

A UNANIMOUS VOTE

Incorporation Bill Passed and Its Prompt Signature Assured.

WATER AND LIGHT PLANTS

Nelson, Grand Forks and Rossland Authorized to Construct Plants of Their Own Without Acquiring Existing Works—Houston Abused.

VICTORIA, March 2.—[Special.]—The incorporation bill passed its final reading at 4 o'clock this afternoon, after a debate of two hours on the various amendments offered. It was soon shown that the temper of the house was decidedly against making any material changes in the bill as passed by the committee of the whole. The attorney-general called attention to a telegram he had received from citizens of Rossland asking for the shortening of the time of residence provided for candidates for mayor, but this met with no support, the general opinion seeming to be that the time of residence should be lengthened rather than shortened.

The amendment proposed by Rogers, giving the veto power to the lieutenant-governor in council on the expenditure of money, caused a hot fight. The amendment was lost by a good majority and the cities will be left to manage their finances without outside interference. The amendment proposing that the cities have power to put in electric light systems on the same basis as water systems was adopted without opposition. The big fight of the day was over the amendment by Rogers providing that before the cities can establish a water system of their own they shall purchase any existing plants. This relates especially to Nelson. Hume led the fight against it and was warmly supported by Kennedy, Turner, Cotton, Kellie and the speaker put the question and the bill passed by a unanimous vote.

Helmcken wanted to provide a property qualification for the electorate, but this had no support. Finally, when everything seemed to be out of the way, the speaker put the question and the bill passed by a unanimous vote. This was quickly followed by the passage of a resolution that the lieutenant-governor be requested to come down immediately and sign the bill. Among those who made special endeavors to get the bill through today, are Premier Turner, Attorney-General Eberis, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Hume and Mr. Kellie. The house adjourned a few minutes after the passage of incorporation bill. The next question of special interest to Kootenay and Yale districts will be the disposal of the question of water power privileges.

IT WAS WITHDRAWN.

Helmcken's Motion Relative to the Corliss Amendment Debated.

VICTORIA, March 1.—[Special.]—Mr. Helmcken's resolution touching the Corliss amendment came up for consideration today. After an hour's discussion it was withdrawn by the mover. Helmcken in support of his resolution made a very moderate, conservative speech, urging that the chief purpose of the resolution was to give an expression on the part of this province and indicate to the Dominion government its readiness to cooperate in any reasonable policy which might be adopted towards the United States.

Premier Turner opposed the resolution. He thought it inexpedient and unnecessary to agitate the matter at all for the present. Colonel Baker took the same view. He was glad to recognize the enterprise of Americans in opening up the mining resources of the province. He thought it unwise to adopt or propose any measure at this moment which might retard such development. Indeed it was not yet certain that the Corliss amendment would become a law for President Cleveland had not yet signed the bill.

Booth thought the resolution should even go further. Canada was now able to take care of her mining interests without the aid of Americans.

Kellie Was Rabid.

Kellie offered an amendment in which retaliatory measures were proposed and in support he made a very spiteful, ill-natured speech against Americans in general. Kellie's remarks were so extreme that it was at once apparent the house was in no mood to adopt his amendment or even the original resolution. Semlin said the Corliss amendment was unworthy of the American people and ought to be resented by all self-respecting Canadians, but he thought it best to wait and see if the president signed the bill.

Sword's Sensible Talk.

Sword made one of the most sensible speeches of the day. He took the ground that whatever American might do Canada should not be moved by a revengeful or retaliatory sentiment, but take the higher ground and do what was best for the country. His elevated and patriotic remarks evidently found a ready response throughout the house. Helmcken in a few graceful remarks withdrew the resolution.

It came out in what Premier Turner and other prominent members said that while the Corliss amendment is regarded as a very narrow and contemptible piece of legislation and unworthy of the people of the United States, it will be with the greatest reluctance and only when the national honor requires it, that retaliatory measures will be proposed. Premier Turner intimated in his remarks that the American immigration bill would not be signed by President Cleveland. Whether or no

he has had an intimation on the subject is only a matter of conjecture.

Timber For Miners.

Mr. Crossdale, of the Hall Mines, appeared before the mines committee today and urged legislation along the lines of the circular letter recently distributed among the mine owners of Kootenay, his chief contention being that the miner should in all cases, whether on leased, railroad or public lands, be entitled to all the timber he needs for mining purposes. His statement was well received, and I have no doubt his recommendations will in the be complied with.

New Bills Introduced.

A large number of bills were introduced this afternoon. Among them are acts to incorporate the Stikine & Teslin Railway, Navigation and Colonization company, the Cassiar Railway company, Grand Forks Water, Power and Light company, Greenwood City Waterworks company, East Kootenay Railway company (to run from Fort St. John, Kamouritzie, Ashcroft & Cariboo Railway), company, Vancouver & Nanaimo Railway and Transfer company, Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway and Navigation company, British Columbia Power and Light company (Norman's company) to develop a water power on the Fond d'Oreille river for electrical power purposes.

The Incorporation Bill.

Just as the house reached the consideration of the act for the incorporation of Rossland, Nelson and Grand Forks adjournment was moved till tomorrow. John Houston, of Nelson, makes this statement with reference to the amendment offered by Mr. Rogers, obliging cities to purchase existing water plants before appropriating water for public uses: "The delegation from Nelson favors placing their town in a position to put in its own waterworks, mainly because the company owning the waterworks now at Nelson has refused to put in an adequate system." J. R. K.

LE ROIS'S NEW PLANT.

The Tramway Is Working Well—Hoisting Machinery Going Up Now.

The shipments from the Le Roi during the week showed a large increase. The previous week the total shipments were but 571 tons, while last week 598 tons were shipped to Trail alone, and 386 tons to other smelters. That the latter shipments are not larger is due to the change from teaming to the tram, and the fact that the tram is not yet in a condition to do its best. Captain Hall was yesterday rigging a semaphore and a signal bell on it, which conveniences will somewhat expedite matters, and he has ordered a number of new skips. At present it runs across the Columbia & Western tracks to the old bins. The compressor engines have been running all week, and some time this week the compressor itself will be coupled up and air pumped into the mine. The hoisting machine will be in order by the time the new drills are steadily at work. Captain Hall has been waiting for hoisting skips, and learned yesterday that they were at Trail. They will be brought up today.

The main shaft is now down 90 feet below the 500-foot level, and the ore being taken out is remarkably fine.

WORK ON THE CLIFF.

Connection Between Its Two Tunnels Will Be Made Shortly. The lower tunnel of the Cliff Monday reached the point at which it is expected to make the upraise to the mine from the upper tunnel. This lower tunnel is 250 feet long.

Work on the upper tunnel has also been continued, and it is now 350 feet in and 150 feet from the surface. Some time ago a fault was encountered, but ten days ago they began to make ore again in good shape, and this has continued, showing that the fault was only local. The ore for the past few days has run very even, assaying about \$28 per ton. The compressor broke down early in the year, and all late development work has been done by hand, as being, under the circumstances, more economical.

The Cliff has been shipping about a car per week for the past month, but when the connection between the two tunnels is made and other necessary work done, the mine will place itself on the list of regular shippers.

San Francisco Mine.

We learn from Mr. Smith Curtis, local agent for the San Francisco company, that work is progressing favorably on its property, which adjoins the California, the St. Paul and the White Bear. Last October crosscuts were made on a well defined ledge on this property, just west of the Red Mountain railway line, so as to determine its exact direction. Then a tunnel was started in a valley between the crosscuts and run into the hillside for the purpose of crosscutting the ledge, and this tunnel is now in 150 feet and the vein will shortly be reached. The vein appears to be a continuation of the one upon which the White Bear recently made its strike, the White Bear shaft being about 150 to 200 feet from the San Francisco line. The tunnel of the San Francisco is about 350 feet from the White Bear shaft. The ledge matter now coming out of this tunnel is the best ever got in it, and is identical in character with the ledge matter found within a few feet of the strike made upon the White Bear.

Mill Test For the Bruce.

A. N. Paterson and A. S. Goodvee made a trip Monday to the Norway mine near Trail, which belongs to the Bruce Gold Mining company. Two men are at work driving on the vein, the tunnel now being in 70 feet. The vein is about two feet wide on the average. The ore shows much free gold and about 60 tons of ore are on the dump. A small lot will be sent to the Trail smelter for a mill test.

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COL. SCOTT IS BACK

Ready to Go Into a Fight for the Mayoralty.

STEPS TO BE TAKEN NEXT

Election Must Be Held One Month From the Date of the Lieut.-Governor's Signature to the Bill—What the Council Should Do.

Col. Robert Scott has returned from Victoria, looking very happy over the passage of the bill to incorporate Rossland, and "fit," as the sports would say, to make the fight of his life for the mayoralty. When asked in his office yesterday if he might be announced as a candidate he put on the most diplomatic air of which his frank face is capable and tried to avoid a direct answer. When the direct question was put as to whether he was or was not a candidate, he said: "Well, quite a number of people are talking about it." "What about your fight for the Rossland bill in Victoria, colonel?" "We had no fight. Everything passed smoothly with the exception of the water question, and that really did not affect us. You see in the first place Nelson, Grand Forks and Rossland drafted separate bills for incorporation. Grand Forks had the qualification for mayor \$5,000 of real estate, and one year's residence; Nelson, \$1,000 property qualification and one year's residence. Our bill was much more liberal, namely, \$1,000, and three months' residence. We got the other two towns to accept our bill.

The Nelson Water Amendment.

"The only changes made by the legislature were the addition of a water clause as an amendment, offered by J. Fred Hume, and the putting in by the government of a clause relating to the taxation of mines. It was upon the first of these that the objection was raised to the passage of the bill. This water clause read as follows: 'It shall be lawful for the said cities, and they are hereby empowered at any time hereafter to make and divert for any stream or streams as may be found most suitable, and to appropriate or use sufficient unappropriated water for all public purposes of the said municipalities, and from time to time to construct all works that may be necessary for efficiently using such water, and to erect dams, raceways, and works of such nature, and to exercise all the power mentioned in the Water Privileges Act, 1892.'

The Government's Amendment.

"The objection to this," continued Col. Scott, "did not come from Rossland but from the present owners of the water supply at Nelson. The government amendment relative to the taxation of mines exempts all mines within corporate limits from taxation. 'This, of course, is only a temporary measure. The question at issue is one that is engaging the attention of the whole of the people of the province. As it stands now, man locates a claim and gets title, but he doesn't own the land;

HOW TO GET RICH.

Go to some hard headed business man, who has no theories, but knows how to make money. Say to him: "Here is a little village; in five years it will be a great city; in five years the railroad will have taken the place of the stage coach, the electric light of the candle; it will abound with all the machinery and improvements that so enormously multiply the effective pound of labor. Will in five years interest be any higher?" He will tell you, "No!" "Will wages be any higher?" Will it be easier for a man who has nothing but his labor to make an independent living?" "He will tell you: "No, the chances are that it will be harder." "What then, will be higher?" "Rent; the value of land. Go get yourself a piece of ground and hold possession."

This is from the pen of a master writer on political economy. Its application comes home in Rossland. A year ago lots that could be bought for \$200, today are worth \$2,000. The hillside where in the summer of '96 you picketed your broncho, today is a teeming ant hill of industry. The mine that today is paying half a million dollars in dividends, two years ago was a problematical prospect. The freight trains that a year ago hauled ore to Northport, are today pushed off the trail by the iron horse of commerce. Its coming, not slowly, but with a speed only equalled in Johannesburg.

- \$200 Fine residence lot in best part of town. Excellent drainage, beautiful view.
\$600 Corner lot and cozy cottage, best street in the city. Centrally located. Pays 40 per cent rent on the investment.
\$1000 Business lot and building on Columbia Avenue pays at present 30 per cent. rent on investment.
\$2000 Two of the finest business lots in Rossland. Heart of trade.
\$10,000 One of the best hotels in the city with lot that alone is worth the purchase price. Pays \$2400 a year in rent.
\$20,000 The best three story building, and finest corner in the city. Rents \$5,400 annually. At 6 per cent. pays dividends on \$140,000.

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