

THE QUESTION READY FOR FIGHT

RICHARD M'BRIDE IS SELECTED AS LEADER

Eighteen Members Ranged in Hostility to the Government—Active Fight Commences on Monday.

The members of the opposition in the legislature held a caucus last night in the grand hall when the situation was thoroughly talked over and a definite arrangement reached in regard to the course of those who oppose the present government during the session. The caucus was attended by eighteen members of the House, and was prolonged till about 3 o'clock this morning. A course of action was mapped out, and Richard McBride, ex-minister of mines, was selected as leader during the session.

A feature of the caucus was the overtures made on the part of some of the members of the opposition to return to the government fold for the purpose of freeing the administration of the incubus of Joseph Martin. Alluring offers were made, and it is understood that an offer was made to give the opposition the two vacant portfolios, and the Speakership, if they would come to terms. The offer was indignantly turned, a number of the members expressing the determination to abide by the decision reached prior to the New Westminster convention and remain in hostility to the administration.

It is understood also that the Premier's cabinet, if a truce would be accepted, renounce his alliance with Joseph Martin, and to express his regret for the same. Richard McBride, who was selected as leader, was seen this morning and conferred with the report that he had been selected for that post. He added: "The convention did me that honor, and I will have the assistance during the session of an advisory committee consisting of Messrs. H. D. Helmcken, R. Green, Capt. Tatlow, A. W. Neill, Denis Murphy and C. W. Munro. Mr. Neill was selected as whip.

"The convention, considering the diverse elements of which it was composed, was wonderfully harmonious, and the attitude of the party to the Dunsuir-Martin government was one of pronounced hostility.

"We are now thoroughly organized, and although we do not intend to occupy a position of factious opposition on the opening day of the session, we will commence active and aggressive action when the House reassembles on Monday. We believe that the event of the government being defeated, as seems probable, that an appeal to the country will be entirely unnecessary, and that a good working government can be formed without the aid of the opposition at the end of its natural political term. The question of the introduction of proper measure of redistribution will engage the attention of the party members, but, regarding the conduct of the government, we decline to comment. Victoria seat as monstrous, and will all in their power to bring on that selection without delay.

"We may add that we have the positive assurance of the hearty cooperation and support of the Liberal-Labor members, Messrs. Smith Curtis and J. H. Hawthwaite."

"It is interesting to learn that the following members were present: Messrs. Smith Curtis, Falton, Garden, Green, Hurd, Helmcken, Kidd, Munro, Neill, McBride, McPhillips, Neill, Gifford, E. C. Smith, Tatlow, Taylor and Gifford.

"The member of the government said that they had no fears regarding the election of the Speaker this afternoon. The government will have at least a majority, and attended the caucus who attended the opposition caucus this evening were at the government's side this morning and pledged support to the government.

"The government and the opposition are both to co-operate in defeating the present government. To a Times reporter Mr. Curtis said this morning that he was in the East for six weeks in Eastern Canada, is enjoying an extra good era, but the public looks are remaining investments in British Columbia. Our local government and the political parties have created a disgust and distrust. The imprudence that our law makers are doing things unfriendly to the province, should be done to prevent this, in view of the recent decline in the price of copper and the outrageous unfairness made mines that are so greatly benefited by the decline in price. In favor of throwing off this onerous tax entirely upon the profits of the copper works should be a change would be a splendid benefit for the province and further than anything else to be desired. That the government is interested in the greatest interest of the province, and the most judicious advertising of our resources should be carried on, whence we must now and

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN DIED THIS MORNING

H. N. Short Passed Away at His Residence, Oak Bay, This Morning— He Was a Pioneer.

Death this morning removed one of Victoria's most widely known pioneers in Henry Short, the Douglas street gunsmith. His demise was not wholly unexpected, as he was in the merciless grip of malady which could have some other than a fatal termination. He has been ill for many months, but he never recovered from the shock caused by the death of his daughter a short time ago, which, it is believed, hastened his end. Previous to his last attack of illness, a fortnight ago, he was able to get out for a few days, but was shortly afterwards confined to his bed again, growing gradually weaker until this morning when he expired at his residence, Ross Bay.

Henry Short was a native of Cork, Ireland, where he was born fifty-nine years ago. He came to Victoria in 1862, having left London on the ship Tyne-mouth, which brought out a large number of well known pioneers, the majority of whom have already passed into the great beyond.

Unlike many of the early comers, he did not fall a victim to the gold fever, and consequently did not embark in mining enterprises. Instead, he engaged at once in the gunsmith business, his first establishment being a little structure near the corner of Pandora and Government streets. Subsequently he removed his business to Fort street, where he built up a thriving trade. He removed to Douglas street about ten years ago, and until his illness was always to be found in his premises as enthusiastic as when he first embarked in business in this city in the early sixties. Mr. Short was an active sportsman and an energetic, skilful rotary of both the gun and rod. He was full of life and hearty spirits, of a benevolent disposition, and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

He was past master of Victoria lodge, A. O. U. W., and a member of the Pioneer Society. He was an ardent lover of music, and many a time in the good old days delighted the pioneers by his splendid voice. He was leader of Christ Church Cathedral choir for many years, and subsequently conducted the choir of the Reformed Episcopal church.

He leaves a widow, daughter and two sons, Nugent and Richard. Further notice of the funeral will be given.

A LARGE NUMBER OF PRIZES ARE DONATED

List of the Specials Offered to Date—
Competitors Will Have Something to Compete For.

The appended list of special prizes have been already donated for the Victoria City Kennel club show to be held in Philharmonic hall, April 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Some others will be announced next week, when the committee having the premium lists in charge will make their final report. In addition, the V. C. K. is offering cash prizes, medals and medals for first prize winners in all classes. The list is as follows:

Hon. D. M. Eberts, solid silver cup, value \$25; G. Riley, solid silver cup, value \$25; Silver cups, Mayor Hayward, J. Redelsheimer, Pacific Kennel League, San Francisco Kennel club, Molson's Bank, A. E. McPhillips, M.P., Henry Croft, Bank of Commerce; E. C. Hartnagel, cash, \$25; Dr. L. Hall, cash, \$25; T. P. McConnell, cash, \$25; Dr. G. L. Milne, two special dog pins; C. P. LeLievre, box Horse Shoe cigars; Boves & Co., bottle perfume, value, \$15; D. Campbell & Galt, box cigars; W. & J. Wilson, silk umbrella; Grotto saloon, box of cigars; C. Setfield, bottle whiskey; A. Anderson, bottle Scotch whiskey; one year's subscription; Times, one year's subscription; Pichon & Lenfesty, fishing rod; Hall & Co., bottle of perfume, value, \$15; J. Darling, fruit cake, value, \$5; W. Duncan, dog collar, value, \$5; Barstley & Co., knife, value, 2.00; H. Cole, Prichard house, bottle whiskey; C. R. Saddler, dog collar; C. R. King, two pound tin of marmalade; B. C. Clarke, five-pound box of candy; B. C. Drug store, razor; McCandless Bros., silk umbrella; W. G. Cameron, best hat in store; T. Skotthol, two special; Dixie H. Ross, bottle Scotch whiskey; F. Norris, dog collar; T. Gold, box Cigar cigars; W. J. Pendery, box White Swan soap; John Cochran, bottle perfume, value, \$3.00; Excelsior Biscuit Co., case dog biscuits; J. McSweeney, fine ham; J. H. Todd, box cigars, value, \$3.00; Seattle English Setter club, solid silver medal.

THE STEAMER AMUR FROM LYAN CANAL

BRINGS DETAILS OF AVALANCHE DISASTER

Calling first at Vancouver and then continuing her voyage from Skagway, the C. P. N. Steamer Amur arrived here last night with a small number of passengers from points in the North. The trip, except when crossing Queen Charlotte Sound, was made in smooth water. In passing through Fitzgibbon Sound the wrecked Bertha was seen. The vessel was lying easily on the rocks, her bows pretty well submerged, and her stern well out of water.

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INDIANS NEAR DAWSON FOUND IN A STARVING CONDITION—BERTHA PASSED IN FITZGIBBON SOUND.

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INQUIRIES FOR RED ROCK.

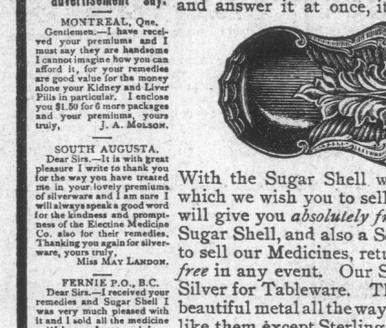
Robt. Ward & Company have received many inquiries from England during the last week or so concerning the accuracy of the reports regarding the Red Rock, the salmon liden ship which they are agents, and from which a life buoy was found on the West Coast, as also some salmon cases. These inquiries come from capitalists, and some vessels have given the impression that in England the ship is entertained for the safety of the ship. One letter states that there is considerable excitement in London over the news, and that insurance premiums went up to 60 per cent., and even more in some instances. In reply to these inquiries the local agents have, of course, not been able to furnish any very specific information. All they have been able to do is to forward clippings from the local newspapers concerning what was picked up on the West Coast from the vessel, and to add that in Victoria the opinion being among shipping men is that the Red Rock is safe.

RIVALRY FOR TRADE.

This year will see one of the keenest fights among steamship lines for the handling of Dawson and all Yukon freight from the interior to the coast. The competition will be between the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company on the one hand and the companies operating ocean going steamers on the other. When seen this morning Agent Greer of the railway company said that the rates would be so reduced over the Skagway and Dawson line as to practically freeze out all opposition. The White Pass & Yukon Company have their own fleet of river and lake steamers for the stretch of waters lying between White Horse and Dawson. It has arrangements with different companies for the Skagway run and Mr. Greer states that the rates will be put down so low that the St. Michael &

DEAR MAMA

Send us your name and address on the below request, and we will take pleasure in sending you free of any charge this SOLID ARIZONA SILVER SUGAR SHELL. You don't have to buy anything. The gift is unconditional. It is a bid for your everlasting friendship and good will, and if you do not read this advertisement through and answer it at once, it will be a loss to yourself and a disappointment to us.



This Sugar Shell is an absolute gift to every lady answering this advertisement.

With the Sugar Shell we will send you 6 packages of Standard Electine Remedies, which we wish you to sell, if you can, at 25 cents each. Then return our money, and we will give you absolutely free a Butter Knife and Pickle Fork, same pattern as your Sugar Shell, and also a Set of 6 Full-Size Solid Arizona Silver Teaspoons. If you fail to sell our Medicines, return them to us and retain the Sugar Shell as a gift, it being free in any event. Our Solid Arizona Silver Premiums are fast superseding Sterling Silver for Tableware. They always look as well, and wear better; they are the same beautiful metal all the way through and are guaranteed for 50 years. There is nothing else like them except Sterling Silver, and nothing "just as good." Now, please don't throw this paper down and say to yourself, "I'll write to those Electine people to-morrow." This is not an opportunity to put off and forget. Just sign and return the attached request to-day, that is all you have to do. The Sugar Shell and Medicines will then be promptly mailed, post-paid. Remember, even if you fail to sell our Goods, you at least have an Elegant Sugar Shell worth 75 cents, for simply making the effort.

Sincerely yours,
ELECTINE MEDICINE CO., Limited, TORONTO, Ontario

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Ship immediately, by mail, 1 Solid Arizona Silver Sugar Shell and Six 25-cent Packages of Electine Remedies. I agree to make an earnest effort to sell the Medicines, and return you the money, with the understanding that I am to receive for this service a Butter Knife and Pickle Fork, same pattern as Sugar Shell, and also Six Full-Size Solid Arizona Silver Teaspoons. If I fail to sell the Medicines, I will return it to you within 30 days, and retain the Sugar Shell as a gift from you.

NAME _____
(Write Name Plainly, "Mrs." or "Miss")

ADDRESS _____
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PLEASE WRITE VERY "VERY" PLAINLY.

Yukon fleet cannot hope to receive any of the upper Yukon trade. Last year it will be remembered that an immense amount of freight went up the Yukon, and preparations are again in progress for a large business. A list of those steamers now announced for the Nome and St. Michael route is as follows:

Ship	Tonnage	Passenger Capacity
Ohio	2,072	700
Indiana	2,561	700
Pennsylvania	2,597	700
Portland	998	350
St. Paul	998	350
Hyades	2,519	600
Lyra	1,249	350
Centennial	1,249	350
Senator	1,838	500
State of California	1,249	350
Idaho	1,249	350
Oregon	1,042	350
Montana	902	350
John S. Kimball	1,298	350
Charles Nelson	909	250
Centennial	1,184	250
Jeante	863	250
Total	31,228	9,000

three had very stormy weather in working south, but all escaped injury. None, however, did anything in the sealing line worthy of mention, the weather having been so unfavorable in progress that the boats have been lowered even if seals had been seen.

COLLECTOR IVEY EXPLAINS.

Collector Ivey has written a letter to the United States treasury department in explanation of his presumptuous and arrogant order to close the port of Unalakleet to Canadian sealers. He criticizes the government, the officers of the marine service, and says that the order was directed against "the vile and lawless industry of exterminating the seal herd." He says: "As the season is near when the customary instructions are issued by the department to revenue cutters to cruise in Behring sea, I take the liberty of saying that to give some practical vitality to that branch of the customs service one of the United States vessels should be stationed at Unalakleet, not at any other port, but to cruise along the Aleutian islands during the sealing season in prevention of pelagic operations, seizing and harassing seal hunters lying in wait within the marine jurisdiction of the United States for the seals as they pass to and from the ocean to the sea.

"I see no reason why the lessees of the Pribilof Islands, when their lease expires, should be allowed to purchase realty million dollars for feeble sustenance in consequence of the feeble efforts put forth by the government to prevent seal herding upon a reservation of the United States. The very least it can now do is to refuse these leasers the use of the ports and harbors of the United States as bases of operations and supplies.

"Let me it seems a great misfortune that the government undertook to settle a question of public revenue, pure and simple, by diplomacy and arbitration, when it had at hand the ready means, the use of its own machinery, to protect its own industry and the rights of lessees, and to collect its taxes by enforcing observance of the laws."

ARRIVED AT LIVERPOOL.

"The British ship Largo Law, the first of the salmo Carriers of late seasons to sail from the Fraser river for the United Kingdom, is reported," says the Vancouver Province, "as having arrived at Liverpool on February 10th—Monday last. The Largo Law was the first vessel of the season's fleet to sail, she having departed on October 31st, 1901. She was followed two days later by the Bertheswood for the same port, but the latter vessel has not been heard from. The Largo Law made the voyage to Liverpool in the good time of 124 days. Her cargo consisted of 67,543 cases."

MAY RAISE RATES.

An Associated Press dispatch sent out from San Francisco states that mail agents received from Japan say that it is reported that at a recent conference attended by representatives of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Toy Kisen Kaisha, the Pacific Steamship Company, the Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company, and the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company it was decided to raise the rates on freight between Japan and this coast at an early date.

LADYSMITH COMMUNICATION.

The board of trade of Vancouver has laid a request before the E. & N. Railway Company, which operates the steamer Joan between Vancouver and Nanaimo, that she be allowed to call at Ladysmith twice a week the days to be specified, carrying mails, passengers, and freight.

The four ocean routes employ 1,000 steamers.

The Germ Theory Of Cancer

The theory of the origin of cancer, which we have long upheld, is now being amply demonstrated by English and German scientists. Many scoffed at it at first and were inclined to be incredulous. Now, with hundreds of cures to our credit, there are very few indeed who will doubt the efficacy of our New Constitutive Remedy, which cures cancer by getting at the root of the trouble—destroying the cancer germs and poisons in the blood. If you would like full particulars of this treatment, send two stamps to Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

INDIGESTION CAN'T STAY

Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets are arranged against it. I am delighted with them—almost the first using I have been entirely cured of the pains of indigestion. I had the greatest confidence in the Tablets and heartily recommend them to every sufferer from stomach troubles. 35 cts. Sold by Franklin & Co. and Hall & Co.—112

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