

The Conservative Leader at Nelson

NELSON, B. C., Sept. 17.—The Borden party had one of the largest meetings at Nelson on Tuesday night that they have had in British Columbia. It being exceeded only by the one at Vancouver. The audience was made up of adherents of both parties, and ladies were much in evidence.

A. C. Bell, M. P., opened the meeting and devoted the time allotted him in showing up the weaknesses of the Liberal party. In squandering public funds in works of little public benefit.

R. L. Borden followed Mr. Bell in a speech that lasted an hour. What he said was well received and he created a good impression. His handling of the issues that are of greatest interest to the people of this section of British Columbia was more after the style of a judge delivering an opinion than of a lawyer addressing a jury. Mr. Borden said he did not believe in a retaliatory tariff, but he did believe in a tariff which would place Canada on the best possible terms with the United States.

COAST-KOOTENAY RAILWAY ROUTE

(Special to The Miner.)

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THE SNOWSHOE MINE SMELTER.

A. J. McMillan Says Smelter Will Be Built Sooner or Later.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Sept. 19.—Anthony J. McMillan of Rossland, managing director, and Geo. S. Waterlow of London, England, a director of the Snowshoe mine, have been here several days. On Thursday they drove to Cascade for the purpose of inspecting the Cascade power plant and today were devoted to an inspection of the Granby smelter. Said Mr. McMillan:

"As I intimated here a fortnight ago we have been seeking a smelter site in a provisional sort of way. Making our headquarters at the Snowshoe, which now has a shipping capacity of 600 tons daily, we visited Greenwood and took a look at the local smelter and the plant at Boundary Falls before looking at site at Midway. Mr. Waterlow, Dr. Jones, another director, and myself then found ourselves at Jensen's plant there and have about decided to buy power for the plant at a month or so before the company can furnish the Boundary mines and smelters with electricity. We have already inspected a smelter site at Grand Forks. Messrs. Waterlow and Jones return to England at once, and I will submit a report to our board. Then the directors will decide the question as to when and where the proposed plant will be built. That a smelter will be built sooner or later may be regarded as a foregone conclusion."

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other picture would represent a land of corporations and capitalists, with a servile population sustained by Oriental immigration. It has been advanced that it is not wise to restrict immigration because it must tend to hinder the development of some of the industries of the country. With this pretext Mr. Borden said he did not agree, as he did not think the development of the industries of the country would be retarded by any such course, and he added, with emphasis, "In any event I would prefer the first picture to the second, even if the industries were somewhat hampered in their development."

E. F. Clarke, M. P., of Toronto, followed Mr. Borden. He dealt largely with the history of the Alien Labor Act and its non-enforcement in the recent strike at Rossland by the liberal government. This measure, he said, was first introduced in the house of commons in the interests of the Canadian workmen by Mr. Taylor of Leeds. This bill was shelved for a time and finally another took its place, which was put through the house with the consent of both political parties. After this was accomplished, Mr. Clarke said, the liberal party did its best to have the measure killed in the senate. The Tory majority in the senate at the time prevented this, and from then the act went on the statute books and became a dead letter. Mr. Clarke had an intimate knowledge of this legislation and apparently gave close attention to the enforcement or non-enforcement of it by the government.

The meeting was closed by R. C. Powell of Nova Scotia, who is the orator of the party. The party left Nelson this morning and their next stop will be at McLeod, Alberta, where they will hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon. They then go to Lethbridge, where they will hold one at night. They will be at Medicine Hat on Friday, Calgary on Saturday and Edmonton on Monday.

BOUNDARY SMELTERS ARE RUNNING

(Special to The Miner.)

GREENWOOD, B. C., Sept. 17.—Once again all three Boundary smelters are running at their full ore-treatment capacity. On Monday, 8th inst., the third and fourth furnaces of the Granby company's works at Grand Forks were again blown in, and since then all four stacks have been in operation there. Last night the B. C. Copper company's smelter at Greenwood started its second furnace again, this having been cold since the beginning of July, so now, with two furnaces running, both mine and smelter are employing full forces of workmen. This morning the Montreal & Boston Copper company's furnace at the Boundary Falls smelter was blown in. This makes seven furnaces in all running in the Boundary, these having a total capacity of about 2,500 tons.

The mines now at work are the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power company's Old Ironsides, Victoria and Knob Hill group; the Snowshoe Gold & Copper company's Snowshoe, also at Phoenix; the B. C. Chartered company's B. C. mine in Summit camp; the British Columbia Copper company's Mother Lode mine, and the Montreal & Boston Copper company's Sunset mine, both in Deadwood camp. A couple of men are at work on the Emma, in Summit camp, and a similar number on the Morrison, in Deadwood camp, but the Jewel, in Long Lake camp, and the No. 7, in Central camp, are closed down for the time being, though both are expected to resume work shortly. Among the high grade properties near Greenwood there are the Providence and the Goldfinch, both getting out ore for shipment to Trail, while the Crescent, in Skyhawk camp, has lately been working along the same lines and now has a couple of carloads of ore of good grade awaiting transportation. Several other properties are having more or less prospecting work done on them. Altogether prospects are favorable for much mining and smelting activity during the remaining months of the year.

The Granby company's mines are, of course, shipping their ore to the Grand Forks smelter; the Greenwood smelter is getting its supplies chiefly from the Mother Lode, with several cars each day from the Snowshoe; the Boundary Falls works are supplementing their supplies from the Sunset with ore from both Snowshoe and B. C. mines. While they were shipping the Jewel sent its ore to Grand Forks and the No. 7 to Greenwood. So far no ore from the Republic mines has come over the mountain to either Greenwood or Boundary Falls.

GOVERNOR ROSS.

(Special to The Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 20.—Governor Ross, who is here now, received a telegram yesterday from Dawson informing him of the unanimous nomination as a candidate for the commons at the convention on the 19th. Ross wired his acceptance, but said his health is still such that he could not personally conduct the campaign. He leaves in a few days for California. He is gradually regaining his strength.

BY-LAW CARRIES.

City of Revelstoke Will Buy Its Water and Light Plant.

(Special to The Miner.)

REVELSTOKE, B. C., Sept. 17.—The by-law to purchase the water and light plant by the city was voted on today. The vote stood 85 for and 9 against.

MASS MEETING IN GRAND FORKS

(Special to The Miner.)

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Sept. 19.—At a very largely attended mass meeting of citizens held tonight, E. C. Bidder, presiding, a resolution was unanimously adopted in favor of memorializing the railway committee at Ottawa to grant the application of the V. V. & E. railway to cross the Kettle Valley Lines and C. P. R. tracks near Grand Forks in order to reach the Granby smelter, and in favor of the extension of the V. V. & E. railway to Phoenix.

Speeches were delivered by H. H. Cayley, Frank Sears, Chas. Cummings, J. D. Sears, Martin Burrell and John A. Manly. The resolution was as follows: At a mass meeting held tonight by the citizens of Grand Forks, B. C., the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the citizens of Grand Forks, on their own behalf and on the behalf of the whole Boundary district, memorialize the railway committee to grant the application of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway & Navigation Company for leave to cross the lines of the Kettle Valley Railway and the Columbia & Western Railway in the Boundary district in order to facilitate their entrance into Phoenix and to the Granby smelter at Grand Forks, and the said citizens do so memorialize the said committee, and point out to them that the board of trade of this city and the city council have from time to time passed resolutions to such effect. That this railway has been hampered for many months, to the great harm of this district, by injunction proceedings on behalf of the Kettle Valley railway, a road which has only a length of four miles in the whole Dominion. That these injunctions seem now, by the last order of the supreme court of British Columbia, to depend upon the action of the railway committee when the application of the V. V. & E. for the right to cross the above lines is next heard, inasmuch as that the injunctions are to be dissolved as we understand, if such rights are granted by the railway committee. That the whole Boundary district wishes that every obstacle be removed, as they believe the railway to be of the greatest benefit to the district and of the whole of Southern British Columbia between Cascade City and the coast; and be it further

Resolved, That the above resolution be laid before the Honorable Charles F. Fitzpatrick, minister of justice, during his visit to this province, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the representatives from British Columbia and the press generally.

Coast-to-Kootenay Route Is Feasible

(Special to The Miner.)

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Sept. 20.—James H. Kennedy, chief engineer of the V. V. & E. railway, returned here today after making a reconnaissance between Midway, B. C., and Vancouver in connection with J. J. Hill's projected Coast-Kootenay railway. Most of the trip was accomplished on horseback. Mr. Kennedy was accompanied on the trip by A. M. Lupter, chief locating engineer of the Great Northern railway. The engineers, it is understood, have satisfied themselves that no insurmountable obstacles will be encountered in the building of a railway across the Cascade range. From the eastern slope the ascent to the summit by the routes examined is gradual.

Two different natural passes, at points varying from forty to fifty miles southeast of the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway, are available. The descent from the summit to the Pacific slope is rather more abrupt than on the Princeton side, but the engineering difficulties are not regarded as particularly serious ones. Once the Fraser River valley is reached there is a level stretch of country all the way to tidewater.

Mr. Kennedy was shown many splendid specimens of copper ore during his stay in the Similkameen district. He describes the Cascade mountains as a veritable sportsman's paradise. Scores of lakes are literally strewn with trout and game is very abundant. Members of the party saw numerous deer.

Mining News From Greenwood

(Special to The Miner.)

GREENWOOD, B. C., Sept. 19.—The surface workings recently opened up on the northern part of the B. C. Copper Company's Mother Lode property in Deadwood camp, show a decided improvement in the quality of ore as compared with that heretofore mined in the big quarry situated further south on the same claim, and this notwithstanding that these older and much more extensive surface workings have lately been turning out a better grade of ore than they were three months ago. This means, with ore running some what better in the big quarry, and considerably better in the new quarry, that the position is better for the mine, even though the expected rise in the price of copper has not yet taken place.

As the ore in the new quarry carries a higher percentage of iron and sulphur than that from the old it serves admirably to flux the more silicious ores from the older surface workings. The gold and copper values compare favorably with those carried by the shreds of good ore occurring at the 300 foot level of the mine, so that in this respect, too, there is substantial reason to be well satisfied with recent developments.

The ore output of the mine is now between 600 and 700 tons a day. Of this about 200 tons is coming from the new quarry and practically the whole of the remainder from the old quarry. The proportion from the former will shortly be increased to 250 tons daily. There is still a large reserve of ore broken down in the underground stopes, but this is not at present being drawn upon.

AN OBSOLETE IDEA.

"My dear," said the gentleman with gold-rimmed glasses, can you recite Mary had a Little Lamb?

"No," answered the little girl, who also wore gold-rimmed glasses. "The poem has little or no literary value, and its spirit is contrary to our modern institutions. Since the organization of the meat trust, Mary would be lucky to get a chop, without assuming proprietorship of the entire animal."

FROM THE SLOCAN.

"Enterprise"—Cablegram from Nelson (B. C.): "Approximate profit on July working is \$370 (\$278). Enterprise (B. C.)—Cablegram from Nelson: "For the entire month of August—Mined 700 tons; estimated profit, \$390 (\$210); does not include zinc."

THANKSGIVING DAY OCTOBER 16TH

(Special to The Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 19.—The Times' Ottawa special says it is likely that Thanksgiving Day this year will be October 16th. Last year it was on Thursday, November 28th.

Cartright was asked by a reporter today as to his views on the tariff. He replied that they would be found fully set forth in a speech of last session on the subject.

Mr. Richard drove to the government house this afternoon. When Tarte addresses the Ottawa board of trade in the near future he will talk on Canadian trade relations with the United States.

The minister is going to join Charlot in a trip for rehabilitation. The mounted police department say that Labadie and Fournier, arrested for murder in the Yukon, have both partially admitted their guilt.

THE CROFTON SMELTER.

Will Be Blown in Today—Barton Has Arrived in Victoria.

(Special to The Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 19.—The Crofton smelter will be blown in tomorrow.

Barton and party arrived by the special steamer Yosemite this afternoon, and will visit the parliament buildings, the orphanage and hospitals.

LATER DISPATCH.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 19.—Sir Edmund Barton, premier of Australia, and party arrived here this afternoon on the steamer Yosemite as the guest of the provincial government. They visited the parliament buildings, were taken for a drive and in the evening were banqueted by the citizens.

PREMIER BARTON.

Attentions Are Being Bestowed Upon Him in Coast Cities.

(Special to The Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 19.—Premier Barton having expressed a desire to have time to inspect the parliament buildings here and of seeing the city and suburbs before sailing, the government are dispatching the steamer Yosemite tonight to Vancouver. He and his party will board the vessel after the Vancouver banquet and reach Victoria tomorrow morning and remain here till Saturday evening, when he goes on the Adriatic for Australia. The committee having charge of the banquet here tomorrow night have had to close the list.

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Notice.

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Take notice that I, N. F. Townsend, acting for Thomas M. Edmondson, free miner's certificate No. B 8688, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 6th day of August, A. D. 1902.

N. F. TOWNSEND.

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THE MOUNT SICKER MINES

(Special to The Miner.)

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 16.—W. M. Brewer, ore buyer for the Crofton smelter, spent a few days in Vancouver last week and was interviewed by The Miner man. He stated that while there were only two properties on Mount Sicker that could be called mines—the Lenora and the Tye—there were a great number of prospects which were being worked with crews of about five men each on an average and the outlook was encouraging both on Sicker and Brenton. He could not name a date for the actual blowing in of the Crofton smelter, but that event will take place very shortly. As some people and some papers have spoken about the Ladysmith smelter as likely to be a rival to the Crofton institution Mr. Brewer's opinion was asked. The mining man laughed as he replied in the negative. There would be no rivalry, he said, for the Ladysmith smelter, recently started, will have all it can do reducing the ore of the Tye mine, of which, on a conservative basis, there are many thousands tons in sight. The smelter has contracts with the Blue Bell mine, Quatsino properties and others, and there will be no sort of rivalry between the two. In regard to the Blue Bell, which is on Frederick Arm, some distance up the coast from Vancouver, operations are being conducted actively. A tramway is being constructed from the mine to salt water, and the rails, drums and wire have just been taken up. A wharf is also to be erected to facilitate the shipping of the ore to Crofton. The ore will be conveyed from the mine direct to the barges with as little handling as possible.

The co-operative company of workmen, which is expecting to rehabilitate Golden, evidently means business, though it may find that a daily paper which is one of its intentions—is not an easy proposition in a small British Columbia town. The latest report from the C. P. R. point is that the smelter is actually to go ahead. Those who have waited years to see that event will not be among the believers until they see the smoke, but it is stated that the smelter men have prospectors out after likely ground and have chosen a new site for the smelter. They have indeed platted out a new town-site and there may be two Golden's soon. Donald, the deserted, may take on a lease of life. The Bald Mountain mines, behind the old place, are being heard of again and there is a deal for their sale. If it comes off there will be activity around the ancient divisional point.

Forest fires have sprung up again with the resumption of warm weather. At North Vancouver and beyond Fairview considerable damage has been done, and there is some talk of the fires being lighted purposely. However, it is very difficult to trace such rumors to their sources and one cannot place any faith on the reports "heard on the street."

After his very successful—because eye-opening—tour through the Kootenays Senator Templeman is to be given a hearty reception in New Westminster, which town he has not officially visited since his appointment.

Judging by the reports that come from the conservative convention and from talks with prominent politicians it would seem that Charles Wilson, K. C., after two years of inactivity, has decided to get into the fight in a hustling manner. The speech that he made when his re-election was made clear is considered, even by opponents, to have been a strong one, and it looks as if Mr. Wilson has re-awakened Kootenay had much to do with the re-election of the K. C. The mining regions seemed to be against Colonel Prior at any price, despite that gentleman's recent tour through the Kootenay country and his dallying with the two per cent tax. Indeed, it may be that the two per cent was part of their enmity, for Colonel Prior did not seem to be so much impressed with its badness when he got back to Victoria as he was at Rossland. When Colonel Prior saw that he stood no chance he threw his influence over to Wilson, and that meant defeat for Dick McBride, the leader of the opposition in the assembly to Dunsmuir, Prior & Co. Carter-Cotton saw that he had no chance, so Wilson's actual reappointment might be called unanimous.

DEATH OF MR. TODD.

Land Commissioner During Construction of C. P. R.

(Special to The Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 17.—September 29th is the date upon which the new voters can secure enrollment on the provincial voters' lists. The names on the old lists will be transferred to the new ones.

Indian Superintendent Vowell received a telegram today announcing the death of Indian Agent Todd of Metlakatla at Port Simpson. Todd is widely known in British Columbia, having been land commissioner during the construction of the C. P. R. and also superintendent of the provincial police.

The Columbia will commence laying the cable tomorrow.

S. G. Blackwell, representing the well known firm of G. F. & J. Galt, packers of "Monsoon" and "Blue Ribbon" teas, is in the city on a business trip.

A CARIBOO MINING COMPANY

(Special to The Miner.)

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 12.—Rosslanders are always glad to see other portions of the province going ahead. The news that a Cariboo mine will in a couple of years be giving employment to 1000 men is therefore a matter of congratulation on their part.

General Sir Bevan Edwards, who is chairman of the Slough Creek company, of London, England, is authority for the statement that the coarse gold in the old channel has been found in sufficient quantity to justify the expensive works of the last decade, and now the mine has been shown to be of vast value. He stated that the force of men would be increased as need arose and that within two years there might be expected to be 1000 miners at work there. Many a Kootenay town has less backing than that, so that in two years a city may arise—there is not now one between Ashcroft and Dawson. And there will be others.

To have 1000 men on the payroll is an important thing, as no one knows better than the merchants of Rossland. The success which this company has met with will also put heart into other concerns, and so Cariboo redivivus is now the cry on the coast. So far this season the assay office here has only received gold from the great Hobson mine, but the Cariboo Gold Fields, working in the Barkerville region, has sent about \$15,000 out to the bank at Ashcroft. Other gold has come out from that part of Cariboo, where the year has been the best in the last decade.

The coast papers have realized the importance of the documents read before the mining institute at Nelson. Some of them devote considerable space to the meetings and several of the papers by the Rossland and Nelson mine managers will be published in full as considerations of space allow. The Kootenay at last appears to be obtaining its proper recognition on the coast.

Now that both liberals and conservatives have placed themselves on record as favoring party lines there is expected to be a commencement of preliminary provincial campaign work. There is no knowing when a general election may be sprung on British Columbia. The progressives and socialists are also showing activity.

WILL BANQUET LAURIER.

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