

A NEW PROGRAM

The Lieut.-Governor Announces the Views of His Cabinet.

NO JAPS IN MINES

Allies to Be Prevented From Acquiring Placer Claims.

TORRENS LAND SYSTEM

Working Miners License and Mortgage Tax to Be Abolished—Prospectors to Be Allowed on Railway Grants—Review of the Various Industries—New Westminster Fire—Finances of the Province—Provincial Estimates to Be Economical.

VICTORIA, Jan. 5.—The legislative assembly opened today with the usual ceremonies. A military guard of honor attended the lieutenant-governor, who opened the house, delivering the speech from the throne in person. There were but four absentees, the principal among whom, was ex-Premier Turner, now en route from England.

Election of Speaker.
The first business was the election of speaker. Thomas Forester, member for the Delta, New Westminster district was chosen for the position, Kellie moving and Colonel Baker, acting leader of the opposition, seconding. The performance compared favorably with the ceremonial of former years, although the crowd taxed the accommodation of the house to the utmost. The government has gained another supporter, Alex Henderson of New Westminster, having signified his intention of joining hands with them. This leaves the government, after the election of speaker, with a majority of four. Old parliamentarians express the opinion that this is sufficient to carry on the business, although the enemies of the government prophesy early defeat.

No Japanese Coal Miners
Among the most important pronouncements of the government policy indicated by the speech from the throne is the abolition of the employment of Japanese in coal mines, the reason given that better protection for white laborers is necessary. No doubt there will be a hot debate over the address in reply to the speech.

Ralph Smith, labor representative from the coal mining section of Nanaimo, has been chosen to move its adoption. He is one of the best speakers in the house, and is generally considered a rabid reformer, and will certainly press hard on the intended legislation to prevent the acquisition of mining claims by aliens.

The greatest interest centers in the proposed financial policy of the new government, which will be a radical change from that hitherto pursued.

HIS HONOR'S SPEECH.
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly. In meeting you at the opening of the first session of the eighth parliament of British Columbia it is gratifying to me to be able to congratulate you on the prosperity which has been enjoyed during the past year, and on the prospects for the one on which we are now entering.

In nearly all the leading industries of the province growth and improved conditions are to be observed. The output of the coal mines has largely exceeded that of previous years, and is likely to continue to increase. The development of quartz mines, especially of those in the Kootenay, has been most satisfactory, while a like activity to that which has occurred there, it seems probable, may soon be witnessed in the Boundary Creek district, when, by the completion of the railway now in process of construction, the immense bodies of ore known to exist there can be properly developed.

Mining on the Coast.
On the west coast of the mainland and on the island there is also every probability of considerable mining development shortly taking place. There is also likely to be a large increase within the present year in placer and hydraulic mining. Already some large enterprises of this character have been put in successful operation in Cariboo and upon a smaller scale in the Omineca district, while the recent discoveries at Atlin lake have disclosed deposits of auriferous gravel rich in quality and spread over a large area.

Aliens to Be Barred.
In anticipation of an influx of population into this region my government has already taken steps for the proper administration of the district. In order to conserve the natural wealth in these gold gravels for the benefit of Canadian miners and Canadian traders, a bill will be laid before you prohibiting the acquisition of placer claims by aliens.

Lumber and Fishing.
After some years of depression, the outlook for the lumbering industry appears more favorable, while the enterprise of those engaged in it, has opened new and large markets for the products of our forests. I regret that the past season has not been a good one for the salmon canning industry on the Fraser river, owing to a combination of adverse circumstances, but since our coast wealth is so great, I can but hope that our fisheries may, in the ensuing season, prove as prolific and profitable to those engaged in them as they have been in previous years.

Agricultural Interests.
It is with pleasure that I can refer to the general improvement which has taken place in the condition of our agricultural community. With abundant crops and an ever expanding home market, there is little doubt that in the future, agricultural pursuits will contribute much more largely than heretofore to the wealth of the province.

The New Westminster Fire.
A great calamity visited the city of

New Westminster in the disastrous conflagration of September last. But the energies and courage of her citizens rose to the emergency, and, encouraged by the sympathy and material assistance of people of all parts of Canada they put forth such efforts as have already caused the city to rise from its ashes. You will be asked to pass legislation to put the civic finances on such a stable basis as will maintain the high reputation of the royal city.

Mortgage Tax and Miner's License.
With a view to remove the existing inequalities in the present system of taxation, measures will be submitted to you for remission of that part of the tax of personal property commonly known as the mortgage tax, and for the repeal of the law requiring men working in mines for wages to hold a free miner's certificate.

The Torrens Land System.
Realizing the advantages to be derived from an absolute security in the titles to land, and from an easy and inexpensive system of transfers of real estate titles, my government will lay before you a bill to introduce into this province what is known as the Torrens system of registration under such arrangements as will make its adoption both convenient and advantageous to the owners of property.

In order to open up the public domain for settlement, while securing to the province the full benefit which it would derive from such a valuable asset, you will be asked to sanction certain changes in the land act.

No Japanese Under Ground.
For the better protection of miners in coal mines a bill will be laid before you prohibiting the employment under ground of Japanese in these mines. A bill providing for the inspection of stationary boilers will also be introduced.

Prospecting on Railway Grants.
You will be asked to consider a measure designed to afford to prospectors on lands within the boundaries of the grants to railway companies the same freedom to prospect for the precious metals as is accorded to them on crown lands.

Bills will be introduced amending the supreme court act, and the principal elections act, and the act regulating the issuance of liquor licenses, with the aim of bringing legislation regarding these matters into harmony with the present conditions of the province.

The Finances of the Province.
My government has given much consideration to the present financial position of the province, and to the means

by which important public works can be carried out without imposing undue burdens on the tax payers, and you will be asked to pass legislation to provide for the deficit in the revenue for the last two years, and for obligations incurred under the authority of acts already on the statute books. Also to authorize certain changes in the methods of dealing with the provincial debt and in the management of finances, whereby it is anticipated that both the credit of the province will be enhanced and important economies be effected.

The Provincial Estimates.
The estimates of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing fiscal year will shortly be laid before you and will show that they have been framed with a view to economy, whilst providing liberally for the necessary public services.

I now leave you to your deliberations, believing that under the direction of a divine providence, the result of your labors will be conducive to the interests of the province and to the welfare and happiness of its people.

AROUND WANETA.

A Strong Company Organized to Develop the Red Top.

WANETA, B. C., Jan. 5.—[Special.]—A strong company has been organized by Spokane and Colfax capitalists, with Dr. Sutherland for president and manager, for the purpose of developing the Red Top mine on Red Top mountain near here. Sixty thousand shares were sold on the first day at five cents. A contract has just been let for a tunnel 300 feet long. A few men will also be put to work on other parts of this property.

This is the high grade grey-copper-silver property, which assays from 600 to 1,700 ounces silver.

The ledge is stripped about 50 feet, and shows this high grade ore 14 inches wide.

The Lake View company, operating in this vicinity, took out lately a large quantity of fine ore, but cannot ship until the road is improved.

The White Cap, also on Red Top mountain, has some fine ore on the dump, and to all appearance will soon be a shipper.

The claim owners and prospectors in the Pend d'Orielle section are preparing a petition to the lands and works department, requesting aid for repairs to a wagon road up the river. The government has spent nothing in this section, and what has been done, so far, was by private individuals.

The cold weather continues, thermometer ranging from 10 to 12 below the last two nights.

The Pend d'Orielle river is lower than the "oldest inhabitant" ever knew it, rocks below the bridge showing above water that were never seen before in the memory of the oldest resident.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Twenty-Four New Pupils Have Been Enrolled So Far.

With the opening of the new year there has been a gratifying increase in the scholars at the public schools in Roseland. No fewer than 24 new pupils have been enrolled and these are mostly from Southern California, Illinois and Indiana, and the number is increasing every day. When the old scholars have returned to school there will probably be enough for a new room.

Application is being made to the legislature for an increase in the appropriation so as to employ three new teachers, and J. A. Martin, the member for this district, has every hope of being successful.

New desks have arrived and two rooms in the new building are being fitted up with more and better apparatus, so as to accommodate the increasing number of scholars. When the next fiscal year begins it is hoped that the increased appropriation will be available and the present crowded state of some of the rooms will be a thing of the past by the drafting of some of the scholars into new rooms.

HOT TIME IN OLD TOWN

Moving of the Address Opens Up An Acrimonious Debate.

Colonel Baker, Acting Leader of the Opposition, Says the Government Is a Gubernatorial Monstrousity.

VICTORIA, Jan. 6.—In the legislature today, Colonel Baker called attention to the death of Mr. Neilson, member-elect for East Kootenay, and suggested an adjournment, which Premier Selwin refused, saying that the government had no official knowledge of his death.

Ralph Smith of Nanaimo, moved, and Mr. Munro of Chilliwack, seconded the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

Colonel Baker, acting leader of the opposition, followed, characterizing the government as the creation of one man in contempt of the will of the people—a gubernatorial monstrousity whose creation would be the subject of debate in the legislature and also in the commons. He noted the fact that the premier's private secretary, after resigning to contest Cowichan, and being defeated, had been restored to his office under the government.

With reference to the promised assistance to New Westminster city, he asked the question why the explanation of the appearance now on the government side of a gentleman (Mr. Henderson), who had run under the colors of the late government.

Death of a Kootenay Member.

VICTORIA, Jan. 6.—The news was received here shortly before 2 o'clock today of the sudden death in Montreal of William Neilson, member of the legislature for the north riding of East Kootenay. Heart disease was the cause of his demise.

Cold Weather at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 6.—[Special.]—We are enjoying good sleighing for the past week, an unusual circumstance on the coast. Skaters are enjoying themselves on the ponds here. Outside building operations are entirely suspended and there is a probability that the cold wave will continue some days yet.

PROFITS OF THE BOSON.

The Property Pays for Itself Over in Five Months.

The Northwest Mining syndicate, which has been developing the Boson mine near New Denver has had a great streak of luck, and at the first annual meeting of this company, which was held in London last week, the directors had sufficient money in the treasury to pay a dividend of 100 per cent had they wished. It is a five months' proposition, yet it has advanced from being a portion of a ranch to the position of a dividend-paying mine.

Since the property was only being developed, but sufficient ore has been taken out to make the purchase, pay for all expense, and earn a surplus providing for a 100 per cent dividend.

The first ordinary general meeting of the company, opening in London a few days since, the accounts cover a period of 14 months, and show that on December 30 last there was £1,400 cash in hand. Certain properties have been acquired, some of which are held with a view to realize and future development, and one property, known as the syndicate, has acquired the entire rights, is being actively developed. This property—the Boson—was secured on very favorable terms, and almost immediately a rich chute of fifty tons have already been shipped (to Vancouver 30) from the mine. The ore is galena, containing on an average about 60 per cent lead and upwards 100 ounces silver, which has yielded net smelter returns of about £15 10s per ton.

The Galena Mines Report.

The report of the directors of the Galena Mines has been issued. The directors in their report say: "It seems to be the general opinion in this district that a large body of ore exists within the boundaries of the property; the claims are strewn in many places with large blocks of galena, and there is an outcrop of galena for some distance along the surface. Ore, containing silver, lead and zinc, lies down to a depth of about 100 feet; below this depth they have not been successful in finding it, the country being very much broken and disturbed. The working capital of the company is exhausted; the question arises whether it is better to stop operations and await developments in the adjoining mines, or whether the company should be wound up and efforts made to dispose of the property. The properties are practically freehold, and can, therefore, be retained by the company at a comparatively small annual expenditure."

Made the First Payment.

The Nelson & Kootenay Copper syndicate has had an option on the Mag-nolia and Copperopolis mineral claims for the past 90 days and now the bond has been signed and the first payment made, says the Nelson Miner. The next payment is due in 90 days. The exact price has not been ascertained, but it is in the neighborhood of \$65,000.

These claims, which belong to George Bitter, form an extension of the Big Copper, the show mine of Copper Camp, about seven miles west of Greenwood city. There is an enormous ledge of hematite of copper oxide on the property, and in a porphyry and lime formation, and enough work has been done to secure a crown grant, when applied for. The ore carries 10 per cent copper, small values in gold and a little silver. H. Brulich, the syndicate's representative in this country, is now in Greenwood city, and is setting a force of men to work.

Fire Department News.

Chief Squire, of the Fire Department, Saturday evening put the chemical engine on runners instead of wheels, and for the present she will be first taken out when an alarm is given, and the team will return for the fire engine if needed. The water famine that is now getting so much the city is responsible for the increase in the number of paid men. One has been paid for service at the fire house, and the other at the corner of Spokane street and Columbia avenue to attend to the plug there in case of fire.

A hockey match between the Victorias and the Rosslands will probably be played on Saturday, January 14.

A GOOD CONNECTION.

F. Aug. Heinze to Be Manager of Rockefeller's Copper Interests.

The Western Mining World of Butte says: "It can now be definitely settled that the much talked of consolidation of several Butte copper concerns has been virtually settled. It comes to us from a private source from Boston that the Rockefeller interests had virtually succeeded in getting control of the Boston and Montana company. Also that of the Butte and Boston and Montana Ore Purchasing company. If this be true F. Aug. Heinze will return to Butte as general manager of the above mentioned companies. This is the best news that has come to Butte for many years. In Mr. Heinze the consolidation syndicate has the very best man obtainable, and all Butte rejoices in the selection. This will settle all litigations that have hampered this camp for the past few months, which alone will be worth much to us, let alone the fact that the future operations of these mammoth properties is now assured and apparently free from the stock jobbing elements that have always been more or less connected with the Boston end."

Saundry's Defeat is Accepted.
Tom Toward, the Le Roi's Cornish style wrestler, has accepted the challenge issued a few days ago by Frank Saundry for a three-out-of-five Cornish wrestling match. Mr. Toward says that any time in the week beginning on Monday, January 16, will be satisfactory to him. Saundry is likewise satisfied with that arrangement, and will be at the Stock Exchange any time to sign for the match. It will be for \$50 per side, and the gate receipts will be divided in the ratio of 75 per cent to the winner and the rest to the loser. If Miners' hall can be secured the match will take place there.

The Water Supply.
A suggestion is made by J. Squires, chief of the fire department, that during the present shortage of water the department be notified before the water is shut off, and long enough before, that people may be able to lay in a supply. The fire bell can then be rung with a special call so that everyone may be notified.

Narrow Gauge Track on the Hill.
The Canadian Pacific railway is laying a temporary narrow gauge track along the new right of way above Second avenue, where the broad gauge track to the new depot will be laid next summer. The track runs from the "Y" to the new freight sheds and depot, and will be used for transporting material for the new buildings. A gang of men is working regularly so as to complete the work as quickly as possible.

Knights of the Maccabees.
The officers of Red Mountain Lodge No. 4, Knights of the Maccabees, were installed on Wednesday night at their hall. The following are the new officers: W. H. B. Anderson, commander; R. M. Thompson, lieutenant-commander; J. E. Davenport, sergeant; W. B. Beatty, recorder and finance keeper; John Compton, master-at-arms, and J. M. Warde, chaplain.

The Biggest Silver Nugget.

Probably the largest silver ore mass of silver ever mined was a piece weighing 1,340 pounds, which was taken from the Smuggler mine, Aspen, Col., in 1894. The nugget in question formed part of a consignment of 205,031 pounds of ore, which, with silver at 58 cents or thereabouts, netted, free and clear of all expense, close to \$8,000. At Silver City, Idaho, is a mine which is said to have produced the richest carload of ore ever sold in Denver. It brought, according to report, over \$80,000. Another from the same mine is said to have sold for \$80,000.

Mines Near Erie Commence Shipping.

Regular shipments have been commenced from both the Second Relief and the Arlington over the new wagon road lately constructed from Erie through the country drained by the North Fork of the Salmon river. Three trains are at work hauling from the Second Relief, and about five tons per day are being shipped. The Arlington is outputting two or three tons per day. The ore is coming merely from the rock on the dump and from the rock taken out in development. No stoping is under way.

The Ohio Develops Well.

R. I. Kirkwood and Frank Wells, owners of the Ohio claim, above the Enterprise, on Ten Mile, report that the Ohio is steadily improving. The tunnel is in 100 feet and fully timbered. The vein is showing more mineral, but shipping ore has not been struck, though the evidence points to a chute being approached. There is no pinching up of the vein, which holds its own as the biggest proposition on the creek.

"HOW IS MY BOY."

The Telegram Sent By the Father Whose Boy Had Been Dead a Week.

Mr. Hoath, father of the young man who died on the first of the month of pneumonia, left his home at Owen Sound before the news of the boy's death reached there. Saturday afternoon George Owens, of the Dominion hotel, where the young man had worked prior to his death, received a telegram signed by the father and dated from Spokane, asking, "How is my boy?" He was coming to nurse him, and will now take him home for burial.

Installation of Officers.

On Friday night the newly elected officers of Rosland Lodge No. 21, Knights of Pythias, were installed by D. G. O. Angus J. McDonald. The following are the newly installed officers: W. R. Beatty, chancellor commander; A. G. Orelman, keeper of records and seals; J. W. Graham, master of finance; D. Thomas, master of exchequer; John Hicks, inner guard; John McColey, outer guard. The lodge is in a very flourishing condition, has 90 members on the roster and nearly \$1,000 in the treasury. It is the intention of the members to shortly erect a Pythian castle for themselves.

Fred O. Menary and J. W. McIntyre.

Formerly of The Miner's mechanical force, have gone to Nelson to accept positions there with the new evening Tribune, which is to be established in the city on the lake.

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BUILDINGS.—The principal buildings include the following: The new mill building containing 10-stamp mill, but designed and built to accommodate 25 stamps; engine and boiler house, office building, mess room, cook house, store room and manager's residence.

The development consists of three main tunnels, with one winze and numerous drifts, together aggregating over 1,500 feet of work.

The property is open to inspection, but an order for that purpose must be obtained at the office of the liquidator, Imperial block Rosland, B. C., where price, terms and further information can be obtained.

Under an order of the court heretofore issued the undersigned is authorized to give a short option or working bond on the mine

Telegraphic and cable address, **RICHARD PLEWMAN** Official Liquidator

Bedford McNeill's Code.

THE ROSSLAND MINER'S MAP

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Rosland Camp

THE ROSSLAND MINER'S map has arrived, and is now on sale. It is the most complete and elaborate map of Rosland and the surrounding country that has been published. It is finely lithographed in several colors on the finest and most durable paper, and the first edition will consist of 7,000 copies.

Complete

Every building, street and alley in the city of Rosland are plainly outlined. The mines and mining claims of the Rosland camp, and their building, such as shaft houses, compressor plants ore houses, boarding houses, etc., are all on the map. All physical features of the surrounding country, such as mountains, hills, valleys, plateaux are shown just as they are. The winding of railways, wagon roads and trails are correctly represented.

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