THE STOCK MARKET

Much More Activity is Displayed in Stocks.

THE SIGNS OF A RISING MARKET

Several Shares Have an Upward Tendency—Increasing Volume of Sales—Unaccountable Fall in Athabasca, Due Doubtless to Local Causes.

There is a decided improvement in the tone of the stock market, and even the most pessimistic of brokers admit that they see a rift in the clouds that have lowered over the market ever since Kruger issued his ultimatum in October last. Now that the Imperial forces are sweeping the Boers before them in every direction, and that the subjugation of the burghers is merely a matter of time, an improvement is noticeable. There will be an increase in this betterment of the condition, and when the armies of the two alleged republics are swept away completely by the all-conquering army of Lord Roberts and the Transvaal and the Orange Free State pass into history as "has beens," there will be a great revival of interest and an increase in the number of sales. The depression began with the war and should end with it, but it is admitted that there is the possibility that it may take a little time for the stock market to reach the same condition that prevailed in ante-bellum times. Brokers say that the stock market is like a pendulum, and that a long period of low prices and limited transactions is certain to be followed by a lengthy time of good prices and extensive sales. There were other factors, it is true, like the partial closing down of the mines and the labor trouble that aided the depression, but these have been removed. It is true, too, that the market would be buoyed and steadied by the resumption on the part of the War Eagle and the Centre Star of the payment of dividends. These mines are putting themselves in shape to do this, and it should not be many months before they should do so.

The sales for the past week, notwithstanding the fact that there were no sales on Thursday, May 24th, the Queen's birthday, were fairly large. By days they were as follows.

Thursday	No sales
Friday	44,000
Saturday	22,500
Monday	12,500
Tuesday	22,500
Wednesday	20,500
Total	122,000

Against 164,500 for the preceding week.

Athabasca has fallen considerably in the past few weeks from some cause which is unknown to the local brokers. On the board yesterday 18 was asked and 12 bid. A few days since it was worth from 28 to 30 cents.

Blacktail is a good seller and is firmly held because of the large ore shoots that are being uncovered, and 22 1-2 is asked for it and 19 bid.

Brandon & Golden Crown is worth 22, and 1,000 were sold for that figure on the board yesterday. This company is shipping ore to the Trail smelter, and the returns are good. These shipments, it is stated, are to be kept up.

Canadian Gold Fields keep up their price well, and 7 1-2 is asked for it and 5 1-2 bid.

There are hardly any dealings locally in Centre Star, as it is firmly held at $1.53, and the offers made are frequently under the quoted price.

Deer Trail is being largely dealt in, and 7 1-2 is asked and 7 bid for it. This stock is not much dealt in here.

For Evening Star 9 1-2 is asked and 7 3-4 bid. On the board yesterday there were 2,000 sold for 8.

Giant has weakened a little, and 3 is asked and 2 1-2 bid for it.

Iron Mask is a little weaker, and 39 is asked and 38 bid for it.

King is quiet, and on the board 10 is asked and 8 bid for it.

Knob Hill is weaker and 60 is asked and 50 bid for it.

Lone Pine is not moving a great deal, and 16 is asked and 14 bid for it.

For Monte Christo 4 1-2 is asked and 2 1-2 bid.

For Mountain Lion 90 is asked and 80 bid. The mill of the Mountain Lion is now reducing about 100 tons of ore per day, and the plant is to be increased to 200 tons. It should not be a great while before the Lion begins to pay dividends.

Okanogan is selling for from 2 1-4 to 2 1-2, 2,500 selling at these figures yesterday.

Peoria has sold at from 1 1-2 to 2 during the week. There was a sale of a block of 3,000 yesterday for 1 3-4.

Rambler-Cariboo is worth 25 1-4, 1,500 selling for that price yesterday.

Tamarac continues quiet and 4 1-2 is asked for it and 4 bid.

For War Eagle $1.54 is asked and $1.47 bid.

Waterloo is worth about 5 1-2. A strike has been made in this property and the shares are firmly held.

White Bear is weaker and is worth 2 cents.

Winnipeg has advanced in the past few days from 13 to 15 1-2, although yesterday there were sales at 15, and one at 14 3-4.

SALES.

Friday's Sales.

Peoria 4,000 at 1 1-2, 500 at 1 3-4; Rathmullen 500 at 1 3-4, 2,000 at 1 3-4, 5,000 at 2 1-4; White Bear 10,000 at 2, 5,000 at 2, 5,000 at 2; Winnipeg 2,000 at 14, 500 at 14 1-4, 500 at 14 1-4, 500 at 14 1-4, 500 at 14 1-4, 500 at 14 1-4, 500 at 14 1-4, 1,000 at 14 1-2; Giant 5,000 at 3 1-4; Rambler-Cariboo 1,000 at 25 1-2.

Saturday's Sales.

Brandon & Golden Crown, 500 at 21c.; Winnipeg, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500. 500 at 14 1-2c., 1,000 at 14 1-2c., 2,000 at 14c.; Peoria, 5,000 at 2c.; Deer Trail, 1,000 at 7 1-2c.; White Bear, 5,000 at 2c.; Giant, 5,000 at 3 3-8c.

Monday's Sales.

Giant, 1,000 at 3 1-2c.; Rambler-Cariboo, 2,000 at 25 1-4c.; Winnipeg, 2,000 at 14 1-2c., 500, 500 ,500, 500, 500, 500, 500 at 15c.; Rathmullen, 500, 1,000 at 2c., 2,500 at 1 1-2c; Tamarac, 1,000 at 4 1-4c.; White Bear, 5,000 at 2 1-8c., 500 at 2c., 500 at 1 3-4c.

Tuesday's Sales.

Winnipeg 500 at 15, 500 at 15, 500 at 15, 500 at 15, 1,000 at 15, 1,000 at 15, 500 at 15 1-4, 500 at 15 1-4, 500 at 15 1-4, 500 at 15 1-4; Rambler-Cariboo 3,000 at 25, White Bear 5,000 at 2; Peoria 8,500 at 1 1-2.

Wednesday's Sales.

Okanogan, 2,000, 500 at 2 1-2c.; 500 at 2 1-4c., 500, 500, 500, 500 at 2 1-2c.; Morrison, 1,000 at 3 1-4c.; Winnipeg, 1,500, 500 at 15c., 2,000 at 14 3-4c., 500, 500, 500, 500, 500 500 at 15c.; Rambler-Cariboo 1,500 at 25 1-4c.; Brandon & Golden Crown, 500, 500 at 22c.; Evening Star, 1,000, 1,000 at 8c.; Peoria, 3,000 at 1 3-4c.

Appended are the official quotations of yesterday of the Rossland Mining and Stock exchange:

	ASKED	BID
Athabasca	18	12
B. C. Gold Fields	3½	2
Big Three	5	3¼
Black Tail	22½	19
California	10	8
Brandon & Golden Crown	24	20
Canadian Gold Fields	7	5¼
Cariboo (Camp McKinney)	96	90
Centre Star	$1.53	$1.48
Crows Nest Pass Coal	$40 00	$34 00
Deer Trail No 2	7½	6½
Deer Park, new	2	
Dundee	15	11
Evening Star	9½	7¾
Giant	3½	3
Homestake [assess. paid]	3	1
Iron Mask	39	38
Iron Colt	3	2
I. X. L.	17	
Jumbo	25	20
King (Oro Denoro)	10	8
Knob Hill	60	50
Lone Pine	16	14
Minnehaha	4	2
Monte Christo	4½	2½
Montreal Gold Fields	3½	2
Morrison	3½	2
Mountain Lion	90	80
Noble Five	7¼	5
North Star [East Kootenay]	$1 20	$1 10
Novelty	3½	2½
Okanogan [assess. paid]	2½	2¼
Old Ironsides	80	75
Payne	$1.13	$1 08
Peoria Mines	2	1¾
Princess Maud	3½	2
Quilp		
Rambler-Cariboo	20½	24½
Rathmullen	2½	1
Republic	$1 03	96
St. Elmo Consolidated	4½	1½
Sullivan	11	9½
Tamarac (Kenneth)	4½	3¾
Tom Thumb	27	24
Van Anda	3	2
Virginia	4	2
War Eagle Consolidated	$1 54	$1 47
Waterloo	6	5
White Bear	2½	1¾
Winnipeg	15	14¾

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THE C. P. R. DEPOT.

The Partial Filling of the Swamp—Improvements in North End of Town.

Grading is now going on north of the track at the C. P. R. depot. The knoll to the east is being taken down, and the earth is being used to fill the swamp that comes into the northwest end of the C. P. R. railway block between Second and Third avenue. Upon the leveled ground it is the purpose of the railway company to erect warehouses and other buildings for facilitating the shipment of goods at the Rossland terminus. This will make a great improvement in the north end of the town and as there are quite a number of houses being built up on the lots on the north side of Third avenue and a few on the south towards St. Paul street, it will not be very long before the municipality will be asked to open this street to traffic. This will in turn necessitate the filling in of another portion of the swamp or rather a narrow neck of it which connects the larger marsh to the north to that portion of it within the railway block. At present there is no method of escape for the waters except through the rock filling under the depot. The interstices between the stones will in time block up, as sand and clay is thrown down by the present grading against the upper side and the consequence will be an aggravation rather than a mitigation of the swamp evil which is already sufficiently pronounced to be a serious danger to the city health.

On the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway company asking a few weeks ago of the city council that it should accept of the platting of the ground north of Fourth avenue and between the Nickel plate and Monte Christo streets up to to Idaho, the latter body refused to include the new survey within the city limits unless the railway land company would agree to drain the swamp. The result of this would be that the sale of land will be injured to a certain extent, as purchasers must be deterred knowing that they will be unable to get a road past their lots. The railway company on the other hand, do not care to drain the swamp, as it is on that part of the ground which is intended for a railway yard and not for sale for building purposes.

The latter party contend that the swamp is none of its creating, and as it is fed perennially by the melting snow off Monte Christo mountain it would be a serious proposition to drain it.

The city authorities, on the other hand, declare that they will take care of the drainage if a system is completed as far as Third avenue, but say that there is not sufficient funds on hand to do the whole thing themselves, especially as the ground at present lies outside that part of the city taken over by the council.

This is all very well, and there is doubtless a great deal in the contention of both disputants, but as a matter of fact the swamp even as it is now is a serious menace to the public health, and if no outlet is provided it is likely to become even more dangerous. The question should be dealt with immediately before the action of the separate property owners has so hemmed in the morass that the solution of the problem has become much more difficult and expensive than at present.

Will Be Seats For All.

The grand stand at the base ball grounds is being lengthened 62 feet, and its seating capacity will be just doubled. The bleachers are also being doubled in size. This will give every one an opportunity of obtaining a seat who attends future games. The game on Sunday between the Rossland and Nelson clubs, it is anticipated, will draw an immense audience. Both Northport and Nelson will send large delegations.

MR. MACKINTOSH IS CONFIDENT

MARTINISM, HE SAYS, WILL BE DEFEATED ON THE 9TH OF JUNE.

How He Disposed of Campaign Lies, Put in Circulation to Hurt Him—A Weak Invention of the Enemy.

Greenwood, B. C., May 28.—Special.)—Ex-Governor Chas. H. Mackintosh, Conservative nominee in Rossland riding for the legislature, returned here today after making a tour of the Boundary, and left this afternoon for Trail. To a correspondent he said:

"I have visited all the towns of the district, and many of the big mines, and can report a strong feeling indicating a great triumph for the opponents of Martinism on the 9th of June. Each day is adding fresh support, including a number of leading Liberals in every camp. The ranching sections are almost solidly my favor. I attribute this not only to the unpopularity of Martinism, as exemplified in the candidature of Mr. Curtis, but also to the fact of their policy of misrepresentation in regard to my attitude to the working classes. The written evidence of a large number in Eastern Canada, who knew me personally, has rapidly cleared away any doubt on this score. I am satisfied that the Boundary will give me a large majority, and from what I hear from Trail and Rossland they will do likewise.

"I observe that a circular has been issued from Vancouver, signed by I. A. Yerex, chairman of the government provincial committee. The envelope is stamped May 23, but the circular is dated May 27 (yesterday), making it appear that information was only obtained after the nominations on Saturday. This circular points out to voters that Martin will have at least 25 seats. My information is that he will not have six. I infer from this last effort to deceive the public that our opponents are hard pressed, as the dates go to show that the whole thing is born of trickery, and I do not think it will have any effect except a detrimental one so far as Martin's party is concerned."

PAY PLACERS.

A Rush For Wash Dirt Claims Along Boundary Creek.

Greenwood, B. C., May 26.—(Special.)—Interest has run high during the past week on account of the discovery of a pay placer along Boundary creek, below the falls, a few miles from here. Numbers of placer claims have been staked, camps established and many men are at work building sluice boxes and opening up the ground. Old timers freely predict that the scenes of the early excitement on this creek will be renewed, and that there is plenty of pay ground to be worked over profitably.

A CARRIAGE ACCIDENT.

Four Greenwood People Were Injured—One Seriously.

Greenwood, B. C., May 26.—(Special.)—A serious accident was caused this afternoon by the breakage of the axle of a wagon causing a runaway and the consequent throwing out of four occupants. Mrs. Jack Park and Mrs. Fry are now at the hospital, the former with a broken collar bone and the latter considerably bruised. Bert McIntyre, the driver, got cut on the head and body, and Sam Waters escaped with a sprained ankle. The axle was broken while crossing the railroad track at the smelter.

The Marguerite.

Greenwood, B. C., May 26.—(Special.)—The Quebec Copper company, recently organized by Andrew Laidlaw, of Spokane, has purchased E. C. Brown's three-eighths interest in the Marguerite claim in Deadwood camp. The figure is unobtainable, but is said to be around $4,000.

A MINING ACCIDEN.

W. T. Hill and His Partner of Greenwood, Badly Injured.

Greenwood, B. C., May 29.—(Special.)—A special to the Times from Okanogan Falls via Camp McKinney, says W. T. Hill and partner, from Greenwood, were seriously hurt while working in a tunnel. They sent Tony Pleasnie to look for horses. He was gone but a few minutes when he heard shots go off, and rushing back found the men terribly injured. Hill had his leg smashed while his partner, whose name is unknown, was also badly injured. Dr. White was summoned, arriving in five hours.

Find on the Waterloo.

Greenwood, B. C., May 29.—(Special.)—A telephone message today from the superintendent of the Waterloo, Camp McKinney, reports finding the vein in the east drift on the 65-foot level. Up till recently the main work has been drifting westerly on this level. The drift east had been run 56 feet when the vein faulted. A crosscut south has found it in place, and the face has 15 inches of rich quartz. The next cleanup will be on the 7th of June.

PAY YOUR LICENSES.

Today Is the Last One—Failure May Lose Claims.

Today all companies' licenses and miners' licenses must be paid. For companies the licenses cost $100 each, and for miners $5 each. Companies who default in the payment of their licenses are allowed to obtain a special license on paying the sum of $300, but in the meanwhile all of their properties that are not crown granted are jumpable. Individuals holding claims can also obtain a special license on payment of the sum of $15, but until they do this the claims which they have taken up are jumpable. It, therefore, behoves both companies to secure their licences today before the office of the gold commissioner closes.

Mrs. C. S. Slawson is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter at their new residence.

WAS IT A JOKE?

The British Flag Hauled Down on Thompson Avenue on the Queen's Birthday.

On Queen's birthday last year Mr. W. H. Danby ran up to a flag-pole on the rear of his house on Thompson avenue two flags, the upper being the Union Jack and the under one the red ensign. These remained flying the year through, till either Thursday or Friday last, the Queen's birthday or the day after. On one of these nights some persons unknown, but whose identity is strongly suspected, amused themselves by hauling down these flags and running up in their place a pocket edition of the stars and stripes. This was replaced on Saturday by Mr. Danby with a handsome American flag, and on the following day he hoisted the Canadian ensign, which is still flying.

Where the shoe pinches is that the original flags have not been returned, and the owner, at first passing over the matter as a bad joke, thinks from the detention of the British bunting that a deliberate insult has been offered to the flag of his country. He would, therefore, like the return of his flags with such apologies as the jocose corsairs are capable of.

NEWS FROM HAPPY PEACHLAND

WILD STRAWBERRIES RIPE ON THE HILLS.

Premier Martin Addresses the Electors in Favor of His Candidate—No Chance of Election for Mr. Snodgrass.

Peachland, May 24.—(Special.)—Okanagan weather has been all that could be desired this spring. Wild strawberries have been ripe on the hills now for some time.

Mr. W. A. Lang has purchased the general merchandise business lately run under the style, W. A. Lang & Co. As a consequence the store building is being overhauled to give greater floor space and the postoffice has been removed to new quarters on First street. Mr. Lang has a "think tank" that is both clear and deep where pennies are concerned, and in thus reaching out for more business he declares his faith in the future of this district.

Mr R. T. Rily, president of the Canada Fire Insurance company, was in town last week, the guest of Mr. J. B. Somerset. He was delighted with our bench lands overlooking the lake as a site for handsome residences similar to those erected on the banks of the St. Lawrence. His eye is all right, for not only are the two landscapes very similar, but this place is highly endowed in the matter of climate. People of means who are dragging out a miserable existence in the east or taking themselves off to foreign shores will in due time come to know this and move out here to get a new lease of life.

The Peachland Irrigation company, under the superintendence of Mr. Somerset, has turned Spring creek from its bed and now has an abundance of water trained on its ten acre lots. The company is now duly incorporated under the laws of the province and proposes making things go in the real estate line.

Premier Martin addressed the electors of this district last week. Many had known him previously in Manitoba and all were pleased to see and hear him again. His speech was a clear and plausible presentation of his claims and those of his candidate, Mr. Snodgrass, on the suffrages of the people at this present time, but it will hardly avail him in the elections, as the present member, Mr. Price Ellison, is a very popular man, a man who has clear convictions, a good record, public and private uprightness of character and a faculty of hard, common sense that is invaluable in a legislator. His opponent, Mr. Snodgrass, has not yet favored us, but as a former member of the Oregon legislature we may take it for granted that he is no stranger to political wiles and will put up a good fight "considerin'."

Mining activities here feel the general depression that has affected that industry and work has been carried on with a reduced staff on the Gladstone and the Silver King. On the latter considerable difficulty has been experienced from surface drainage of water, making the operations very expensive and the progress in the drift very slow. On the part of the Camp Hewitt operators the only thing stirring is a negotiation for the sale of their Mountain View claim to some eastern capitalists. The deal comes about through the favorable report of Mr. Hy. Watson, M. E., F. I. C., who recently examined these properties and reported thereon. No particulars as to the price offered or asked has as yet come to hand, but it is known that Mr. Watson, who is now in the east, has a high opinion of the claim and the surrounding district. A 30-foot shaft has been sunk on the claim showing clear walls and good stuff down to the bottom.

Mr. J. M. Robinson is at present in Manitoba, but is expected in the course of three or four weeks. Messrs. D. H. Watson and E. G. Wiswell are also down there.

The spring tide of prospectors going to Princeton has set in again this year, two Rossland men who were over it last year, making the first break. The trail is so much shorter and easier than any other that it is bound to become known; but we hope for a government sufficiently strong and consistent to put a good wagon road through and thus marry that promising mining camp to this fertile valley at once.

Two Weddings.

John W. Henderson and Jenny Becker were united in holy matrimony by the Rev. G. H. Morden on Tuesday, May 22, at the parsonage.

A romantic marriage was contracted last Sunday at the house of the Rev. G. H. Morden, between Joseph Cosavello and Elmira Guidotte. It is whispered that this was a runaway wedding.

Townsite Versus Parrot.

Mr. Justice Drake has not rendered a decision in the case of the Townsite and Latest Out mineral claims against the Parrot, the former being owned by Messrs. Rammelmeier et al, and the latter by the Hon. Smith Curtis and John Ponpore. The judge has returned to the Coast, and will send up his decision thence.

WILL BE OPPOSED BY LABOR

W. W. B. McINNES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YATES IN NANAIMO.

Ralph Smith Makes a Speech Against the Son of the Governor—Politics on the Coast.

Victoria, B. C., May 28.—(Special.)—It is claimed by the labor party that W. W. B. McInnes is responsible for Yates running in Nanaimo against Ralph Smith, the labor leader, and they will endeavor to defeat McInnes. At a big meeting held by Smith at Nanaimo he denounced McInnes. In the course of his speech he said George Kennedy came over from New Westminster and asked him to enter the Martin cabinet, saying that if he would do so, J. C. Browne, of New Westminster, would also enter the cabinet and Cory S. Ryder and George Washington Beebe would be relegated to inocuous desuetude. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Kenedy to make that proposition to a committee of 15 of his friends. To this Mr. Kennedy assented, and the committee was called together to listen to the proposition. A further condition of Mr. Smith's entering the cabinet was that the suit against the New Vancouver Coal company was to be dropped, although Mr. Browne had since written to Mr. Smith to say that Mr. Kennedy had rather exceeded his authority in making this proposition. When Mr. Kennedy laid his proposition before the committee they declined to have anything to do with it. McInnes held a meeting at Northfield, at which he said he was offered $1 000 to make a speech in favor of the Turner government but had refused. Martin, Cotton, and Wilson, the Conservative leader, will gather in meeting at Nanaimo on June 6.

At Victoria, B. C.

Victoria, B. C., May 28.—The meteorological officer here makes the following report of this morning's solar eclipse: "The sun rose amidst a bank of clouds from which it emerged just in time for the first contact to be seen. During the eclipse the sun's disc was clear and well defined until nearly the close, when a light cloud passed across it, but without materially affecting the sight. The eclipse commenced on the southwestern edge of the sun's disc, and the first contact was at 5:15.

SEALSKINS HIGHER.

First Crowd of Klondikers on the Way From Dawson.

Victoria, B. C., May 29.—News has been received here that the steamer Flora, with the first crowd of Klondikers of the season, reached Lake Lebarge on May 24 on the way from Dawson. Ice blocked her there, but it is expected that the river is clear now. Fishing for spring salmon has commenced on the northern rivers. During a big storm last week considerable damage was done to Indian villages on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Sealskins brought in by Indians bring $15, an advance of $5 over last year. As a consequence Indian hunters are demanding higher wages to go on white schooners

The Stars Reorganized.

The Rossland Star basebell club met on Monday evening and reorganized by electing the following officers: E. G. Farnsworth, president; Fred. Empey, vice-president; Henry Ewert, secretary-treasurer, and Joseph H. Honey, manager. Several players were elected members, and a practically new nine will be chosen. An energetic effort will be made to play better ball in the future than the game of last Sunday. The next game will be played with the Trail team on Sunday, June 10. A silver cup has been presented by J. H. Money, which will be competed for in a series of seven games in which Rossland, Northport and Trail will compete for the prize. It is probable, too, that Nelson and Marcus will enter the competition.

New Lumber Yard.

A new lumber yard is being made just east of the Red Mountain depot at the head of Washington street. This is being undertaken by Mr. J. Miller of Sheep Creek, who has a large mill in that neighborhood.

FROM THE RECORDS.

May 22.—San Jose, all; E. Terzick to W. R. Miller, $1.

May 26.—Delhi Fraction, all; H. Krumb to A. M. Colquhoun, $1.

May 26.—Keystone, Blackstone, Gladstone and Yellowstone, all Chas. E. Benn, liquidator Keystone Gold Mining company to J. S. Clute, Jr., $1.

May 28.—Echo, all; W. D. McFadden to C. Dougherty, $1.

Certificates of Work.

May 26.—To John W. Moore for C. W. Down on the Golden Terra Fraction.

May 26.—To O. B. N. Wilkie for R. W. Northey and R. H. Smith on the Columbia View.

May 26.—To Neil McArthur for E. W. Liljegran, Louis Blue et al., on the Esquimalt.

May 28.—To S. L. Williams for the Canada Mutual Mining and Development company on the Minnie No. 2.

May 28.—To H. C. Sharp for W. H. C. Jackson on the Centre Star.

May 28.—To H. C. Sharp for W. H. C. Jackson on the Trilby.

May 28.—To M. Riddle for the same on the Oakland.

May 28.—To N. Smith for N. Smith et al., on the B. C. Laurel.

May 29.—To E. Nugent for J. H. Macdonald on the Newark.

May 29.—To E. Nugent for J. H. Macdonald on the Bangor.

May 29.—To F. R. Blockberger for the same on the Blocksberg.

May 29.—To K. L. Burnet for A. Daly et al., on the Sibley.

May 30.—To J. W. Knight for C. C. Migrath on the Prince Leshe.

There were no certificates of improvements.

The Boer Envoys.

Washington, May 29.—The three Boer envoys left Washington this afternoon for the north. They will go to New York and Boston.

A POLITICAL DODGE.

"Fighting Joe" Gives Orders to Clear Up Deadman's Island.

Vancouver, B. C., May 25.—(Special.)—The Deadman's Island matter is to become a live political question again. On June 1st 100 men will start work on the island, clearing for the Ludgate mill site, under the patronage of Premier Martin. The lease has not yet been confirmed at Ottawa, but it is expected that there will be no objection to the work proceeding, the forcible objection which previously stopped the work coming from the Cotton-Semlin government. The starting of the work may be only a plan to help out the election, as the reporter's informant stated significantly that work might be stopped after June 9th.

C. T. W. Piper's saw mill, valued at $15,000, was burned down on Thursday. A Chinaman named Quong has been arrested for incendiarism, it being alleged that it was in revenge for replacing Chinamen with whites that the Chinese burned the mill down.

THE NOMINATIONS.

List of the Candidates Throughout British Columbia.

Victoria, May 26.—The following are the nominations for the legislature, which closed today:

New Westminster, city—J. C. Browne, government; R. L. Reid, conservative.

Chilliwack riding—G. R. Ashwell, conservative; C. Munro, peoples; A. S. Vedder, government.

Vancouver—Joseph Martin, James McQueen, Hugh B. Gilmour, Robt. McPherson, government; Francis Williams, William McLain, Joseph Dixon, labor; F. Carter-Cotton, provincial; Wm. H. Wood, J. F. Garden, C. Wilson, R. G. Tatlow, conservative.

Nanaimo, city—Ralph Smith, independent; Gilbert McKinnel, J. Stuart Yates, government.

East Kootenay—Thomas Taylor, conservative; Alex. McRae, liberal.

Stevenson, Westminster riding—Thomas Kidd, provincial; Duncan Rowan, government; M. Brighouse Wilkinson, conservative.

Dewdney riding—R. McBride, conservative; C. Whetham, government.

North Nanaimo—McInnes, independent; Bryden, opposition; John Dixon, labor.

South Nanaimo—John Radcliff, labor; James Dunsmuir, opposition.

Delta riding—J. W. Berry, conservative; Thomas Forster, peoples; John Oliver, government.

North Yale—F. J. Fulton, independent; F. J. Dean, provincial; A. J. Palmer, government.

East Kootenay, south riding—E. G. Smith, of Fort Steele, government; J. R. Costigan, of Cranbrook, conservative; William Fernie, of Fernie, independent.

West Lillooet—Alex Lochore, government; R. B. Skinner, independent; A. W. Smith, Turnerite.

East Lillooet—Robt. T. Graham, government; J. D. Prentice, opposition.

West Yale—W. Beebe, government; Dennis Murphy, opposition.

Alberni—A. W. Neill, provincial; Jas. Redford, government; Jas. B. Thomson, independent.

Cowichan—W. Ford, government; C. H. Dickie, opposition.

Victoria, city—Brown, Beckwith, Yates, Martin government; Helmcken, Turner, Hall, McPhillips, opposition;

Esquimalt—Biganston and Fraser, government; Hayward and Higgins, independent; Pooley, opposition.

Comox—Jos. McPhee, government; Lewis A. Mounce, opposition.

Rossland riding—C. H. Mackintosh; Smith Curtis.

A FROST.

The Eloquence of the Minister of Mines Coldly Received.

Columbia, May 25.—(Special.)—The Curtis meeting here tonight was a decided frost, the attendance not exceeding 16. At the outset the minister of mines endeavored to court sympathy by asserting that he had been misrepresented at various points, especially by Mayor Goodeve, of Rossland. "My opponents," he dramatically declared, "Instead of offering a policy of comprehensive statesmanship content themselves with decrying my leader, Hon Jos. Martin, and his platform. Proceeding, Mr. Curtis created great amusement by stating that the depression in mining circles had been the natural result of the overbooming of mining stocks in England by Mr. Mackintosh. A defeat of the Martin government meant the repeal of the eight-hour law. These sallies evoked very hearty laughter. But the climax was reached whn Mr. Curtis warned his audience that Mr. Mackintosh was the servant of the Dunsmuirs and the C. P. R. He made a pathetic reference to the action of Ralph Smith, the labor leader, in opposing the Martin government, and explained that Smith as a paid servant of the New Vancouver Coal company had no other alternative

July Sports at Nelson.

Nelson, B. C., May 29.—On July 2 and 3 Nelson will hold the biggest land and water carnival ever attempted in the interior of British Columbia. Efforts will be made to secure a race between four oared crews from Winnipeg and James Bay for the championship of Western Canada, and a race between Jake Gaudier and R. N. Johnson for the professional world's championship is among the possibilities. Several thousand dolars will be expended in prizes for land and water sports.

Synod of Kootenay Diocese.

Nelson, B. C., May 29.—The first synod of the new diocese of Kootenay meets tomorrow in this city for organization, the Lord Bishop of New Westminster presiding. Seventeen clergy and a representative body of clergymen are present. At the synod service tomorrow night Rev. Dr. Paget, vicar of Revelstoke, a distinguished graduate of Keble college, Oxford, will preach. The synod will continue in session until Thursday evening.

Liberal Meeting.

An important meeting of the Rossland Liberal association will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the board of trade rooms. Matters of considerable moment will come before the meeting and a large attendance is expected.