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Gilbert Stanley, of Nelson, recently purchased at sheriff's sale Captain Moore's interest in eleven Slovan claims. Osborne Plunkett, of Vancouver, has secured a short option on the Black Prince, and two adjoining claims on the south side of Lemon creek.

Five outfits, employing about 300 men, are working the Northern Bell, Sunset, Echo, Alameda and Lucky Boy, in the Jackson basin.

This week 320 sacks of ore from the Promoter, Cariboo creek, will be shipped to the Trail smelter for treatment.

The Ottawa, on Springer creek, is showing up well in native silver. The Snow group, in the Cariboo Creek district, is to be stocked for a million. The Highland, on the Galena Farm, has been bought by H. T. Bragdon for \$8,000, payment to be made on January 11. Experts are looking at the Howard Fraction, Springer creek. The last shipment to the Tacoma smelter brought returns of 200 ounces silver and \$26 in gold to the ton, and another shipment will shortly be made. The C.P.R. have built a railway barge for the transfer of freight cars between Arrowhead and Nakusp. The barge will take six cars at a time. Patsy Clark, president of the War Eagle, has returned from Spokane. He

said: "We are the owners yet of that property." Upon being asked what the prospects were he said: "The purchasers will have to pay us for our property and we are practically no further ahead with the deal than we were on the 31st of August."

CARIBOO.

[From the B.C. Mining Journal.]

Fruit is a splendid crop in the vicinity of Ashcroft this year. Apples, plums, some grapes and peaches, currants, and berries of all kinds. No country in the world can equal the Thompson river valley for the classes of fruit mentioned.

Messrs. McDonald and Cameron, of Seattle, spent a couple of days in Ashcroft last week. They report a strong fruiting sentiment among the Seattle people and have good reports from Cariboo.

Mr. Clemes, the well known English expert, is in Lillooet investigating quartz properties.

Charles Park, for many years a prosperous farmer and now a resident of Bonaparte, says when he finishes his hay he will have stacked about 500 tons of hay and expects to winter his cattle, numbering 1,000 head, in good shape. The present outlook for stock to winter well is better than it was a few weeks ago.

With the starting of the steamer Charlotte on the Fraser, which will soon make regular trips from Quesnelle to Soda Creek, the journey by stage to Quesnelle will be shortened to two days. Passengers leaving Ashcroft on Monday will stop at the 88 Mile House, 68 miles. The next day's drive will be 95 miles. Passengers will go on board the steamer at Soda Creek and the next morning they will be at the dock at Quesnelle and if they wish, the same night will see them at Barkerville after a ride of 60 miles. It is expected that next season the river will be navigated for a number of miles more above Quesnelle, which will shorten the journey to the Omineca mines. Capt. Frank Odin will command the steamer.

REVELSTOCK.

REVELSTOCK, Sept. 19.—Ore shipments through Revelstock for the week ending to-day are as follows:

Mine.	Tons.	Value.	Destination.
Slocan Star	60	3,479	Omaha.
Idaho	40	5,077	
Total	100	\$8,556	

ROSSLAND.

[From the Rossland Miner.]

The strike on the Kootenay grows bigger and bigger, the drills having cut nearly sixty feet into the ore chute opened last week. The face of the eight-foot tunnel is in solid ore, except a streak of gangue in the centre. On the left the fourteen feet tunnel has been widened to three feet wide, which assays as high as \$18 in gold.

The upper tunnel of the O K mine finds the vein perfect beyond the fault. The Crown Point, and if all goes well, a French syndicate for \$50,000. The face of No. 1 tunnel in the California shows ore giving \$20 in gold.

Work has begun in good shape on the Snowshoe and Southern Belle belonging to the Three Companies. The tunnel of the Wallingford is in 127 feet and there are strong indications of reaching the same kind of ore as found in the shaft above.

Affairs are in a flourishing condition at the Crown Point, and it will take him a while of the new compressor plant will blow inside of three weeks.

Work has been abandoned in the main shaft of the Red Mountain owing to the heavy inflow of water. On the north ledge there has been uncovered a fine looking streak of ore 18 inches wide. Three assays resulted as follows: Gold \$12, silver 36 oz., copper 8 per cent; gold \$38, silver 12 oz., copper 9 per cent; gold, \$1.65, silver 0, copper 22.38 per cent.

A number of samples of free milling gold quartz from the Maud S. in Waterloo camp went respectively: No. 1, \$14.40; No. 2, \$3.80; No. 3, \$38.80; No. 4, \$60.80; No. 5, \$103.20; No. 6, \$13.60; No. 7, \$47.60.

B. F. Shaubut, of England, has acquired the Prince of Wales group at \$50,000.

THE U. S. ABROAD.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—From time to time rumors have come from European sources to the effect that the government of the United States has signified its intention to co-operate with one or more of the great powers—those mentioned being Great Britain and Italy—to enforce reforms in the Turkish empire and prevent further attacks upon the Armenian Christians. To support these stories a routine movement of two American cruisers has been twisted into an intended hostile demonstration. It can now be authoritatively stated that it is not contemplated, nor has it been, that this government in the slightest degree should depart from its time-honored policy of refraining from intervention in European affairs, further than is necessary to protect American citizens, and even in protecting our citizens any action taken will be absolutely independent of other powers. In the Brazilian revolution the Chino-Japanese war, and in many other instances in the past, the U. S. government, as a matter of prudence, has maintained a sufficient force near places where Americans reside in numbers, to ensure their safety, but with the political aspect of this or any other European question there has not been nor will there be any intervention by the U. S. government.

The N.P.S. Braeser was to have left Yokohama on the 12th instant—the day after the sailing of the Empress.

Suddenly Attacked.

Children are often attacked suddenly by painful and dangerous Colic, Cramps, Diarrhea, Dysentery, Cholera Morbus, Cholera Infantum, etc. Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry is a prompt and sure cure which should always be kept in the house.

THE FIRST DIVISION.

The Quebec Vote Constitutes Laurier's Majority—Debating Power of the New House.

A Parliamentary Bore—Col. Baker and R. C.'s Claims—Crows' Pass Railway.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, Sept. 12.—The first division of the session has taken place and the government is found to have the substantial majority of 34. This is somewhat better than what they would be entitled to under ordinary circumstances, as in this particular division the government secured the vote of the Patrons and the Independents, including Mr. Robertson, member for East Toronto, who will as a rule support the opposition. It will be noticed from the following figures that Quebec is Mr. Laurier's mainstay.

Counting the Speaker, the Patrons, McCarthys and Independents as supporting the government, with the exception of the member for East Toronto, the following is the composition of

THE HOUSE BY PROVINCES:

Provinces.	Ministerial.	Opposition.
Ontario	48	46
Quebec	49	40
Nova Scotia	10	10
New Brunswick	5	9
British Columbia	2	2
Manitoba	2	4
Prince Edward Island	2	3
N. W. Territories	2	1
Totals	122	89

Convert the Quebec contingent from the government to the opposition side and Mr. Laurier's majority would be a thing of the past. This leads to the remark that Mr. Chapeau missed his chance in not joining Sir Charles Tupper when he was asked in the early spring. The reversion of the Conservative leadership would undoubtedly have fallen to him; but now his name is not mentioned.

Sir Adolph Caron, after being dropped, is once more in the front ranks of the Conservatives, the opposition leader being glad of his aid.

It is remarkable, too, what strength Sir Adolphe seems to be acquiring; among the French-Canadians, on the whole, his position is by no means the foremost man. There is a coming man, however, from Quebec in the person of Mr. Chase Casgrain, who has created very favorable impressions by his speech in the House. On the Conservative side, also, some of the new men have shown

DEBATING ABILITY.

of a high order, notably Mr. Borden from Halifax, Mr. Clancy of Bothwell, who beat Hon. David Mills, and Prof. Monk of Jacques Cartier. On the Liberal side as yet there has been little opportunity for the new men to show their ability. The Western members, however, have spoken once or twice. Mr. Morrison created a very favorable impression on the House. Mr. McInnes years to make up the ground which he has lost. Mr. Boetock has yet to deliver his maiden speech. He seems naturally quiet and reserved but may have the makings of a good representative. Col. Prior has been to the fore several times this session, while Mr. Earle has usually been getting in his work quietly in the departments. Of the new men this session on the Liberal side there is one who promises to be a greater bore than his friend George Casgrain, who has turned over a new leaf in recent years. The member to whom I have reference is Mr. Oliver, M.P. for Alberta, who is a newspaper man. Newspaper men, as a rule, are not to be trusted. They are more quickly than the ordinary run of mortals, and it is a matter of regret that Mr. Oliver should have brought discredit upon the class by his freshness. Not a day has passed but he has been on his feet, and to cap the climax he is out now with a resolution demanding the withdrawal of Sir Donald Smith from the high commissioner'ship. There is little doubt that Mr. Oliver

will be called down for his smartness. It does not do for any new member to evince such a degree of precocity as that exhibited by him. It is more quickly gets the measure of such men, and once a man knows his reputation as this gentleman seems to have done it takes many years to recover lost ground.

The visit of the Minister of Mines and Education, Col. Baker, is calculated to prove of great benefit to British Columbia. As announced by telegraph the minister has had interviews with Mr. Laurier and members of his government and has received from them very satisfactory assurances that his representations will be promptly attended to. Eastern people are prepared to admit that the contention of the province in the matters of the proportionate share of the

CHEMISE FOLL TAX.

is a reasonable one. The census figures show that fully five-fifths of the Chinese entering the country stay in the province of British Columbia, and considering this fact it seems hardly reasonable that British Columbia should only two-thirds of the tax as against the other two-thirds obtained by the federal authorities. The proportion might very reasonably be the other way, and it is not unlikely, therefore, that the government will accede to Colonel Baker's representation and put the province on a

MORE EQUITABLE FOOTING.

I am in a position to further indicate the nature of the aid which the government proposes to give to the C.P.R. through the Crow's Nest. The North-west members are anxious that the road should be built under the

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

IMPORTANT MEETING.

Much Dependent on the Approaching Visit of the Czar to Balmoral.

What is to Be Done With Turkey—Gladstone Again to the Front.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—The general public is expecting some political work to be accomplished at Balmoral to the advantage of Great Britain during the visit of the Czar, and from a source which is entitled to respect the Express is informed that pourparlers have already been exchanged between the Marquis of Salisbury and the Czar, by which an agreement will be ratified at Balmoral in regard to the Armenian question. Great Britain is to take a dignified position in the interest of humanity, and will stand aside while the Czar polices Turkey.

The events of the past few days and the attitude of the high Conservative press confirm this. At any rate the Czar is destined to hear in Scotland and it is freely stated in London that the Queen proposes to do considerable plain speaking. Petitions to the Czar begging him to stop the flow of Christian blood are being signed in North Britain and will be presented to His Majesty during his stay. One of the petitions has been indorsed by Mr. Gladstone, who expressed the hope that the heart and the mind of the Czar might be awakened to the "fearful mischiefs which the policy of the late Russian minister of foreign affairs, Prince Lobanoff Rostovskoy, has done so much to promote."

The way seems open to the British premier to make what deal he likes and it is known that the Queen, Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught are all preparing to bring their influence to bear upon the imperial visitor. Incidentally it is suggested that the shortest way to settle the whole matter would be to offer Constantinople to the Czar. It is pointed out that if the Russian people are once convinced that Great Britain is ready to allow them to take Constantinople rather than submit the Ottoman rule to continue, they will put a pressure upon the Czar that will be irresistible. In the meantime the storm gathering may break at any moment.

The present tension cannot last. There is no doubt that many Liberals are coming the Armenian agitation for political ends, and not a few earnestly desire the return of Mr. Gladstone to public life. Consequently his forthcoming speech on the Armenian question, to be delivered shortly before the Reform club of Liverpool, is awaited with the greatest interest. It justifies the confidence of those desiring to reinstate Mr. Gladstone, strong pressure to accomplish the scheme may be expected.

ENGLAND'S DUTY

[From London Truth.]

So long as the Turkish Empire has swayed over subject Christian populations so long will its rule over these populations be a negation of God on earth. The less, acute but it will be the normal state of things. The only way to end it is the "bag-and-baggage" policy advocated by Mr. Gladstone in respect to Bulgaria, and which has proved so successful in principle. I am no believer in bluster. In the present state of Europe we cannot attack the Turk without risking a great war. This risk we should not be justified in incurring. But what we can do we ought to do. Our miserable jealousy of Russia, and our absurd notion that if Russia were paramount at Constantinople this would be the end of the British empire, has kept the Turk on his legs. We are the crutch on which he has leaned. Let us at least withdraw the crutch, unless we are the most contemptible of hypocrites.

PENNSYLVANIA STORMS.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18.—The wind, hail and rain which swept the eastern part of Pennsylvania last night was the most severe that has visited that section for a long time. Scores of buildings were unroofed, some utterly ruined. Thousands of panes of window glass and many skylights were shattered, and apple and other late crops were almost destroyed. The storm was most severe in Chester, Montgomery, Berks, Bucks, Lehigh and Lycoming counties. In the vicinity of Hatfield, Montgomery county, about thirty houses and barns were unroofed, and the grist mills of George Snyder were totally wrecked. Near Williamsport George Weikel, a farmer, was killed by lightning. A portion of the Williamsport rolling mills was blown down.

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