## City Assumes

Constables Were Sworn in With Consent of Corporation of Rossland.

Attorney General Objects to Resort to American Detective Agencies.

When Hon, Joseph Martin took office he was notified by the miners' union of Rossland that armed men were patrolling the mines in that city. He telegraphed for information and yesterday received letters showing that the men have been on duty for over a month, and that they were sworn in at the request of the city. The letters with the Attorney-General's replies thereto follow:

Magistrate's replies thereto follows.

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MAGISTRATE'S REPLY.

March 9th, 1900.
The Hon, the Attorney-General, Victoria, B.CC. B.CC.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your telegram requesting me to advise you as to the circumstances which led to the swearing in of certain special constables, and in reply thereto I beg to say: About the 7th or 8th of February last, I was waited on by the representatives of the Le Roi and War Eagle mining companies, who requested that some watchmen and special constables should be sworn in, and alleging that there were a number of idle and vicious men about Rossland and that they were apprehensive that these men might attempt to destroy the property of their respective companies, and that already several things had happened which indicated that these die men were more anxious to make trouble than to work. A quantity of powder had been stolen and one or two of the steel guys on the War Eagle smokestack had been loosened. It was also intimated that owing to repairs having to be made to machinery in the mear future to partially, if not wholly, close down the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star mines, and thus several hundred men would be thrown out of employment, to join the large number already unemployed. For these reasons it was urged by the managers of the above companies that it was most necessary and a wise precaution that the property about these mines should be afforded necessary protection. It was further pointed out and urged, that the city police force, numbering all told only six men, was not even sufficiently large to govern the city. They further pointed out the situation of the machinery in the Centre Star, Le Roi, Black Bear, and Josle, mines, and the large area over which the machinery and buildings were situate, and how necessary it was to have a surface man had a were a situate and the machinery and buildings were situate, and how necessary it was to have a situate, and how necessary it was to have a situate, and how necessary it was to have a situate, and how necessary it was to have a situate and and had a situate and and had a situate and a situate and had a situate and ha pointed out the situation of the machinery in the Centre Star, Le Rol, Black Bear and Josie mines, and the large area over which the machinery and buildings were situate, and how necessary it was to have a sufficient force of night watchmen or special constables to protect all this valuable property, and that without having men on duty to guard this property after nightfall how readily it could be interfered with or destroyed without the city police being aware of it. It was not from the miners union that any trouble was feared—the uplon are as a whole a most respectable body of men—but it is well known to the police that there are even at this moment in Rossland (and some of them under assumed names) men who took a prominent part in the late labor troubles in the Cocur d'Alene country. There were several of these people here until lately, but the majority of them have now left the city. The different mining companies of course pay these specials, so there is no expense to the city. You are no doubt well aware of the large tract of country covered by the machinery and buildings of the different mining companies, extending from the Black Bear to the Centre Star, and you can readily see that would be quite impossible for the city police to do duty there.

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I heard what the gentlemen, and also Mr. Daly, solicitor for the LeRol, had to say, considered the matter until the following day, and after consultation with the mayor, I thought I was doing right in granting their request

I may say that the first of these specials was sworn in, I think, on the 9th or 10th of February, and the others on the few days following, and all some time before you took office again.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient several.

JOHN BOULTBEE, Police Magistrate.

MAYOR'S REPLY. March 8th, 1900.

Hon. Joseph Martin, Attorney-General, Victoria, B.C.

Victoria, B.O.

Dear Sir: I did not think it wise to publish the message received from you to-day, as it would certainly create a wrong impression on the outside public.

There is no trouble anticipated here between mine owners and miners that I am aware of. The placing of a few specials at the mines was simply a precautionary measure in view of the fact that a large number of men were being laid off and their being idle might possibly cause some danger to property. The bankers and other independent persons consulted, concurred in this view.

Yours truly, A. S. GOODEVE,

AGAIN TELEGRAPHS.

March 13th, 1900. oodeve, Rossland.

Sir: Understand city of Rossland undertakes responsibility for special constables; think it very unfortunate such a course adopted; effect on administration of justice in province Hiely to be bad; would be gial to get full information by mail.

JOSEPH MARTIN,
Attorney-General.
(LETTER FOLLOWS.)

March 13, 1900.

His Worship, Mayor A. S. Goodeve, Rossland, B.C.

Sir: Yours of the Sth instant at hand. I wired you yesterday pointing out what great damage the action of the mine owners was likely to cause to the interests of this province. It is, in my opinion, utterly futile to try to keep an action of the fact, and having become aware of the fact, and having become aware

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Employment of a Larger Night Patrol.

Rossland, March 14.—The citizens of Rossland are extremely annoyed at the sensational and untruthful statements which are being sent to Bastern papers regarding the condition of affairs in this camp. Nothing could be further from the trath than these alarmist rumors, most of which have emanated from the Const. It is true that during the past month and half an addition of special constables has been made to the police force for the purpose of protecting the finites against any destruction of property, but these men are under the control and direction of the chief of police of the city and are as quiet and unobtrusive as any officer who patrols the ordinary thoroughfares of the town.

The reason for the employment of these men can readily be appreciated. During the past month, about 800 men have been thrown out of work by the temporary closing of the mines and all told there are perhaps a thousand idle men in the camp. Among them are a few, but not many, men who have come from the Coeur d'Alene district, and hold extreme views, and besides these, there is the vicious element which exists in all towns and seeks to break loose.

The city authorities deemed it only right under the circumstances, to increase the police force temporarily, or until the labor disputes have been terminated. Prudence required some protection to the scattered properties of the camps, more than the small police force of six men, three at night and three during the day, could give.

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Washington, D.C., March 13,-Secre tary Gage to-day made the following statement in explanation of the provisions

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CANADIAN OFFICER'S ILLNESS. Toronto, March 14.-Dr. Wilkie has ceived a cablegram stating that his n, Lieut. Wilkie, whom Sir Alfred ilner last week reported dangerously, is improving and his recovery is cerin. The trouble is sunstroke.

WAR LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Montreal, March 14.—Subscriptions received here for the British war loan amounted to \$2,500,000, of which \$2,000,000 was received through the Bank of Montreal and the remainder through the Merchants' Bank.

TRANSPORT MONTEREY.

Halifax, March 14.—The Monter with Strathcona's Horse and a hund flicers and men to take the places he Canadians killed and wounded the first continuous arise or Friday.

CALLED TO CLEVELAND. Toronto, March 14.—Rev. Morgan Wood, the well-known pastor of the Congregational church, has received a call to Plymouth Congregational church, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Wood has not yet decided to accept.

MASSEY-HARRIS STRIKE

Toronto, March 14.—The fight between the Massey-Harris Co. and the striking mounders is becoming bitter. The strikers are taking action against non-union men who they claim are perjuring themselves.

AGAIN NO SMALLPOX. Montreal, March 14.—Alfred Robi-taille, stricken with smallpox and con-fined in the smallpox hospital in this city on January 9, was discharged to-day and the hospital closed, fhe disease being confined to the one patient only.

GRENADIERS HONORED.

QUEBEC'S SENATE. Quebec, March 14.—By a vote of 38 to 21, the legislative assembly last night decided to abolish the legislative coun-

DATA OCCURRET THURSDAY, MARKIN IV, 1800

For any case of nervousness, sleepless, ness, weak stomach, indigestion, dyspepsia, try Carter's Little Nerve Pilis. Relief is sure. The only nerve medicine for the price in market.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF RAILWAYS.

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Sir: During the political canvass of 1898, at a public meeting held in Esquimal district, I was asked, if returned, would I favor the provincial government ownership of railways? I immediately replied that I could imagine nothing that was more calculated to drag the provincial government ownership of railways? I immediately replied that I could imagine nothing that was more calculated to drag the provincial government ownership of railways. I make the provincial government ownership of railways and the provincial masser of the satisfaction of a majority of my heurers, and to the enlightenment of my questioner, that New Zenland has coatrol of here endire revenues. That her customs duties and other revenues were pledged as security for the payment of interest and sinking fund of a loan raised in London and devoted to the purchase and construction of railways by the government, and that, so far as I knew, the system had proved Successful there. Viewed from a Dominion standpoint I favored that policy; but as a Frovincial measure I had no heistation in denouncing the proposition as unworkable, ruinous and Utopian. The Hon. Mr. Martin has the reputation of being a sagacious politician and a bright legal light and on questions of political economy and constitutional inw, when at Winnipeg, he was regarded as me set to fire. Uning the two sessions in printed a contradiction of those as some and tother. The political economy and constitutional inworks and the province of the province of the political economy and constitutional inworks and the province of the province of the province would be instinct of Wedney and to an editorial article headed with the colonial invention of the province would be complete. The following the province would be complete. The following the province would be considered with the colonial invention of the province would be considered by the department of the province would be province would be province would be considered by the province would be province woul

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the Dominion government holding a position of trust, and to whose services the public, which pays him, has a right at all times, to be found acting as the engineer and head centre of every partisan political junket in the lower country, and proclaiming himself through the press in intensely conceited, but characteristic deliverances, as the great example of self-abnegation who for conscience sake refused to be great.

Under a Liberal government only, I am ashamed to say, are such things possible, and Mr. Brown need not be astonished if, when a change comes, his official head will be among the first to fall into the basker.

LIBERAL.

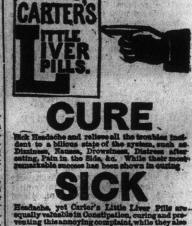
Tequired in construction would have to pay the Dominion customs duties; there would be a tremendous shave by London brokers for underwriting a loan with such precarious and uncertain security, if it could be floated at all, which I much doubt. Experience has shown that government roads are never operated as cheaply as company roads, and it will scarcely be contended that Mr. Martin's road can be operated as Cheaply as the C. P. R. Imagine the provincial railway running side by side with the C. P. R. and cutting rates to the eastern boundary.

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In the address expenditures on public improvements, schools, railways, bridges, cash bonuses to railways, etc., etc., are foreshadowed, but not a single word is uttered as to where the money to effect these desirable objects is to be found after practically the entire evenue has been swallowed up in building and maintaining government railways. The system of increased taxation to which I have referred will not yield more than sufficient to meet the burden imposed by the adoption of plank 15, because if it were once known abroad that British Columbia is a heavily taxed province, both capital and labor would hesitate to come here, and the ruin of the province would be complete.

D. W. HIGGINS.

It is believed that only a single bridge southward has been destroyed, and otherwise the railroad is intact within five miles of Mafeking, Col. Plumer has already dispersed the Boer police posts in the neighborhood, and is actively pushthe neighborhood, and is actively ing his advance southward. Capetown, March 14.—Plumer within 40 miles of Mafeking.



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St. Patrick's Great

riotism-Weather Tries York Enthusiasm **Record Celebrations in** dian Cities-Toronto

Irish as Belfast.

**Dublin Riots Over Mayo** 

Dublin, March 17.-The Lor procession to-day was interru toward the Queen. His car stoned at various places route, windows were smashed enormous crowds were muc Occasionally the police were to deal with the outbreak. rests were made. The mayor and Drogheda, who had at fir ed invitations, refused to par

IN CANADIAN CITII Quebec, March 17.-For the the annals of Quebec. St. Day was generally observed. had been proclaimed by the civic holiday, and the provin ature adjourned from last Monday in honor of the occas procession was one of the best here. Many prominent English and French citizens were in the Flags were seen everywhere in Montreal, March 17.—St. Day was never so loyally obsthis city as to-day. The Irish fed on the city hall for the firsh its history. Hundreds of Britwere hoisted on public and buildings, and all nationalitie represented in the parade. almost lost its significance as Irish holiday. Wer Falconio, to Irish holiday. Mgr. Falconio, delegate to Canada, officiated mass in St. Patrick's church. evening the Irish societies held patriotic entertainments, which largely attended.
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waved from the city hall too New York, March 17.—The gof Ireland divided honors national and state colors on municipal buildings in New day, while many business build private houses also flew the the harp. Overhead the day that could be desired for the flow Under feet burgers to the heary. bravely. Headed by ment, with the first re

Volunteer Infantry, the paradover miles of streets covered wand water.

The parade was under the authe Ancient Order of Hibern was participated in by all of societies. There were severations in honor of the day, and nearly all of the Irish societies tary organizations will give there and other entertainmen line of march of the parade Sulzer's park, where all the Ir Sulzer's park, where all the It ties of the city united in a There were to have been two day in Jersey City in hon Patrick's Day, but the wrete tion of the streets caused the ment of one of the procession that of the Ancient Order of It of America

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vate Enterprise Does Winnipeg, March 17.—Pre donald received a large depureeves and members of the hine western portion of the promas asked to give assistat Northern Pacific railway for the tion of a trunk line from Prairie west. He promised use his influence with the Northic people to build the road a of this failing, the governm construct the road on its ow nstruct the road on its ow

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London, March 17.-Nosilo nown Siberian, contribut Novoe Vremya of St. Peters ter complaint against the inr can trade is making in These things," he says, articles of luxury, but just most urgently needed by the lation. The merchants as lation. The merchants an speak of petitioning for a probe placed on American im while the discussion cont Americans will secure the mit is also quite possible that e where Russia is constructing will fall into the hands of tcans before the railroad is and before. Russia is in a profit by the riches of China "Shall we, who as the own East have undertaken to inture and civilization, actuover Siberia to foreign capit terprise, and make it foreve and black slave of foreigner