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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Dominion government has never heard any complaints about the British Columbia Southern charter. When 1500 men assembled in pursuit of a hotly contested election, adjourn all business to listen eagerly to speeches on an entirely different subject to that which called them there, and pass unanimously a very strong resolution, surely that is a tolerably strong complaint.

The election is ever. And the specters of controversy, which did duty for real live issues, have disappeared like mists before the rising sun. It is a pity the sun has risen on Mr. Scott and not on Mr. Lalonde, so at least think the supporters of Mr. Lalonde. But the supporters of Mr. Scott think differenty. Mr. Scott has his opponents in the late contest at a serious disadvantage a disadvantage which as good citizens of the town they can only hope he will push to the uttermost limit. He has been successful at the polls. Let him, by the capable and honest administratin of his office, win a victory through the reason over the sympathies of his opponents and he will have recorded the only triumph worth possessing.

The new council is made up of thoroughly good men for the position. Rossland possesses a board of aldermen who will be swayed neither hither nor thither in the execution of their duty, and who can be relied on to further the best interests of the city. Out of the ten candidates four could not be elected. That is merely mathematics. All the candidates received a large vote. Some worked harder than others. Some, perhaps, had a larger circle of friends. But none of them have any reason to regret that they stood among the ten picked men of Rossland, even if they did not find a place in the choicer lot of six.

EITHER the parliamentary reports of the proceedings at Victoria are very neagre, indeed, or else the opposition is a very feeble body. Is it possible that with the record of the Turner government to attack the only point on which to found a vote of censure was the absence of additional taxation on mines? It is strongly to be suspected, however, that what the opposition was hammering at was the exemption of coal mines on the island from taxation.

The railway bill of the provincial government is simply a bill to raise \$2,500,000 of a corruption fund for the purposes of the next election. It provides for the expenditure of about one million and a half on three railways. The other million is provided for on the same principle that a man who owes a debt of \$350 borrows \$500 from a bank to pay it. He is left with a balance of \$150 to his credit. It is on this principle that the treasury balances of British Columbia have always been constructed. The money is to be expended in the old way on a ruinous public work expenditure on the eve of an election. But the people of this province have been bought with their own money for the last time.

BEFORE the next provincial election a redistribution bill must be brought in which will relieve the mining districts from their practical disfranchisement. J. M. Kellie does not represent, and makes no pretence to represent, Trail Creek. Representation we must have. And no gerrymandering will be alie to save a single West Kootenay constituency for the government.

In a letter to the Rossland Miner J. W. Haskins makes a point in connection with the Orphan Boy swindle. He says in effect that Whitney swindled the company as much as the public, or more. The company, we learn from its president, is financially stranded on account of its secretary's nefarious operations, and the development work has been largely paid for by the president's private means. If Haskins could only state a business proposition without mixing up with it a lot of irrelevant matter, more or less personally abusive, he would better serve his own interests. Nobody is pressing the Orphan Boy company for money. In order, however, to restore their credit they should make good the fraudulent stock and also acknowledge the advertising debts, incurred by the company through their secretary. The company owes THE REVIEW a debt of this kind. This debt, when presented for payment, was not repudiated by the company. The company is in a peck of troubles. But if it has a good property it will get out of them. And Mr. Haskins would have the sympathy and support of the public under the swindle that has been put upon him if he would only act like a min of common sense,

LOST MINES.

It might be thought that a silver mine was altogether too considerable an item to be mislaid or lost, but experience has show that such losses have not only been of frequent occurrence, but the missing mines have often been found again--picked up, as it were, by fortunate passers-by. For hundreds of years the silver mines of Mexico were worked at great profit by rude methods, and many of the richest of these mines were lost or abandoned by the Mexicans on account of the frequent raids of the Apache Indians. Many years frequently elapsed before the owners dared to return to look after their property, and when they did they often found all traces of them obliterated either by earthquakes, cloudbursts or some other natural cause.

Local tradition records that over one hundred years ago two deserters from the Mexican army, upon being followed and brought back to their regiment, presented their captain with a very large piece of solid silver, found by them in the mountains. He relieved them of all punishment upon their showing him the place where it was found. The entire regiment was sent to work to dig native silver, which was tound in pieces varying in weight from 2½ to 150 pounds. As usual the Apaches bounded down upon them and killed nearly all, and although the records of the government were as precise as possible as to location, it has never yet been found.

Another famous mine, the Tumacescovi, which the records of the church show produced millions in silver bullion, has never been found, although the search has been kept up almost steadily for the past fifty years. The ore was brought from the mine by the friendly Indians who were employed by the Jesuit fathers to the Tumacescovi mission in the Santa Cruz valley, where it was rudely worked. The Apaches were very troublesome, and upon several occasions murdered the entire force at the mine. Orders were given by the fathers to fill up the shaft ten feet below the surface. This was done by placing logs at that distance below the ground level and filling up with refuse. This lost mine will prove a find for some lucky prospector some day.—Argus.

W. H. Lancaster has just returned from the Slocan where there is great activity and the promise of more during the summer. Snowslides have been frequent and lives have been lost this spring.

APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the expiration of thirty days if from date hereof the undersigned intends applying to the stipendiary magistrate for West Kootenay District for a licenso to sell liquor by retai, on the premises known as Barney's ranch, at Barney, situated at the intersection of the Dewdney trained the Northport wagon road, five miles from the town o Rossland.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1897.

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MARKET REPORT.

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Butte Gold Copper Beaver	1,000,000 750,000	1 00	0334
Big ChiefBritCanadian Goldfields	1,000,000	1 00	40
B. C. Gold KingBluebird	1,000,000	1 00	10
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Palo AltoPure Gold	1,000,000	1 00	61/2
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