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CANADIAN FORESTRY.

The Miner is in receipt of the report of the third annual meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association. It embraces the work of the association in every province of the Dominion, and makes a book of 128 pages of most interesting reading matter.

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Time will surely demonstrate that the great bodies of standing timber from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the 49th parallel to the arctic circle is one of the richest blessings we have. Nothing ranks above it in importance.

We are told that the trees were God's first temples. In their grateful shade and beneath their bending foliage the ancient Druids met to worship God, and the peoples of all times and in all climates have associated the presence of trees with something like the image of God.

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had havoc with these monuments, that have withstood the elements of nature for hundreds, probably thousands of years. We are even told that the great sugar pine forests in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in that State seem doomed to destruction.

People are turning their attention north, and syndicates are buying up all the timber lands they can. Puget Sound and British Columbia is the mecca for these people, for here lie the great timber reserves of the people.

We started out simply to say a good word for the Canadian Forestry Association and to wish it pot-luck, and if need be to say that we were willing to give it a helping hand.

Shades of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza! Are we going back to the Middle Ages, when chivalry and knight errantry filled the thoughts of the people, and all wrongs or imaginary wrongs were righted with bow or spear?

But, really, this dueling business is the relic of a bygone period. Cervantes made the world laugh in creating the two characters of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, and describing their chivalrous exploits with many imaginary foes.

The people on this continent haven't got time to practice much with the sword, but with the pistol they are some pumpkins. Perhaps sometimes they use it too frequently.

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man is entitled to the expression of his opinion, and it should give no offence if one chooses to differ from his neighbor.

The question will probably be left over to the later meeting to be held in Nelson next week, when all the mine operators in the Kootenays will get together and discuss the silver-lead question from a non-partisan view.

THE MICHEL STRIKE SETTLED.

As told by our special yesterday morning the strike at Michel has been settled and the coal miners have returned to work. This is good news, hailed with delight by all classes.

THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

The Knights of Labor, a few years ago the most powerful labor organization on this continent, seems to be going into bankruptcy. It has fallen from its high estate.

The Federation of Labor, which has just closed its annual convention at New Orleans, may be said to be standing on the brink.

MR. KIRBY'S PAPER.

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PRIOR'S OPPORTUNITY.

The expected resignation of Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir as premier of British Columbia, has at last taken place, and Colonel Prior has been summoned by the lieutenant-governor to form a cabinet.

Colonel Prior has now an excellent opportunity to demonstrate to the people of British Columbia what an energetic and capable government can do to remedy several evils which are at the present time affecting the most important industry of the province.

Many mine managers in this section have at different times expressed the opinion that if the legislature at Victoria would meet and adjourn for twenty years the mining industry would go ahead by leaps and bounds.

CANADA'S RESOURCES.

Canada is receiving more advertising in British Columbia papers at the present time than ever before in its history. The old opinion of the Britisher that this country was a land of ice and snow with exports of furs and fish only, is being gradually dispelled.

LONG-LIVED MINES.

The Empire mine, Grass Valley, California, has been a continuous gold-yielder for fifty-two years. The Sierra Buttes mine, 12 miles above Downieville, is another mine that has been worked continuously for about the same period.

Instead of proceeding with the consideration of this resolution, the chairman adopted the singular course of calling for any other resolutions which any body might desire to bring before the meeting.

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to pass through the mill, hence we hear of long-lived mines, still yielding riches for their owners.

If free-milling gold quartz propositions have been worked in California for 52 years and still show no signs of giving out, what can we expect of the immense gold, copper, silver, lead and zinc deposits of the Kootenays?

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THE MEETING AT NELSON.

The Miner's brief telegraphic account of what transpired at the meeting in Nelson on Monday fails to convey more than a bare outline of a singularly interesting gathering.

Among the few gentlemen from Rossland who attended the meeting were Messrs. Smith Curtis, E. B. Kirby, A. C. Galt, Alfred Dyer and Henry Roy.

One would suppose that such ungrateful conduct would have met with the punishment it deserved, and that the intended relief would have been withheld.

The first resolution laid before the meeting was intended to secure relief from this general burden. The resolution was moved by A. C. Galt of Rossland, seconded by Captain Duncan of Nelson.

It has been intimated that the Nelson board of trade is open to conviction. So is John Houston. He had printed in large capitals in the Tribune of last Saturday the words "Pitting Mining Supplies on Free List Would Be of No Material Advantage."

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Now, as we have said, good reasons exist for the belief that the Dominion government is almost bound to listen to an appeal based on the lines of Mr. Galt's resolution.

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Bearing these principles in mind, which are recognized the world over, except in Nelson, readers of The Miner will be prepared to appreciate the humor in Mr. Campbell's resolution.

FALCONIO ON

High dignitaries of a country are usually of a certain age and are therefore frequent to give unbiased opinion.

"I must confess that here I had no very high opinion of the country, and in the opinion of the people."

"Whereas, it is desirable in the interests of the silver-lead mining industry of British Columbia that the duties on pig lead and the products thereof imposed by the Dominion should be increased."

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A CHARGE

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