

THE SETTLERS' COAL CLAIMS

Continuation of the Evidence Taken at Nanaimo Before the Dominion Commissioner.

A Settler Who Thinks the Very Rock on His Land Is Reserved.

Nanaimo, Sept. 28.—The following is a continuation of the evidence before Commissioner Rothwell:

Mrs. Louise Dalley, sworn—I am the wife of Daniel Dalley, of this city. Before I married Mr. Dalley I was the widow of the late James T. O'Brien, who was claiming the mineral under the land in this deed from the E. & N. Railway Company, dated 29th of Aug. 1887, to James T. O'Brien, conveying to him for \$105 the south 145 acres of section 4, Oyster District, V. L., subject to the reservation in favor of the company. James T. O'Brien first became possessed of the land in 1880. I know that he owned it then, because in that year I was married to Mr. O'Brien, and he was possessed of this land at the time of my marriage. He bought the pre-emption right of one Wm. Brenton. I do not know when Brenton took it. I don't know that O'Brien made any application to the government agent, but he made an application in my name by petition. When he was served with a notice, to the best of my knowledge, he paid for the land and got a deed. I am not positive to whom he paid the money, but it was paid in Victoria I think. Mr. O'Brien was living when the deed was delivered. I did not hear him protest against the nature of the deed because they took the mineral right from him. Mr. O'Brien died in 1891. I don't know if he paid taxes to the government before he got the deed.

By Mr. Pooley—I never got a pre-emption record of the land. I am sure, I went to the government office and saw Mr. Prior about the land to see if he could give me any pre-emption right. He said no. I cannot say if I got a pre-emption record from Mr. Bray or not. I did not see Mr. Bray, but I saw something about the land, but don't remember what was said. When I got the deed I first knew that I would not get the minerals. They were reserved by it. I went on the land in 1878, left Nanaimo in 1882 or 1883. I remember a petition that was got up to the Marquis of Lorne. I believe it was got up because the settlers thought they would get the mineral rights. By reason of the rumor that the settlers would not get the minerals being so strong the settlers were induced to petition the Marquis of Lorne. I had never seen a deed of the railway company until I got mine from the office, and never heard anyone discuss the deed before I got mine. I was working for Mr. Robert Dunsmuir from about 1880 to 1890. I was coachman for him about four years at Nanaimo and six at Victoria. It was after I got the deed from the office that Mr. Dunsmuir told me that the company would not sell the coal under the railway belt.

Emmanuel Wiles, sworn—I reside in Wellington district, not Nanaimo. The land in this deed is in the district of Nanaimo, partly in Nanaimo district. I am claiming 190 acres of land as mineral. It is lot 54 in Wellington district. I located it in May, 1876. I settled on the land in May, 1877, and have lived on it ever since. I have made improvements on the land. I built a dwelling house, barn and stable and other buildings, and cleared and fenced about twelve or fifteen acres. I made no application to go on this land. I took up the land to make a home and settled on it. The government owned the land before I went on it. I asked leave to go on the land from Mr. Fawcett. He was the government agent here. I made the application in 1876. I made the application to Mr. Fawcett and he put it on file. I asked Mr. Fawcett when I would have to pay for the land. He said when the government gave me notice, but he did not know when. I went on the land and improved it. I have been on it ever since. I got the land survey and got a notice to pay for the land. Donald Smith was my agent at that time, and I gave the money to him and I paid for the land. He was a notary public in Nanaimo. When Mr. Smith paid for the land he said there was no deed for it at present. He told me that I would have to wait, as it would come from Victoria. Mr. Smith is dead now. At any rate I believe he paid for the land. I don't know if he is more loyal to the man who he paid it. He gave me the deed, I read the deed, I mean the deed from the E. & N. Railway Company. When I saw the deed first I told him that I could not take it. Mr. Smith said if I don't take it that you will get nothing for your money. I told him I wanted a deed from the government and not from the railway, as I got the land from the government. He said, "Well, you will have to take that or nothing." I made no protest to the E. & N. Railway Company about the character of the deed. I wanted the surface and the minerals. The deed did not give me anything, not the timber nor the rock. The deed in Wellington in the possession of a man named Samuel Walker. I tried to get the deed. I did not complain to anybody about what was in the deed. I read it myself, and I was not satisfied with the title I got under the deed. I did not speak to Mr. Bray about it. I did not complain to the Dominion government by petition or otherwise. I expected to get the mineral right when I got the land. The deed that I got with the reservations is the same as the deed of the company's now shown to me. I believe it is the same as my deed. My objection was to the clause reserving the minerals. My claim is that I should have the minerals as well as the surface. I have no other objection. When I took the land up I expected to get the surface and the minerals, and the way that deed reads I got nothing, and I don't believe I got what I paid for. A lot of the land that I have got is worthless for a farm. I heard that the land was supposed to be reserved for railway purposes. I made a piece of land to make me a home somewhere. I had been living in Nanaimo a good many years and I wanted a home somewhere. I did not make any protest before I took out my certificate of improvement by petition to the government. I did not sign any petition to the Marquis of Lorne and made no other protest until I got my deed.

By Mr. Pooley—I say that the deed I got gives me nothing. When I said the deed is reserved that I meant that I wanted to work a piece of rock on my place I could not do it, because it mentioned minerals in the deed. I think that it means rock. I have never been told that if there was a quarry on the land I could not work it. I have never been spoken to by the railroad company. The E. & N. Railway Company have not interfered with my enjoyment of the surface. They can take any timber that they may want for their use—the

deed says that they can only take it for railway purposes. Nobody ever told me anything about the contents of the deed. When I saw oils and mineral and everything like that mentioned I thought it meant rock.

HOSPITAL DIRECTORS. The Late Honorary Secretary Seeks Information From the Board.

The board of directors of the Jubilee Hospital met last evening and discussed some of their recent troubles, which were brought up by the following letter from Messrs. Orase & Crease, solicitors for Mr. W. M. Chudley, late honorary treasurer: "Victoria, Sept. 21, 1897.

"Alex. Wilson, President Jubilee Hospital—Dear Sir:—We understand that in the letter of Mr. H. M. Yates of 13th inst. to your board, which was read at the meeting of the directors held on the 17th inst., certain remarks were made affecting the position and conduct of our client, Mr. W. M. Chudley. We should be glad to be afforded an opportunity of inspecting and if necessary copying the document.

"We shall be pleased to receive an early reply. ORASE & ORASE."

After some talk it was explained by Mr. Chudley that the letter wanted was that of September 15th, addressed to Mr. H. Helmecke personally, which had already been published. It was decided to forward a copy to Messrs. Orase & Crease.

The finance committee reported that at the request of Messrs. Orase & Crease, the auditor yesterday evening was engaged to be to the hospital by Mr. Chudley. Mr. Chudley said he had been grossly insulted in regard to this matter, and an item of \$68.25, his personal account for services at the hospital, having been sent in the letter. It seemed as though an effort was being made to hound him off the board, but he would not go.

It was explained that there was no intention to "insult Mr. Chudley, the item having crept in by mistake, and Mr. Chudley accepted the explanation.

Mr. J. S. Yates was thanked for his services as acting secretary, rendered gratuitously for four months; Mr. H. D. Helmecke for a minute book, and Dr. Hart for acting as medical superintendent. Some thanks were also tendered a bonus for overtime work done by him.

The new secretary, Mr. F. Elworthy, was present and thanked the board for his appointment.

A THRIVING COLONY. Danish Settlers Leave To-Night for Cape Scott.

Of all the colonizing schemes which have been tried in the province, it has remained for the hardy Danish settlers to furnish the most pleasingly convincing proof of the adaptability of the island to the needs of the situation on the extreme northern edge of Vancouver Island, where many less hardened and hardy agriculturists would have hesitated before they decided to take up their permanent residence. The Danish colony, with much favorable boasting preliminaries, took up some land, and have been for some time earnestly and energetically building up a settlement.

The work of increasing the colony by immigration from other lands has proceeded continuously with, and Rey. Mr. Jensen, who is one of the colonizing missionaries, has been indefatigable in the prosecution of this work. To-night the Willapa will convey from Victoria, bound for Cape Scott, two families, who will take up their residence amongst those who have preceded them to the new home which is being hewn out of the forests, and where much agricultural work has already been accomplished. In addition to the two families, two gentlemen who are unaccompanied by any impediments beyond their personal baggage, will also accompany the ship. Jensen, who brought the party far from their journey, has returned to Washington state to continue the good work.

Reports from the colony are distinctly encouraging. Mr. Jensen says, and judging from the reports of the latest immigration thereto, it is clear that men and women who have thus bound themselves together in the praiseworthy attempt to build for themselves a new home are likely to succeed and are deserving of success.

THE ORE SHIPMENTS. They Aggregated 1,700 Tons From Rossland Mines Last Week.

The ore shipments for the past week aggregated 1,700 tons, all of which went to the Trail smelter. Only the Le Roi, the iron mask, and the Centre Star were mined. Among the shippers, the Le Roi's output was 1,650 tons, which brings the total shipments from this mine since the beginning of the year up to 41,007. The Iron Mask furnished its usual quota of 80 tons, while the Centre Star was in the list with a shipment of 50 tons. This makes the total tonnage sent out from Rossland mines since the beginning of the year 55,786 tons.—Rossland Miner.

AN EXPATRIATED CANADIAN.

The editor of the Colonist is fast losing that prestige he had when he took the editorial chair of the Colonist. He got off on the wrong foot. He was fearful lest the people of this province would not recognize at once that he had a truer conception of an editor's duties and that he was more loyal to the province than any other editor in it. He proclaimed his loyalty from the house-tops and denounced certain well known American citizens for presuming to run newspapers in the province. These things, which were merely personal inquiries as to who this great man was, and it has come out that the Colonist editor, out of his own mouth, is an expatriated Canadian, who in order to give his writings an American appearance, some force forewore his allegiance to the land of his birth. Such is the man who presumes to mould public opinion in this province upon political matters which are entirely personal in his writings about other editors, and who whippers when others grow personal in their writings about himself.—Nelson Tribune.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form. From Tuesday's Daily.

Sergt. Walker, acting chief of the city police, has a letter from Mrs. L. H. Tiffany, of San Diego, Cal., addressed to James or George Tiffany, Victoria, B. C.

—Wm. McKay and Arthur P. Johnson were elected delegates representing the Victoria, B.C., 5755, at the A.O. U. district meeting which is to be held at New Westminster next Wednesday.

—The harvest home services held at James Bay Methodist Church were brought to a close yesterday evening when a lecture on London, illustrated by stereopticon views, was given by Rev. Mr. Tait, who has just returned from a visit to the old land.

—United States Consul Smith has prepared an extensive report on the operations of the sealing fleet during the last four years, for use at the Washington conference. It consists chiefly of a list of the reports made to the collector of customs by the sealing captains.

—Petty Officer Kells of H.M.S. Amphitrite, who was on the gangway ladder to the ship to the bottom of the Esquimalt dry dock on Saturday last, is on the road to recovery. How he escaped death is a miracle. Besides a scalp wound, he had several fingers broken and he received other lesser injuries.

—A meeting was held yesterday before the trustees of the Victoria, B.C., 5755, at the residence of Mr. J. D. Hamilton, president of the O.K. Mining Company to discuss the appointment of a liquidator. The choice of the shareholders was Mr. R. Plewman, of Rossland, while the creditors were in favor of Mr. W. F. Baxter, of Vancouver.

—The days of the hack stand on Government street are numbered, for with the double-tracking of that street by the tramway company they are to be notified to transfer themselves to Douglas street. Several of the hackmen have already been notified of the change. The matter has not been as yet discussed by the city council, but it will come up before that body at an early date.

—An enjoyable social was held at the schoolroom of the Metropolitan Methodist Church yesterday evening by members and friends of the Epworth League of that church. Mr. A. C. Charlton, the president, occupied the chair, and a large number were present. A programme was rendered, to which the following ladies and gentlemen contributed: Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, Mrs. W. M. Weeks, Fisher and Ball, and Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Atherton and Mrs. Bennett.

—Mr. J. C. Snell, the widely known agriculturist and stock breeder, has formed the entrance to the Farmers' Advocate, London, Ont., has been chosen to judge the cattle at the Provincial Exhibition, New Westminster, Oct. 5th to 8th, and is now on his way West. The exhibition authorities have made in cattle, sheep, and swine, that Mr. Snell will return East with such favorable impressions of the Pacific Province as will direct renewed attention to the agricultural possibilities of British Columbia.

—The customs authorities have just issued orders for the withdrawal of all the Canadian customs officers at Tagish lake, save Mr. John Gosdon, who will remain in the office, and Mr. J. C. Snell, who will be assisted by a detachment of about twenty-five members of the Northwest Mounted Police, who have just arrived at Tagish lake. The Mounted Police are in charge of Inspector Strickland. Letters have been sent to the customs officers notifying them of their withdrawal, and as soon as these are received they will return.

—The case of Regina vs. Maurice Strouss, who is accused of illegally attempting to export deerskins, was continued this morning, when the argument of the counsel was concluded. Mr. F. B. Grosvenor, who appears for the defence, argued that as that section of the game act was ultra vires of the local legislature, therefore the magistrate had no jurisdiction in the case. Mr. George Powell, who appeared for the prosecution, took the contrary view. The case has now been adjourned for judgment. The date on which a judgment will be given, however, has not as yet been fixed.

—One of the passengers by the Islander to Vancouver this morning was Hon. J. H. Turner, premier and minister of finance and agriculture. He is starting on a trip through the interior which will occupy several weeks. From Vancouver, in which city he will remain but one day, he goes to Ladner, and thence to Delta. Then he goes to New Westminster, and from there to Chilliwack, where he will attend the farmers' dinner being held there in connection with the Chilliwack fair. At the beginning of next month he will proceed to Kootenay, visiting Nelson, Rossland and other of the larger cities and towns.

—At the monthly meeting of the executive of the S.P.C.A., held yesterday, Ven. Archbishop Scriban was re-elected chairman and Messrs. Dallin, Kites, Chipchase, Drake and Hamilton special constables. During the month five cases of cruelty to horses and two of cruelty to dogs were attended to. No notice will be taken of anonymous letters, but the names of informants will be kept secret. Yesterday the following new members were elected: C. E. Redfern, Gavin H. and Mrs. Burns, Mrs. William Wilson, Mrs. Jessup, Mrs. Plesser, Mrs. T. Simey Wilson, Captain Mitchell and J. P. Burgess.

—Mr. Walter C. Nichol is in the city to-day with his bride, en route to British Columbia, says the Toronto Star of September 29th. Mr. Nichol is one of the best known and most favorably known newspaper men in Canada. He was once editor of the Hamilton Herald, later of the London News, and has just received several commendations from the Kaslo Kootenian. A number of Toronto newspaper men took advantage of Mr. Nichol's presence in the city and called

on him at the Queen's Hotel. They congratulated him on his recent marriage, and presented him with an address and an Oxford edition of Shakespeare, and Mrs. Nichol with a beautiful travelling cloak.

—The anniversary services at St. Paul's Presbyterian church were brought to a close yesterday evening, when the annual ten meeting was held. On Sunday special services were held, conducted in the morning by Rev. A. B. Wingham and by Rev. J. F. Betts in the evening. After the festive board had been cleared yesterday evening, the following programme was presented: Address, chairman; solo, Miss Fraser; address, L. Tait; solo, Mr. Brown; address, Rev. W. L. Clay; solo, Miss Hutcheson; address, Dr. Campbell; solo, Mr. Billing; address, Mr. Thomson; duet, Harris and Brown; solo, Miss Jameson; address, Mr. Harris; solo, Mr. King; address, Rev. Mr. Dickey; and solo, Gracie King.

—The entry list for the coming exhibition of the Victoria Kennel Club is rapidly increasing. Alta Berns, the champion St. Bernard from San Francisco, has already arrived, and entries are on hand from that city, Tacoma, Seattle, Winnipeg, Kamloops, Vancouver, New Westminster, Wellington and Nanaimo. As several classes have inadvertently been left out of the premium list, special classes have been arranged. Special classes are arranged for bob-tailed sheep dogs, Irish wolf hounds, Irish terriers and Dandy Dimont terriers. The exhibition will be held at the Assembly Hall, which will be decorated for the occasion. The admission has been fixed at the following rates: Season ticket, \$1; single admission, 25 cents; and children under 12, 10 cents.

—Yesterday the Times published the news of the shooting of James Hamilton at Granite Creek by Mrs. Rabbitt. The following particulars have now been obtained: On Monday Dr. Sutton, the coroner, and Mr. Clapperton, the government agent, proceeded to the locality to hold an inquest. After hearing all the evidence the jury brought in the following verdict: "That James Hamilton came to his death by a gun shot wound from a rifle in the hands of Mrs. Euphemia Rabbitt, but that in the opinion of the jury the shooting was done in self-defence. Immediately after the tragedy Constable Hunter, of Granite Creek, took Mrs. Rabbitt into custody, and as soon as the inquest was over Justices Sutton and Clapperton held a preliminary court investigation and committed her to the custody of the police. She was then sent to the workhouse, where she remained until she was released on bail. She is now in the custody of the police, and is being held incommunicado with her family.

—After a lengthy stay among the Indians of Queen Charlotte islands in search of curios, relics and specimens of every description relating to Indian life, Dr. Newcombe returned to Victoria yesterday evening. He brought down a large collection of specimens enclosed in a number of boxes, bags and packages, and weighing in all nearly three tons. A great number of the specimens will go to Ottawa to be placed in the museum at the capital. One specimen is a very rare one. It is a large and unique totem, which when in position in front of the hut of the old Indian chief at the little village of Tanoos formed the entrance to the hut. It is carved after the manner of the shishash and surmounted by a large eagle. He has also many valuable specimens of stone and bone carvings and a number of stone axes, hammers and other implements. There are also specimens of the stone age, on Queen Charlotte islands, but then the stone age there dates but sixty years back. The West Coast is found to be totally unsurveyed. There were many inlets, creeks and rivers which are as yet unknown to geographers and map makers. Dr. Newcombe had the use of a map loaned him by Chief Edensaw. This map was made in the first place by Judge Swan, the well-known antiquarian and collector.

—The British Columbia Electric Railway Company is about to erect a power house with Pelton water wheels and generators at Goldstream, the power to be transmitted to a sub-station in Victoria and used as a motive power for the street cars and electric light plant. The company has entered into a contract with the Esquimalt Waterworks Company for the use of the water.

—From Thursday's Daily. —At the opening ball concert of the winter series to be given at the drill hall on Saturday evening, Bandsman Walter North will contribute several cornet solos to the programme.

—To-morrow being the first day of the shooting season the V. & S. railway will run a special train, Sidney, leaving the station at 5 a.m. Local sportsmen are expecting an excellent season, pheasants and grouse being reported fairly plentiful, whilst quail are said to be quite numerous.

—The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jubilee Hospital are already preparing for their annual ball, which is to be held on Wednesday, October 27th, in the Assembly Hall. The ball is always eagerly looked forward to, for those who have attended former events know how successful an entertainment the ladies can make.

—When Dodds and Van Horst appear before Magistrate Macrae to-morrow morning they will find a very complete case requiring answer. The police authorities have been diligently tracing up the owners of the heterogeneous collection of jewellery found in Van Horst's room, and some interesting disclosures will be made.

—The many friends of Mr. Sam Sea will be glad to learn that all the ill effects of his unfortunate meal of half but have disappeared. Mr. Sea was for two or three hours somewhat seriously ill, and attributes the cause to his having partaken of a portion of a fish the freshness or cleanness of which cannot have been above suspicion.

—Captain Debevy, of the steamer City of Puebla, which will arrive this afternoon from San Francisco, has in his possession a bag of nuggets of Clondyke gold, which has been sent to him by his sons, Charles and Alfred, who are in the mining district. Charles is manager of one of the stores of the Alaska Commercial Company at Dawson City. They have recently sold a claim for \$20,000 and reinvested the proceeds in other claims, which they expect will develop into rich properties.

—All the crew of the sealing schooner Beatrice have received their share of the compensation awarded them for the

wrongful seizure of their schooner in 1895. The two who have as yet not been paid are J. A. Homestead, Norwegian, who was a boat steerer on the Beatrice, and C. Honlyer, a Swede, who was cook. Collector A. R. Milne is now waiting to hear from these two men. He would be glad if any person having any knowledge of their whereabouts would communicate with him, as he is anxious to pay them and settle the matter.

—Mr. M. J. Haney, who has charge of the construction work of the Crow's Nest railway, came over from the Mainland last evening. The work is being pushed forward rapidly and it is hoped that fully 100 miles will be completed by November, 1898. When Mr. Shaughnessy, of the C.P.R., was in Victoria he expressed the hope that the road would be opened for traffic in September next, so that Mr. Haney's estimate of the time required for completion may be considered a conservative one. With his two daughters Mr. Haney made a trip over the route through which the road will run, riding and driving a distance of 180 miles, and as one of the objects of his visit to the coast was to give his little girls an opportunity of seeing Victoria, most of the day has been pleasantly occupied in driving around the city.

—Mr. James Barrett, who is a recent arrival in the city, brings news from the Western Australia gold fields confirming the impression already existing that even from the very best of the world there will be a large influx of practical miners to the Yukon district in the spring. A firm believer in advertising, Mr. Barrett urges strongly that no one who is a lawyer, a doctor, a politician, a tradesman, or a professional man, should neglect to advertise in the Australian colonies duly informed of the conditions of climate, means of transportation and all information as to the best outfitting point. The excitement in the Coolgardie districts, Mr. Barrett says, is over, and he thinks that there is little doubt that the steamers of the Canadian-Australian line will have large passenger lists on their voyages to British Columbia early in 1898. Mr. Barrett, who is a lawyer by profession, will also be likely to become a permanent resident in British Columbia, his experience in mining matters leading him to prefer a location in a mineral producing country such as British Columbia is now spoken of all over the world.

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THE MINER'S NEW EDITOR.

When the editor of the Rossland Miner was in the employ of the Miner of Nelson, he made himself the laughing stock of the province in the extremity of his abuse of the Turner government, and the members of the cabinet. He was all but hysterical in his criticisms of the Liberal party leaders to take the field against the Dunsmuir-Turner-Ribbitt gang, who were despoiling the province of its minerals. He is now retiring, and the members of the cabinet have had the use of a map loaned him by Chief Edensaw. This map was made in the first place by Judge Swan, the well-known antiquarian and collector.

WILL REACH THE \$900,000 MARK.

Mineral Exports of Nelson for September Exceed Previous Records.

The exports of ore and matte for the current month have been the heaviest in the history of the port of Nelson, and the indications are that the mineral exports for the full month will aggregate in value \$900,000. The value of the exports for the first twenty-five days of the month already exceeded in value the exports of any previous month, and give an average of \$35,000 per day for the mineral exports. The exports of matte and bullion from the Hill Mines for the past week have been the heaviest in the history of that company's operations, aggregating at the week over \$70,000. The entries for the week were:

Table with columns: Tons, Value. Total for week, 1,004 tons, \$180,067. Total so far for September, 5,215 tons, \$894,843. Total for August, 5,076 tons, \$875,589. Total for July, 4,129 tons, \$482,822. Total for June, 3,464 tons, \$483,882. Total for May, 2,965 tons, \$397,731. Total for April, 3,794 tons, \$432,241. Total for March, 5,822 tons, \$677,681. Total for February, 5,201 tons, \$662,803. Total for January, 4,543 tons, \$675,500. Total via Bevestoke to Sept., 88,929 tons, \$1,199,277. Total so far for 1897, 40,313 tons, \$5,720,727. —Nelson Tribune.

BULLION AND MATTE.

Table with columns: Pounds, Value. Trail smelter, 219,991. Hill Mines smelter, Nelson, matte, 438,377. Total, 658,368.

—That Mrs. Sharpleigh's husband drinks a good deal, isn't he?" "I presume so—he's living with her yet."—Chicago Journal.

—John L. Sullivan was licked by a Boston hack driver the other day. It is said that he was so much shocked by the loss of his money that he never again drove a hack. —Boston Traveller.

—Misses—Didn't the ladies who called leave cards?" "Maid—They wanted to, ma'am, but I told them you had plenty of your own, and better, too."—Boston Traveller.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

The Potato Patch War—Captain Atkinson Convicted of the Charge Against Him.

Matter to Come Before the Victoria County Court—Some General Gossip.

News from the Behlson Park—Other Smelter Propositions in Vancouver.

New Westminster Exhibition—News from Nelson, Trail and Sandon.

Steveston, Sept. 27.—The potato patch war at present the centre of all here, and the conflict regarding potatoes through various stages is just notes.

On Friday morning when against Captain Atkinson was called Shoebottom appeared for the informant, and Mr. Philip the captain. The charge of trespass abandoned, and Mr. Lafond was informed, charging the with committing "an assault with a dangerous weapon, and with possession thereof, and with possession thereof."

Captain Atkinson pleaded not guilty. He was informed that the case had been consulted in this matter by Judge Peirson said he was to go on with the case. After a day it was agreed that the case was adjourned till 7 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Lafond was to appear, and when returning brought Mr. R. A. Anderson, S.M., over court. At 7 o'clock the case was resumed. Captain Pittendress, Messrs. R. A. Anderson, Wm. M. and Joseph Pierson, magistrates, all on the bench.

Mr. Lafond was the first called. He said he had been the owner of block 21 since the 15th inst. He had bought it from the B. C. Land and Investment Company, and got immediate possession. He had cleared the ground, and one object of it was to obtain the crop. He had public and Captain Atkinson of the case. On the 22nd instant he sent Mr. Atkinson to the potatoes. He went and to leave the property. The captain digging. Witness did not use force, but came to the chief of police, and was arrested. He went and saw Mr. McKinley, J.P., on his instructions the chief of police Captain Atkinson and took the premises. The potatoes of the case were removed and chief constable.

"I took this means to compel Atkinson to desist from interfering with my property."

Cross-examined by Mr. Pierson did not remember saying to Atkinson that the boys had as to tell the captain to leave. There were no other persons interested in the case. He bought it in the name of the B. C. Land and Investment Company. He was to get the whole of it; the crop. He so stated to Mr. He was aware that Captain Atkinson had put in this crop and had a right to it. He is now planting, and at these same leaders whom he called upon to succeed and defend the Dunsmuir-Turner-Ribbitt gang in all its possible combinations.—Nelson Tribune.

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