

WATER CLAUSES ACT

Attorney General Eberts Explains the Bill on Its Second Reading.

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Water Franchises to Go to Those Only With the Ability to Utilise Them—An Easier Mode of Incorporation to Be Introduced.

VICTORIA, March 18.—[Special.]—The second reading of the Water Clauses bill went through this afternoon with very little discussion and no one voting against but Walkem. As yet the up country members have not had time to hear from their constituents as to what they think of the bill, and consequently these members hold themselves ready to procure amendments in committee while agreeing with the principles of the bill.

Quicker Mode of Incorporation. He practically went right through all the provisions of the bill, and was sure that the provisions as to the rights and privileges acquired under the act were subject to and conditional upon the reasonable use of such rights, and would meet with general approbation. He intimated that it was intended very shortly to introduce a companies clause act, on the basis of the one in use in England, so that companies could take advantage of its provisions for a quicker mode of incorporation than that of coming to the house for a private bill as at present.

May Move Amendments Later. Semlin, leader of the opposition, while not opposing the second reading, held himself free to offer amendments in committee, and gave as his reasons for not discussing the principle that he had not had time to go through such a lengthy act in the short time since it was handed down.

Cotton made a few suggestions as to details, but was quite complimentary to the government on having introduced a measure with the principle enunciated that the water of the province should be kept for the use of the public and that the right to hold such rights only went with the ability to utilize them.

The Alien Labor Law. Adams introduced his alien labor bill today, which is to prohibit the employment of Chinese on any works carried on under private acts granted by the house.

OPERATIONS AT THE JOSIE. Winze Started in the East Drift—All In Shipping Ore.

A winze has been started on the big ore chute at the east end of the Josie. It is being sunk from the level of the tunnel run in from the Poorman ground. It is now down ten feet and is nine feet by five and a half the long way being across the ore body.

THEY ADJOIN THE LE ROI. Montreal Offers a Thousand Claims in This Desirable Locality. A gentleman who is extensively known in mining circles, wrote from Ottawa to a broker in this city, yesterday: "If you happen to run out of mining properties and want a list of good, first-class propositions, all you have to do is to send to Montreal, and there are 1,000 pieces of property being offered there, most of which adjoin the Le Roi and War Eagle."

St. Elmo's Ore Improves. The main tunnel on the St. Elmo, which is now in about 60 feet beyond the crosscut and shows a full face of chalcopyrite ore. A general sample taken yesterday went 2 1/2 per cent copper, 44 in gold and 3 ounces in silver. This makes the ore worth \$16 at a custom smelter.

Fred Oliver, manager of the Monte Cristo, has gone over to the Salmon River district to examine the Robert J. for Frank Loring, who is largely interested in the property.

THE ROSSLAND IDEA. Toronto Globe Strongly In Favor of That Railroad Proposition.

TORONTO, Ont., March 15.—The Globe says: If the Canadian Pacific Railway company is willing to build the Crow's Nest Pass railway without aid, rather than make any concessions, we can still maintain the public right in these passes to the utmost limit of the law. We are strongly in favor of the Rossland proposal, that all our bonding of railways, and undue increase of profits by construction companies and stock manipulations, shall be prevented to the utmost extent of the power of parliament. Rates of the transportation of freight ought to be arranged on a basis of actual construction.

SHOWS STEADY IMPROVEMENT. Late Assays From the Great Western Show Shipping Values.

Developments on the Great Western continue to be of the most favorable character. The shaft is now down 40 feet, and in ore from top to bottom. John Moynahan, who has charge of the work, has shown THE MINER certificates of the assays made on the 12th, 13th and 14th instant, and they are \$22.40, \$32.40 and \$33.60. These show excellent values. The ore is a heavy pyrrhotite, mixed with quartz or calcifer, and it would probably concentrate successfully. The grade of the ore is so good that concentration may not be necessary.

Centre Star's New Crosscut. The new crosscut in the Centre Star, 200 feet from the Le Roi line, has now proved the ore chute to be over 20 feet wide at that point.

Besides the five foot chute of clean pyrrhotite, mention of which has already been made in these columns, and which assays over \$100 in gold and 20 per cent copper, there are nearly 20 feet of ore averaging over \$24 per ton in gold. This means that every thing in the crosscut is of shipping grade, while five feet of it is about the highest grade ore ever found in the camp in so large a body.

Grant Govan's New Company. A cable from London announces that Mr. Grant Govan, who was out here last summer in connection with the Corbin option on the War Eagle, has successfully floated a big mining company which is to operate in British Columbia, chiefly in West Kootenay. When Mr. Govan was here he was much pleased with the country, and expressed his determination to return at the head of a strong syndicate. He secured options on a number of properties, some of which will, no doubt, be taken up. Hon. D. W. Higgins, speaker of the British Columbia parliament, is to be associated with the new company. It is expected Mr. Govan or some of his associates will be here shortly.

Changes at the War Eagle. Some changes have been made at the War Eagle mine. W. M. Crummer has resigned as foreman and Jack Fitzwilliams has been appointed to take his place. Mr. Casey, an old night foreman, is restored to his former position. Some very important development work is now being done in the mine an account of which THE MINER hopes to give its readers tomorrow morning. The mine is not shipping any ore at present, this week owing to the inability of the Columbia & Western to move the cars.

Showing on the Eureka. The certificate of improvements has been issued to the Eureka No. 1 mineral claim belonging to the Old Flag company.

On this claim a shaft has been sunk 50 feet on the footwall and a crosscut run 40 feet in ledge matter. This crosscut shows from four to five feet of ore assaying \$13 per ton in all values. A crosscut tunnel has now been begun to tap the ledge at a depth of 150 feet.

CANADA'S WHITE PINE. A Retailary Tariff on Canadian Logs at Once Suggested.

TORONTO, Ont., March 15.—The United States tariff duties on lumber and lumber manufacture were shown to several representatives of Canadian lumber companies this evening. They all denounced the tariff. Said the president of the Georgian Bay Lumber company: "It is nothing more or less than a direct blow at the white pine trade of Canada. Americans have the advantage of a protection of \$2 as against Canada's 10 per cent. Our logs are free of duty. If the United States places \$2 duty on pine lumber, Canadian lumbermen will join a large section of the Canadian people who believe it would be unfair for Canadians to submit to such one-sided legislation and demand the government take such action on the exportation of saw logs as will make the Americans feel some of the disadvantages they are trying to impose on the lumber trade of Canada."

George H. Bertram, vice-president of the Collins Inlet Lumber company, also regarded the \$2 duty on pine as the chief feature concerning Canada. The American import duty of \$2 per 1000 on pine, he said, "Must be met, by an export duty on logs. Of course, if this is done, we are threatened with 25 per cent increase over and above the \$2 on white pine, which would seriously affect the whole Georgian Bay lumber trade. If the Americans are determined to enforce the tariff legislation against the Canada lumber trade, which will result in injury to themselves, we can afford to be just as independent."

Joe Martin to Stay Here. Hon. Joe Martin has made up his mind to make his headquarters in Rossland. He said so, on the inspiration of the moment, so to speak, in the office of Smith Curtis Saturday. Mr. Curtis studied law under him at Portage la Prairie, Man., and from 1885 to 1891 was his partner. Then Mr. Curtis fell ill-health and later on came to Rossland. In a chat interestingly old times with present business yesterday Mr. Curtis remarked: "I think we had better resume our old partnership." "Why not?" said Mr. Martin, and the thing was done. Mr. Martin is one of the special counsel of the Canadian Pacific and will make his headquarters here.

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QUIET DAY IN HOUSE

Time Was Chiefly Devoted to Private Bills in Committee.

TURNER'S RAILWAY POLICY

Premier Says He Expects to Bring It Down Next Week—Budget Speech May Also Come in a Week or Ten Days.

VICTORIA, March 15.—[Special.]—It had been expected that the second reading of the Water Clauses bill would come up in the house today, but when the attorney general rose to speak the leader of the opposition asked another day, as he wished to hear from up country before the bill was debated. This request was granted and the second reading was put off till tomorrow.

While today had given promise of being a field day on public bills it turned out after all to be a quiet one on private bills in committee, though a good deal of solid work was accomplished.

Of interest to Rossland was a petition presented by Mr. Cotton from W. de V. Lemastre and others with claims against the Kootenay Water Supply company, protesting against the British Columbia Power and Light company's bill on the ground that the transfer of the Kootenay Light company's property to George Archer, one of the promoters of the British Columbia Power company, was being attacked in the courts as fraudulent, and if the house gave the British Columbia Power company incorporation the petitioners would lose their rights on the property.

The Bedlington & Nelson railway act was read the first time. The druggists are protesting against the attempt of the women's council to compel the putting up of all poisons in roughened bottles. The druggists point out that this is impossible to do with such patent preparations as "Rough on Rats," already put up in packages.

W. A. Ritchie is in the east negotiating the sale of the Enterprise, a property which he and associates purchased last summer.

EXPECTS AN EXTRA SESSION.

Spokane Member of Washington Legislature Says It Was Ours.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 13.—[Special.] A number of members of the legislature returned to Spokane today. Representative Charles H. Wolf was seen this afternoon. When asked for an interview, he looked disgusted and said that if he was to express his true sentiments regarding the late legislature it would not be fit for publication. "We have got no railway legislation, that is one thing sure," said he. "I believe the governor will veto the railway bill and call an extra session of the legislature. He says he will do it if the people want him to. I guess they do."

IS BONDED IN LONDON

Linnard Has Received the First Payment on the Homestake Group.

The Group is Supposed to Include the Gopher, B. E. Lee and Maid of Erin.

A private telegram was received from Toronto, last week, stating that D. M. Linnard had received the first payment in London on the sale of the Homestake group. The information goes no further than this. The Homestake group undoubtedly refers to the Homestake, Gopher, Maid of Erin and Robert E. Lee. These mines are in a string on the same lead, and are all under the management of Mr. Linnard, who went to London about two months ago. While it was not announced at the time that he had gone to place these properties, it was supposed at the time this was the object of his mission.

Nothing is known as to the price at which the group is being sold, but it is no doubt a large sum and shareholders in the several properties should receive a handsome return if the deal be closed. The group has but recently been equipped with very complete machinery plants, one of them being on the Homestake, the other on the Lee; the former serving both Homestake and Gopher, the latter the Lee and Maid of Erin. They are among the best machinery plants in the camp. The Lee and Maid of Erin are incorporated in one company, with a capital of \$2,000,000, but the Gopher and Homestake are separate companies of \$1,000,000 capital each. All the companies are in excellent financial condition. Recent development work on all of them has been of a satisfactory character. Further news from Mr. Linnard will be awaited with interest.

SEED TIME.

Those who wish to reap must not neglect the seeding proposition. If you wish to see your mines grow to dollars, your dollars to eagles and your eagles to thousands you must sow the seed by investing. The pessimist servant who buried his talent in the Bank of Montreal, it day to report. You can leave your money in the Bank of Montreal, it will be safe but it won't grow any larger. You can stand daily at the Spokane depot and watch the ever increasing crowds of fortune hunters leaving for the British Columbia gold fields but if you don't get aboard, you will never get there. Now we have properties listed on our books that possess a DEAD absolute certainty of profit, not a beggarly pittance of a margin but from 50 to 200 per cent. It remains for you to say whether you will get the benefit or not. Here they are:

- \$200 An established restaurant paying \$150 per month net in profits. Sick wife in the east reason for selling. A rare bargain! Rent only \$35 per month.
\$500 One half interest in steam laundry business. A snap.
\$1000 Choice business lot on Columbia Avenue.
\$2000 Stock of groceries in splendid location. Excellent business. Reasonable rent. Columbia avenue. Owner is a miner who will leave when warm weather comes for his mines. Must sell quick. Business pays \$2,000 a year net.
For Exchange Choice Rossland property for Greenwood business lots. Write us at once.
\$3500 Corner lot, one of the best business locations in town.
\$7000 Business block on Columbia avenue.
\$10,000 One of the best business lots in town with large hotel; pays 30 per cent. net on the investment.
\$20,000 Three story business block, rents for \$8,000 a year.

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Business Opportunities. If you desire to engage in trade we can do you some good, as we have every desirable business in the town THAT CAN BE BOUGHT, listed on our books. We are on the inside. You get the benefit of our information.

Stocks. If you are contemplating an investment in stocks write us for information as to what is a "good buy." Good stocks are as sale as buying wheat, sugar, or coffee. This past week we placed customers' money so that they have made a net profit of 37 per cent in seven days. If you operate alone through prospectuses you may win and you may lose. Call and see us.

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