THE STOCK MARKET

The Sales Last Week Were Fairly Large.

WERE SOME SMALL FLURRIES

As Soon as the Elections and the War are Over a Better Market is Promised—Winnipeg, White Bear and Giant the Lively Movers.

The stock market during the past week was more active than it has been for months. This was principally because of increased dealing in Winnipeg, Giant and White Bear. There is now another cause ascribed for an extension of the period of quietude in the stock market and brokers say that the provincial elections all over Canada are absorbing the attention of the public, and that, therefore, there will not be much business until after June 9. Then the contests for seats in the several provincial parliaments will be over. Then, too, it is anticipated that the war in South Africa will be over and so very close to that point that it will have a favorable effect on the stock market. The banks should ease up some, and money should be easy and there should come an era of advancing prices with plenty of transactions in the stock market. The way that matters are trending cannot now, it is claimed, fail to produce a decided change for the better.

The sales for the past week by days were as follows: Thursday, 24,500; Friday, 11,500; Saturday, 20,500; Monday, 18,500; Tuesday, 45,500; Wednesday, 44,500.

This is against 65,500 for the preceding week, or a gain of 99,500 shares.

Brandon & Golden Crown is quoted on the local board at 22 asked and 18 1-4 bid. There is not much trading in this stock, although it is anticipated now that the spur has been completed to the mine, and that soon the intention is to ship considerable ore that there should before long be a considerable movement in the stock.

Canadian Gold Fields is quoted at 7 asked, and 5 1-2 bid. There is not much doing in this stock but it is very firmly held.

Cariboo (Camp McKinney) is holding its own very well, and on the local board 95 is asked for it and 85 bid. The Cariboo mill continues to grind out its dividends regularly and there came a despatch on Tuesday which stated that Mr. George B. McAulav had left Camp McKinney with two gold bricks from the last clean-up, valued at about $20,000.

On the board 7 1-2 is asked for Deer Trail and 6 1-2 bid. It is understood that the company will in a short time declare another dividend. The slowness at which this stock is selling is something which brokers cannot understand, and it does seem strange when it is considered that the Deer Trail company has paid about 20 dividends of a quarter of a cent each.

Evening Star is a shade lower than it has been, and on the board 7 1-2 is bid for it. The Evening Star is looking exceedingly well, and now that machinery is being used the development will proceed with much more rapidity than ever before.

Giant is stronger on the statement that the control had been purchased by a syndicate. On the board yesterday there were 3,500 sold for from 3 1-4 to 3 1-2.

Iron Mask is a little weaker than it has been and 42 is asked and 35 bid.

There is nothing doing in Iron Colt, and 5 is asked and 2 bid for it.

King is quiet and on the board 10 is asked for it. Mountain Lion has been selling for from 88 to 89 and is in fair demand. Most of the sales were made in Spokane.

Noble Five is advancing and 6 1-2 is asked for it and 5 1-2 bid. A short time since it was selling for 3 cents.

Old Ironsides is not moving much, and 80 is asked for it on the board. Rambler-Cariboo is not moving a great deal, and 28 is asked for it and 25 bid. It will be a considerable time before the Rambler-Cariboo company will resume the payment of dividends. In the meanwhile the property of the company is being developed on a comprehensive scale.

The proposed reorganization of Tamarack had a very bad effect on its stock shares, and they are not moving much. Yesterday 4 1-2 was asked for them and 3 3-4 bid.

Waterloo is fairly firm, and on the board 5 3-4 is asked and 5 bid for it.

White Bear has been very active during the past few days, and 40,000 or 50,000 changed hands. On the board yesterday there were 15,000 sold for 2 to 2 1-8. The flurry is caused by the favorable report made by Mr. Nicholas Tregear, the well-known mining man.

Winnipeg has been the liveliest mover of the week, and one broker reports that he sold 97,500 shares in the last few days at from 13 to 14 cents. There were 26,000 sold on the board yesterday at 14 cents. The cause of the increased dealings in this stock are the reorginazation of the company and the resumption of work on its property, coupled with the known merits of the mine.

SALES.

Thursday's Sales.

Rathmullen, 500, 500 at 2 1-4c.; Winnipeg, 1,000, 1,500, 1,000 at 13c.; Brandon, 5,000 at 22c.; Peoria, 10,000 at 1-2c.; Giant, 5,000 at 2c.

Friday's Sales.

Winnipeg 2,000 at 13 1-4, 1,000 at 13 3-4, 2,000 at 13,; Tamarac 1,000 at 4 3-4, 1,000 at 4 3-4; Rathmullen 500 at 2 1-4; Mountain Lion 500 at 89; Deer Trail 1,000 at 2; Giant 2,500 at 2.

Saturday's Sales.

Giant 5,000 at 2 1-2, 5,000 at 2 1-2, 10,000 at 3; Winnipeg 500 at 13 1-2.

There Was Quite a Run on Giant Yes-Monday's Sales.

Giant, 500 at 3 1-4c., 2000 at 3c.; Rathmullen, 1000 at 2c.; Winnipeg, 2000 at 13 1-4c., 1000 at 13 1-2c., 1000 at 13 1-2c., 1000 at 13 1-2c., 1000 at 13 1-2c., 1000 at 13 1-2c., 1000 at 13 1-2c., 1000 at 14c., 1000 at 14c., 1000 at 14c.; Peoria, 1000 at 1 1-2c., 1500 at 1 1-2c.; Novelty, 2500 at 2c.

Tuesday's Sales.

White Bear, 10,000 at 2 1-4c.; Tamarac, 500, 500, 500 at 4 1-4c.; Giant, 1,000 at 3 1-2c.; Winnipeg, 5,000, 5,000, 1,000, 1,000, 1,000, 1,000, 1,000, 1,000, 2,500, 2,500, 5,000 at 14c., 5,000 at 14 1-2c.; Novelty 2,000 at 2c.

Wednesday's Sales.

Winnipeg 5,000 at 14, 5,000 at 14, 5,000 at 14, 5,000 at 14, 1,000 at 14, 1,000 at 14, 1,000 at 14, 1,000 at 14, 1,000 at 14, 1,000 at 14, 1,000 at 14; White Bear 5,000 at 2 1-8, 5,000 at 2 1-8, 5,000 at 2; Giant 2,000 at 3 1-4, 500 at 3 1-4, 1,000 at 3 1-2.

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

	ASKED	BID
Athabasca	28	22
B. C. Gold Fields	3½	3½
Big Three	5	8½
Brandon & Golden Crown	22	18¼
Canadian Gold Fields	7	5½
Cariboo (Camp McKinney)	95	85
Crows Nest Pass Coal	$38 00	$35 00
Deer Trail No 2	7½	6½
Deer Park, new	2	
Dundee	15	11
Evening Star	8¼	7½
Fairmont		
Giant	3½	3¼
Homestake [assess. paid]	3	1
Iron Mask	42	35
Iron Colt		2
I. X. L.	17	
Iron Horse		
Jim Blaine	17	
Jumbo	28	20
King (Oro Denoro)	1	8¾
Knob Hill	58	50
Lone Pine	17½	15
Minnehaha	4	2
Monte Christo	5	3½
Montreal Gold Fields	4	2½
Morrison	3½	2
Mountain Lion	89	80
Noble Five	8½	5½
Northern Belle	3½	2
Novelty	2½	1½
Okanogan [assess. paid]	2½	1½
Old Ironsides	80	75
Palmer Mountain	21	16
Peoria Mines	3	1½
Princess Maud	5	3
Rambler-Cariboo	28	25
Rathmullen	1¾	¼
Republic	$1 03	97
St. Elmo Consolidated	4½	1½
Smuggler	1¾	
Tamarac (Kenneth)	4½	3¾
Trail Creek Hidden Treasure	3½	
Van Anda	4	3
Victory-Triumph	3	1¾
Virginia	4	2
War Eagle Consolidated	$1 55	$1 47
Waterloo	6	5
White Bear	2½	2
Winnipeg	16½	14
Wonderful	4	

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Working in the Tammany Group.

Mr. Hector McPherson has returned from the Burnt Basin section, where he has been for the past two weeks arranging for the starting of work on the Tammany group. Mr. McPherson stated that he is a firm believer in the future of the Burnt Basin section, and thinks it is destined to become a producer of large quantities of ore. The Tammany group consists of four claims and four fractions. For the past two weeks the work has been confined to the constructing of a blacksmith shop, bunk house and boarding house. These are finished, and a force of four men is engaged in developing one of the larger ledges of which there are some ten on the property. The four claims and four fractions have been surveyed and a crown grant applied for. Mr. McPherson reports that the Mother Lode, the Unexpected, the Contact, the Avon and the Mystery are all looking well. There are a large number of men at work in the Burnt Basin, and it is anticipated that some good showings of ore will be made during the year. There will not be much ore shipped this year, but next year should see a large output.

A Find on the Avon.

Word was received yesterday from Foreman Sinclair, of the Avon property in the Burnt Basin section, which stated that a ledge of shipping ore had just been found in a new place on the property. It is from seven to eight feet in width. Sinking has been commenced on the new find. The tunnel is in for a distance of 150 feet, and work upon it continues.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

J. H. Turner Accuses Gov. McInnes of Dismissing Him For Private Reasons.

Victoria, B. C., May 22.—(Special.)—While addressing a public meeting here, J. H. Turner created a sensation by making serious charges against Governor McInnes. Referring to the statement of W. W. B. McInnes that Turner and his "myrmidons" had solicited him to take a position in the government, Turner felt astonished at this remark, and had gone to Mr. McInnes and the chairman and stated that Mr. McInnes' remarks were false. He had witnesses to prove that McInnes had come down to his office to make arrangements to get into the government and to bring over two supporters to Mr. Turner.

Turner then related the circumstances of Private Secretary McInnes' visit to him at the finance department in connection with the effort to get his brother into the government. He had asked Mr. Turner: "Have you had a letter from the Governor?" "Yes," said Mr. Turner. "I wrote," replied the private secretary, "but there is a way out of the difficulty." McInnes then went on to make the offer of his brother's support. Turner, in order to make sure that he would have witnesses, proposed a meeting in town, and said: "I would like him to call at my office in town," and on going to town he had made arrangements with his bookkeeper to be present. This was the witness which Mr. Turner could produce at any time. During the conversation Turner asked for the names of the supporters whom he was to bring over. McInnes withdrew, promising to see his friends and call again. A day later he called and said that he would not give any names, but thought he could in a few more days give the names required. Next day a letter of dismissal was received from the Governor.

VICTORIA NEWS.

Placer Strike at Bristol Bay, Alaska—Fenians Expected at the Capital.

Victoria, B. C., May 22.—Passengers on the steamer Alpha bound for Cape Nome, write that they learned at Dutch Harbor of a rich placer strike on the beach at Bristol Bay, Alaska.

In making a request to the celebration committee not to hold the fireworks display near the military barracks, Admiral Beaumont said he had been warned that Fenian or Boer sympathizers were on their way here to do some damage during th celebration of the Queen's Birthday. As a result the guards have been doubled on the forts and at the navy yard.

AT GRAND FORKS.

Governor Mackintosh Is Accorded an Enthusiastic Reception.

Grand Forks, B. C., May 18.—(Special.)—The enthusiastic reception accorded yesterday to Governor Mackintosh is the absorbing theme of conversation here. He has made hundreds of friends, and has already done much to dispel the illusions so insidiously circulated by the Martinites. The governor discussed the issues of the campaign at the Yale last evening. Those present included every representative business man of the community. Addresses were delivered by Mayor Lloyd Manly, Colonel Heywood, Charles Cumings, J. W. McLaughlin, H. N. Galer, T. W. Holland, James Jarrell, R. E. Nesbet, L. P. Eckstein and several others. A noteworthy feature was the declaration of Mr. Eckstein, an ardent Liberal, who, while endorsing the principles of liberalism, declared that any Liberal worthy of the name should co-operate at this critical juncture in the history of the province in giving the quietus to Martinism and all that it implies.

Mr. Mackintosh visited Columbia today, and his reception there was equally enthusiastic with that accorded him here.

In company with Mayor Lloyd A. Manly he also visited the Grand Forks smelter. The organization of the various committees was completed this evening. The Governor will address a public meeting here on Saturday evening. Speaking to your correspondent today, Mr. Mackintosh said: "I am gratified at the cordiality of my reception. During my short stay here the assurances of the working miners and the business men convince me that the cause of good government will be triumphant at the polls on the 9th of June. Continuing, the Governor repudiated as a base slander the statement so industriously circulated to the effect that he was in the pay of the Canadian Pacific railway and of the Dunsmuirs. He was independent of both and will remain so. At no stage had he courted, or sought their support. The Governor added that he looked forward with pleasure to the opportunity which will shortly be afforded him of stating his views on the main issues of the campaign.

In conclusion Mr. Mackintosh declared himself as vigorously opposed to corporate rule of any kind. He considered that his political career spoke for itself.

Mr. Mackintosh has decided views respecting the necessity for independent representation for the Boundary country in the provincial legislature. After the elections he purposes carrying out his statesmanlike policy in its entirety.

Mines Resuming Work.

GreenWood, B. C., May 19.—(Special.)—Not for many weeks has the outlook for the many camps in the Boundary district been so promising. The announcement that T. L. Greenough and his associates will open up the Great Hopes claim in Deadwood camp, on a large scale; that the Morrison mine will start again on the first of June; that the Winnipeg is again running full blast; that an early resumption of work on the Dominion Copper companies properties in both Greenwood and Summit camp is an assured fact, has stirred things here to a pleasant degree. The resumption of work on these properties means a largely increased pay-roll in the district and greater prosperity than at any time heretofore.

Dominion Copper Company to Resume.

Greenwood, B. C., May 19.—(Special.)—On the authority of a party just returned from Montreal, it is stated that the properties of the Dominion Copper company will again be working the first week in June. The company owns the Stemwinder, Rawhide, Brooklyn and Idaho properties in Greenwood camp. Mann & Mackenzie, the wealthy eastern railroad contractors, are the largest holders. The informant also said that the Emma mine in Summit camp, would resume within six weeks.

Greenwood Rejoices.

Greenwood, B. C., May 19.—(Special.)—Mafeking's relief was the occasion for considerable rejoicing here. A royal salute of 21 explosions told the city and the surrounding camps of the glad tidings.

An Elopement.

Greenwood, B. C., May 18.—(Special.). Edward Brown, a miner of Phoenix, and Mrs. Mary Ball, wife of a hotel man at Hartford Junction, have eloped and are now believed to be in Rossland. From Provincial Constable Dalaugh, of Phoenix, it was learned that Brown had been hanging around for some time at Mr. Ball's hotel, that he borrowed money from him on the pretext of doing some assessment work on his claims and then decamped with Mrs. Ball and her little boy and girl.

THE LIQUOR LICENSE.

A Statement by Premier Martin Will Have Serious Consequences.

Victoria, B. C., May 21.—(Special.)—Premier Martin stated at the Colwood meeting this afternoon that since the disallowance of the liquor license act there is no liquor law in British Columbia, and anyone can sell liquor. Those who have paid their licenses will have their money refunded.

MARTIN IN VANCOUVER.

Met by a Brass Band, a Donkey and a Clown—The Mass Meeting.

Vancouver, B. C., May 17.—Martin returned from his campaign in the interior today and was met by a brass band and a long procession, which was led by a man dressed as a clown bestriding a donkey. Martin declared at the monster meeting tonight that the Conservatives paid for the donkey's attendance, and stated that the disguised man bestriding the donkey was no one else than the editor of the Province. He said his political enemies were fittingly represented at his reception.

At the meeting held tonight Mr. Martin was well received by a very large crowd. He promised to hold the V. V. & E. railway, and said that he would send a minister to London to confer with the imperial authorities on the money question if returned to power, and he repeaaed that he would re-enact anti-Mongolian legislation as often as disallowed.

Martin at Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., May 17.—Premier Martin received a reception on his arrival today from a tour of the interior. A procession of carriages, headed by the city band, paraded from the station to the committee rooms, where the premier delivered a short address. Many candidates from other constituencies participated in the reception and took part in tonight's public meeting which was addressed by Premier Martin, D. G. MacDonnel and others.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

An Ovation Accorded on His Birthday to the Leader of the Opposition.

Ottawa, May 22.—(Special.)—The proceedings in the House of Commons at the opening stage today were rather of an unique and pleasing character. On the desk in front of the seat of the leader of the opposition, was a basket of roses. It was placed there on account of the day being the 45th anniversary of the entrance of Sir Charles Tupper into public life. As soon as Sir Charles entered the House he was greeted with applause, which was given as heartily and freely from the government as from the opposition side. The leader of the House, Sir W. Laurier, joined in the demonstration, and a number of Liberal members called on Sir Charles to give a speech. A few minutes later, when the order of the day was called, the leader of the opposition acceded to this request. Sir Charles, after referring to his long career in public life, said he would like to retire, but would not do so until after the next general election. Laurier replied, congratulating the leader of the opposition on his long, and in many respects, useful career, as being identified with the leading affairs of the country, particularly confederation, and concluded by wishing Sir Charles long life in the Canadian parliament in opposition.

DIED AT LOS ANGELES.

Mr. George Sherman Succumbs to an Attack of Consumption.

Mr. H. Daniels, secretary of the local Aerie of Eagles, received word by wire last evening from Los Angeles, California, informing him of the sudden death, from consumption, of Mr. George Sherman, late of this city. Mr. Sherman was a pioneer of this camp, having come here in 1895. He was well and favorably known to most of the residents and popular with all. He had travelled a great deal during his life time, and his friends were legion. Deceased had been in poor health for some months past, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles of this city, of which he was a member, sent him to California, on May 1st of this year, in hopes of his ultimate recovery, but the long trip seemed to have weakened him, and he succumbed late last night among friends at the Hollenbeck Hotel. The local Eagles immediately wired to friends of the deceased in Los Angeles to look after the remains, and to take full charge of the funeral services there, where he will be buried temporarily, under the auspices of the Eagles. Mr. Sherman was about 37 years of age and a native of Wingham, Ont., where his aged mother and a brother still reside, and who have been informed of the sudden death. Deceased leaves many friends in Rossland to mourn his untimely loss.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

A Fine Program of Sports Has Been Arranged—A General Holiday.

The sports at the baseball park on the Queen's Birthday promise to be well attended, as they will be first-class in every particular none who visit the grounds on the 24th and 25th, Thursday and Friday, should be disappointed. The team which is coming from Spokane is a first-class one. It is from Blair's business college and is made up of as good players as can be found in the Falls City and will give the Rossland club a hard tussle. The bicycle races, running races, for men, women, girls and boys and the baseball throwing and other sports will make up a program which will be hard to beat.

The Queen's Birthday is a legal holiday all over the Dominion and the banks and business houses generally will be closed. The mines, as usual, it is presumed, will be shut down and the employes given an opportunity to enter heartily into the sports of the day.

Admission to the baseball grounds has been fixed at 25 cents for gentlemen; ladies are admitted free, but if they wish to take seats in the grand stand 25 cents will be charged.

THE SUPREME COURT.

Cases Disposed of Yesterday—Suits Pending for Today.

The first case before Mr. Justice Drake yesterday was that of Cranston et al vs. the English Canadian company, limited, in which W. J. Whiteside appeared for the plaintiff and A. C. Galt for the defendant. The plaintiff's claim was that they were the owners of all the mineral lands within the limits of the Union Maid mineral claim and others and sought for possession thereof. Judgment was reserved.

The case of W. R. Reid of Revelstoke vs Charlotte Reid, his wife with co-respondents Michael Piere and Dr. Jolly, praying for a divorce, was adjourned sine die as no person appeared to answer in the matter.

L. Macdonald vs. the Rathmullen company for wood cut to the value of $780 was settled in favor of the plaintiff.

Walker vs. l'Ecuyer, two actions consolidated into one. In this the petition was for the recovery of certain lands. Judgment was entered for the plaintiff.

The cases of Rummelmeier and John Powers vs. Hon. Smith Curtis and J. E. Poupore on the ownership of some mineral claims, in which W. H. MacNeill appeared for the plaintiff and J. L. G. Abbott for the defence, was adjourned until the end of the session. The defence sought an adjournmnt to a later date owing to the present election occupying much of the time of the Minister of Mines.

ROUND THE WORLD.

The Porte has agreed to an extension of the French Damascus railway.

According to advices from Seoul, the Korean government refuses to accede to the American request for three mining concessions.

The New Panama Canal company announces that the Colombian government has extended to Oct. 31, 1910, the time fixed for the completion of the work.

The Burmo-Chinese boundary has been settled to about as far as longitude 99 degrees 15 minutes, beyond which it is still in dispute. A settlement is, however, expected.

The quantity of grain awaiting shipment at Lyttelton, New Zealand, is exceedingly large. In the legislative assembly at Auckland, Mr. J. H. Witteford, the government candidate, has been returned by a majority of 1,100.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York on the 1st inst., pronounced their opinions on cases raising the question of the reservation of the Sacrament. The Archbishops decided that the Church of England did not at present allow reservation in any form.

The interest in trade and commerce with which the Austrian official world has latterly been inspired is again manifested in the mission entrusted to the Austro-Hungarian corvette Donau, which will shortly start on a voyage to South America, estimated to occupy about 12 months.

The effective strength of non-commissioned officers and men of the British forces in India on the dates mentioned was as follows: January 1, 1896, 70,615; January 1, 1897, 70,400; January 1, 1898, 67,808; January 1, 1899, 68,578; January 1, 1900, 62,220.

Reports from Macao state that the prosecution of Cheng Lin Shan, the reformer, is proceeding. He is charged with the embezzlement of £38,000 belonging to the funds of the Chinese Telegraph Administration. The case was conducted in camera. It is reported that Cheng Lin Shan admits the embezzlement. Sheng Taotai, director of telegraphs, is apparently only anxious to obtain the money, being himself responsible for it to the throne. It is believed that if he is successful further proceedings will be dropped.

Ismail Kemal Bey, who was lately appointed Vali of Tripoli, Barbary, being convinced that foul play awaited him there, has refused the appointment, and has obtained permission to retire to Europe with his three sons. It was on board the British embassy despatch vessel that he found refuge from arrest in the meanwhile. Ismail is an upright, enlightened and educated man, greatly respected by his co-religionists throughout the empire, over whom he exercises a powerful influence. He is no revolutionist, and has always been loyal, but the Sultan took offence at his outspoken advocacy of administrative reform.

A NOTE OF WARNING.

Editor Miner: In the hurly-burly of politics I notice that there is one point highly important to men who are not politicians which has apparently been overlooked in the present contest, and which particularly affects this riding. It is clear that there is no chance that the hon. Joseph Martin will secure the majority in the house of representatives. This is admitted by everyone. All he hopes in this campaign is to force the Liberal party to accept him as leader in provincial politics. But in the meantime what will be the composition of the next house? Those who object to party lines will be in a majority; but they will be divided, according to the sections from which they are elected. A strong delegation from the upper country would probably be a reconciling element between the two factions on the island and on the mainland, and be able to eliminate from the actions of the government the undesirable sectionalism of both parties and also prevent the dictation of Dunsmuir, or the New Vanconver Coal company, or the C. P. R., or any other corporation or individual.

At the outside, the Martinites, I would not dignify them with the name of a party, will have 10 representatives in the house. Apart from the question whether this riding is going to put its representation at the service of Mr. Martin's personal ambition by electing one of a small minority, there is a purely local consideration which affects Rossland as a business centre, and also the Boundary towns, though in a lesser degree. It is this: Mr. John Houstan is contesting the Nelson riding, and will infallibly be elected. He is a man of great force of character, and will make a useful and strong representative, and whether in the cabinet or not, will have a very strong influence in the councils of the next governments. Mr. Houston's one policy during the last 10 years has been to make the whole mining business of the Kootenays subservient to the upbuilding of Nelson. This is very right and laudable from his point of view, and with the legitimate prosperity and advancement of Nelson Rossland is in full sympathy. But can the business interests of Rossland afford to be unrepresented when the business interests of Nelson are represented by so indefatigable and tireless a champion as its worthy mayor? We cannot afford to tie Rossland to the tail of the Martin kite. We cannot afford to give Martin our assistance, to centre our interests round his law office in Vancouver. Does it occur to the liberal merchants of Rossland that party loyalty, as interpreted by the followers of Joseph Martin, not, I am thankful to say, by the Liberal party, is going to react against the development of the town in which they live and do business? If not, they had better accept a word of warning from

ONE OF THEM.

Rossland, B. C., May 19.

Fraudulent Misappropriation.

Rutland, Vt., May 23.—Charles W. Mussey pleaded guilty before Judge Wheeler in the United States district court this afternoon to an indictment charging him with embezzlement and misappropriating the funds of the Merchants Bank of Rutland, of which he was cashier, and was sentenced to seven years imprisonment. John C. Farrar, the former cashier of the Waterbury National Bank, also pleaded guilty to abstracting $40,000 of the funds of that institution, and was given a term of six years.

A FIND OF FREE GOLD

A Big Ledge has Been Located on O. K. Mountain.

WAS FOUND BY MR. W. J. PASCOE

Mr. Hector McPherson has Returned From Burnt Basin Where He has Started Work on the Tammany Gooup—A Surface Find on the Avon.

A discovery which promises to be important has just been made on the side of O. K. mountain. It is a find of free gold. W. J. Pascoe has owned the Pascoe claim there for the past year, and has put in his spare time for some months past in endeavoring to locate the ledge upon it. The claim is near the top of the mountain. He finally has done so, and has found what is either a very wide ledge or a series of ledges. He thinks, however, that it is one large ledge, and that it is the mother ledge of the mountain. Mr. Pascoe broke off a piece of the ledge and brought it to this city with him. It carries considerable free gold, which is visible to the naked eye. The ore is similar in appearance to that found in the O. K. and the I. X. L. It is a quartz carrying free gold. Mr. Pascoe intends to further prospect the find by means of open cuts in order to demonstrate the width of the ledge and so that he may know which is the best place to sink a shaft. On O. K. mountain are found conditions quite different from any other in the camp, there being regular fissure vains with a quartz gangue containing free gold, and also a good percentage sulphurets, such as iron and copper sulphides and galena, the country rock being a fine-grained, eruptive rock.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

The Diners and Dinner Guests in the Imperial Banquets.

London, May 23.—The Queen's birthday and the ministerial banquets took place this evening. The Marquis of Salisbury was entertained at Hotel Cecil. His guests included King Oscar of Sweden and Norway, the Prince of Wales, the United States ambassador, Mr. Joseph H. Choate, and other diplomats.

The guests of the secretary of state of the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, at the colonial office included the Canadian high commissioner, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, and the Australian federation delegates. The party entertained by the First Lord of the Treasury and government leader in the house of commons, Mr. A. J. Balfour, at Downing street, was mainly composed of ministers and members of the house of commons.

One thousand three hundred guests, including those who attended the official banquets, were present this evening at the Duchess of Devonshire's reception.

LIFE IN PRETORIA.

High Prices Paid For Everything—Economy Practiced.

Washington, May 23.—Latest reports to the state department from Pretoria show that prices are soaring in that capital. Cap hire ranges from $2.50 per hour upward, and can scarcely be had at any figure. Economy is universally observed from the highest officials down. The foreign representatives at the capital find that their salaries are totaly insufficient to meet the ordinary expenses of living. A feverish activity prevails.

The United States consulate is overtaxed. Seven thousand letters were received in one week to be forwarded. Many small sums of money had to be disbursed among the British prisoners of war, and altogether the United States consul with his single assistant is fully employed

U. S. Extradition Bill.

Washington, D. C., May 23.—The house today passed without division the extradition bill framed by the judiciary committee, but only after a debate in which considerable political rancor was aroused. There was no division of sentiment as to the duty of congress to pass a bill to permit the extradition of Neely, but Democrats objected to the language of the bill which covered "any foreign country or territory, or part thereof, occupied by the United States." The house also adopted the resolution to allow the committee on ways and means to sit during the recess of congress for the purpose of framing a bill for the reduction of the war revenues and the resolution for a sine die adjournment June 6.

Test of Speed of War Automobile.

The war automobile, of which E. J. Pennington of 20 Fifth avenue is the inventor, was sent out recently into the wilds of Brooklyn for a test run by the company which, it is said, is building the machines for the English government to be used in South Africa. An ordinary automobile went along as an escort. The war machine was furnished with a 30-horse power gasoline motor, which, it is asserted, can drive it 75 miles an hour.

The Flatbush section of Washington avenue was selected for the trial, and the yfiing progress of the machine along that asphalted avenue about 7 o'clock in the evening caused both surprise and awe. Bicycle Policeman Henshaw was startled when the black object flew past him in a cloud of dust and amid the stifling odor of gasoline at the speed of a lightning express train. He started off in hot pursuit, but would have been left hopelessly behind had the machine not been forced to stop at Flatbush and Woodruff avenues by a trolley car. Policeman Henshaw arrested Robert Dickson of 368 West Twenty-third street, the driver of the war automobile, and brought him to the Grant street station, where he was soon released on bail furnished by the man in charge of the accompanying automobile. When arranged before Magistrate Steers in the Grant street court Dickson admitted that he was travelling at high speed.

"Did you have any guns on this vehicle?" asked the judge.

"No, sir."

"Did you have any flag on it?"

"No, sir."

"Well, I guess the government won't object then if we fine you $5."

Dickson paid the fine.