It is now down 25 feet. The successful bidders are C. McGraw, G. Galvin and W. Smith.

Work On the Giant.

The force of men at work on the Giant, which lies on the south slope of Red mountain, is now engaged in drifting on the vein and crosscutting from the bottom of the shaft. The drift is now 20 feet away from the shaft and in good condition. The crosscut has not yet reached the hanging wall, but already the vein is proved to be 10 feet wide. The ore is highly silicious and shows a good deal of molybdenite, which is always associated in this mine with high gold values. The property looks exceedingly well, the shaft being down 40 feet.

Dissolution of Partnership.

W. A. Campbell arrived from the Slovan Monday, and the first business he had on hand was the dissolution of the firm of Moynihan & Campbell. Both gentlemen will continue in the brokerage business after the dissolution of the partnership. As a firm they now represent the St. Paul, Iron Col., Novelty, Great Western and West Le Roi and Josie companies.

Rebellion in the Congo.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Times from Brussels says that it is reported that a rebellion has broken out in the equatorial district of the Congo state. Governor Weis, personally commanding an armed force, is marching on Luluaburg.

THE POPE HEARD FROM.

His Encyclical and the Mandement Will Be Read Together.

MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 17.—The other day your correspondent asked a high dignitary why the collective mandement was not promulgated since it had been signed many weeks. He replied as follows: "Don't you think it better for the little gods to await the discharge of the big cannon?" Well, the big cannon has been heard from, and those of small calibre will

now rattle forth. In other words, Pope Leo has spoken and is conscious of being supported by the heads of the church in this country. Roman Catholic prelates will now be heard from without much delay.

On Sunday week the long delayed collective mandement will be read from the Catholic pulpits condemning Laurier and the Greenway school settlement, and attached to the mandement in question will be a papal brief, or encyclical letter, enjoining the faithful to listen to the voice of their natural and legitimate pastors and bishops. There is naturally no little jubilation because of the fact that the document is to be read on the 28th of the month.

HYDRANTS NOT FROZEN.

Government Report on the Ottawa Fire Says All Were in Order.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 17.—D. Ewart, acting chief architect, has made a report on the fire of the western block to the deputy-minister of public works, but there was nothing in it not fore-shadowed in this correspondence. Reference was made to the wooden door being placed in the fire wall many years ago, and the report asserts that the fire appliances of the government service were all in good order.

No changes were made in the past year in the system or personnel of the staff. It is not true that the hydrants were frozen. The government contributes \$15,000 to the city, and looked for its principal fire protection from that quarter.

DESIRABLE TO BE ANNEXED.

Hawaii Sends a Special Ambassador to the United States.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 17.—Among the passengers from Honolulu on the steamer Australia today was Attorney-General Smith, who will proceed at once to Washington to confer with Minister Hatch on annexation questions. His sudden departure was the outcome of a hurried meeting of the Hawaiian cabinet after the receipt of important letters from Minister Hatch regarding annexation. Lorrin A. Thurston, formerly the Hawaiian minister, will accompany Mr. Smith to Washington.

"I go to Washington in the sole interest of annexation," said Attorney-General Smith today. "Cable propositions or any other offer will be relegated to the rear. The cabinet has deemed it necessary from recent advices from Mr. Hatch to have a representative of the Hawaiian republic in Washington with power to act."

"Matters which are of vital importance to the island will probably come up during the fortnight, that I will be in Washington and the policy is vested in me and my government. It is a clerical political union with the United States that I shall work for while in Washington."

VILLARD NOT TRIED.

By an Agreement Made With the Northern Pacific's President.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The agreement in pursuance of which the suit of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway against Henry Villard for an account as to the disposition of between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 worth of bonds was dismissed today by Judge Lombard in the United States circuit court. In its agreement is now made public. In it the plaintiff admits that there was no ground for the suit and releases Mr. Villard "from all manner of claims, causes of action and demands and liabilities due or to become due, now actionable or which may become actionable, including those embraced in the suits now pending."

In turn Mr. Villard released the company from all claims in terms as above. The document was signed on January 15 by Edward W. Winter, president of the Northern Pacific Railway company, and by Henry Villard.

ARID LANDS THROWN OPEN.

Congress Opens Up All the Reservoirs of the Geological Survey.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—The house today, after two hours debate, passed a bill of considerable importance to the arid regions of the west. It opens to use and occupation under the right of way act of March 3, 1891, all the reservoir sites reserved by the geological survey. There are 138 of these sites scattered throughout the arid country, and this act will enable them to be put to practical use by individuals or corporations.

SPOKANE'S FINANCES.

Paying a Thousand Dollars a Day For Damage Suits and Judgments.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—[Special.]—City Comptroller George A. Liebes says Spokane must issue bonds and borrow nearly \$200,000, in addition to its present bonded indebtedness of \$1,320,000, in order to secure the money necessary to build the reservoir and complete the water system, and take the war-warrants can be legally refunded in this way. He is now preparing a letter to the mayor setting forth his opinions. During the past month Mr. Liebes says the city has been issuing warrants in payment of damages and other lawsuit judgments at the rate of \$1,000 a day. He favors submitting the two following propositions to the people at the next general election: First, the issuance of \$25,000 of 20-year 5 per cent bonds for refunding outstanding warrants; and second, the issuance of \$100,000, or \$120,000, or whatever may be necessary, of 20-year 5 per cent bonds for the building of a reservoir.

Wants a Breakwater.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 17.—A delegation is here from Prescott, arranging for an interview with Minister Tarte for a big delegation from the town council next week, with a view to getting the government to build a breakwater at Prescott.