

LORD MINTO DINED

The Governor-General Expresses His Views on the Militia.

EUROPEAN IMMIGRANTS

Lord Strathcona Says That the Deputy Minister of Interior Wants More Galicians in the West as They Have Proved to Be a Very Desirable Class.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 15.—At a dinner tendered to Lord Minto tonight at the Toronto Club the following were present as invited guests: Lord Strathcona, the Bishop of Toronto, Justices Moss, Falconbridge and Lister, Premier Hardy, and Senators Cox and MacInnes.

Speaking did not begin until a late hour and the official report was handed to the press at 2 in the morning. Lord Minto's speech contained little of note, save possibly the following reference to the militia department: "I am bound to say, from what I have seen, I feel that there is a great future for the militia force in the Dominion, judging from what I know of the minister of militia and the intentions of the general officer commanding that force. I may say that General Hutton is a very old friend of mine, and if energy and tact and knowledge of the soldier's profession can ensure success he is bound to succeed, but, as I am sure many of you know, the appointment of the general officer commanding the militia is no sinecure.

No Politics in the Militia. "It rests with the people of Canada to insist upon the fact that to obtain military efficiency the military machinery must be entirely unhampered by political influence. (Great applause.) But, gentlemen, I have already told you that I do not as yet feel qualified to express opinions upon the internal affairs of Canada, and perhaps I have said enough."

He contrasted the present conditions of Canada with those existing 15 years ago, when he was previously here, when Bial was in rebellion and the O. P. R. was building. He congratulated the club on their present prosperity. "I find," he said, "increasing revenue and increasing trade, and in a very few days from now we shall commence to reap the benefit of the new link which Postmaster-General Mulock has forged in the imperial chain by his imperial penny postage."

Central European Immigrants. Lord Strathcona, in the course of a brief reply to the toast of his health, touched on the importance of securing immigration. He did not want to see immigration confined to the mother country or to getting back from across the boundary those who had gone there. He wanted such immigration supplemented by still more of it from the continent of Europe. Though such immigrants might be a little strange to us at the beginning, their children will become good citizens. He continued: "I heard the other day from the deputy minister of the interior (Mr. Smart) that he himself, having gone to our Northwest to find out the result of the emigration of Galicians into our country, felt so convinced they were valuable and would make valuable settlers that he would be very glad to have more of them. Further than that he said young men and women already were so very far advanced, that they could make themselves understood very well indeed in the English language and that they were most anxious to become good English and good Canadian men and women (applause). Lord Strathcona left the city on a special train for Montreal this morning.

FROM THE GAZETTE.

Sheriff Robinson's Appointment is Announced. The following provincial appointments are gazetted this week: Wm. P. Robinson of Nelson, sheriff in Slokan, Nelson and Rossland ridings and the south riding of East Kootenay, vice S. R. Redgrave; Joseph E. E. Graham, stipendiary magistrate for the county of Nanaimo and gold commissioner for the Bennett Lake and Atlin mining divisions and a notary public of the province; Captain Raint, mining recorder in the Bennett Lake mining division; Harry Rhodes of Vancouver, notary public for the province. The appointment of William P. Robinson of Nelson, as sheriff for the Slokan, Nelson and Rossland ridings, vice S. R. Redgrave, is an excellent one. Mr. Robinson is an able and efficient officer and has done good service as a deputy sheriff.

The Government Sustained. VICTORIA, Dec. 15.—The figures from Alberta indicate that the present government is sustained in the bye-election by that constituency. Considerable interest attaches to the result, owing to the narrow majority of the government in the legislature. The complete returns are as follows: Neill, 80; Ward, 57; Spool, 5. The majority for Neill is 23.

LUCKY PROSPECTORS.

They Have Sold One Group of Claims and Have Bonded Another. William Feeny, sometime known as "Canada Bill" and Charles Marshall are in the city from Erie, where they own a number of mining claims. In May of last year they bonded the Armstrong group of three claims to Mr. Davis, a London broker, who was at that time sojourning in Rossland.

These claims are located a mile and a half from Erie. Mr. Davis did not take up the bond at the time it fell due, but obtained an extension at a higher figure than that which he first contracted to pay. Yesterday a large portion of the purchase price was paid and Messrs. Feeny and Marshall were flush with coin and Bob McCann, the veteran prospector, and other friends of the sellers, celebrated the sale with libations at several of the local shrines of Bacchus. The vendors were reticent as to the price which the property brought, but it is said to be between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

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RE THE COLONIST CASE

Mr. Justice Drake Says the Contempt Was Purely Technical.

Each Party Has to Pay Its Own Costs but the Judge Declines to Pass on Validity of Justice Martin's Title.

VICTORIA, Dec. 15.—Judgment was handed down this morning, by Mr. Justice Drake, in the matter of the proceedings to commit the manager and the editor of the Colonist for contempt of court in referring to the hearing of election petitions, by a recently appointed judge, who had taken an active part in the political contest. After reviewing the arguments presented, he said: "Lord Justice Cotton in Hunt vs. Clark, 37 law reports, says: 'In my opinion no application to commit. For contempt ought to be made unless the offense was of so serious a nature as to render the exercise of this summary power necessary to prevent interference with the course of justice.' Applying this language to the case before me I do not see anything in the articles read which can be said to fall within the scope of this language. It is true a technical contempt has been committed, but not of such a character as calls for the extreme measure of committing the parties to prison. I think that this case should be fully met by making an order on this motion, the result of which will be that each party will have to pay its own costs."

Dealing with the point raised as to the validity of Mr. Justice Martin's appointment, he not having practiced at the provincial bar for ten years, as required by the supreme court act, Mr. Justice Drake said: "Counsel then contended that Mr. Justice Martin was not properly appointed, as he was not of the standing indicated by section 30 of chapter 56. This subject I do not discuss. The appointment having been made by the governor in council, cannot be reviewed by this court."

THE DIOCESE OF KOOTENAY.

The Conversion of Kootenay Into a Separate Diocese is Assured. The committee appointed to complete the details, and with the bishop of New Westminster's consent, to make application to the provincial house of commons for the formal formation of the diocese of Kootenay, with the 120th meridian as the western and the Rockies to Mount St. Helens as the eastern boundary, met Thursday in Nelson to consider the coast section of the committee's report, with the archdeacon of Columbia as chairman of the joint committee, says the Nelson Miner.

The report was adopted with a few alterations and agreed to; so that all that is now needed is the bishop's consent, to complete what is a most unique proof of the importance of the mining districts of British Columbia. This result may be looked upon as assured, and the appointment of the regular officials will, no doubt, be made early in the spring.

The election of a bishop depends upon the necessary provision being made, and in the Kootenay it will not be long delayed. Until then the new diocese will be in charge of the bishop of New Westminster, who will be bishop of New Westminster and Kootenay.

W. J. ROBINSON APPOINTED DEPUTY SHERIFF.

W. P. Robinson of Nelson, whose appointment as sheriff in the south riding of East Kootenay and in the Nelson, the Roseland and the Slokan ridings of West Kootenay, was gazetted Friday, has appointed as deputy sheriff his son, Walter J. Robinson of Roseland. The commission of the latter covers the entire territory over which Sheriff Robinson is in charge. The appointment of Walter J. Robinson will meet with general satisfaction. He has been a resident of Rossland during the past three years, and has a wide circle of friends all over the Kootenays. Under Stephen Redgrave, the outgoing sheriff, he held the same office as the one to which he has been appointed by the newly gazetted incumbent. Deputy Sheriff Robinson will continue to make Rossland his headquarters.

Columbia Athletic Club.

At the meeting of the Columbia Athletic club, held in the Pacific hotel Friday, Dan Thomas was elected president, E. A. Rolf treasurer and A. Lorne Becher secretary. The board of directors as elected consists of Dan Thomas, A. Lorne Becher, E. A. Rolf, F. M. Bothwright, J. W. Dando, G. W. M. Bride and W. H. Jones. The president was instructed to collect subscriptions, and it is expected that the gymnasium will be completed in the early part of January. The location of it has not yet been permanently decided upon, but Dominion hall was favorably considered. The membership now is over 80.

An Interesting Entertainment.

There was an interesting entertainment for the benefit of the Sacred Heart church in Dominion hall Friday night, when a number of ambitious young fellows gave "The Arrival of Bob Fitzsimmons." They managed to get plenty of fun out of the farce and it was well received. The actors were Joe W. Young, jr., who managed the performance, Harry L. Stone and John Lawler. The entertainment also included some good songs by Mrs. Stein and Miss Sinclair, and character imitations by Harry Stone and Joe Young, and buck dancing by Harry Kelton.

The Southern Bell Drift.

The drift which is being run from the mine in the Southern Bell is now in about 40 feet, and the face of it shows two feet of ore. The drift is being continued westward into the mountain, and from now on it will gain a depth of a foot for every foot driven. Work is being carried on in the main tunnel, where the showing is similar to that in the mine. On the Mascot, another property owned by the Big Three company, which holds the Southern Bell, the tunnel is 430 feet, and the outcrop of ore points which has lasted for 100 feet are being passed through.

Nine of the members of the local lodge Knights of Pythias, were in Trail Thursday night, assisting in the initiation of 14 new members of the Trail fraternity. The Rossland visitors had a very pleasant time.

WAS A WATER FAMINE

Rossland Was Without the Useful Fluid for Many Hours.

THE PIPE LINE FROZEN

The Old Conduit to Be Used and a Supply of Water for Domestic Purposes is Promised This Morning—No Aqueous Fluid for Motors.

The temporary water famine which has prevailed since 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon is likely to be broken. At the office of the waterworks company last night, it was given out that arrangements were being made whereby water would be turned on again early this morning and that in future there will be no discontinuance of water for domestic purposes.

The temporary shut-down was caused by a break in the new stave pipe line connecting the reservoirs with the dam on Stony creek, whence water is now obtained. The new stave pipe line was completed on the 15th of last month, and at that time it was filled with standing water in order to swell the wood and put it in thorough shape. The cold weather which occurred about that time started the water freezing, and since then the continued cold weather has brought about an increase in the amount of ice until in places the entire contents of the pipe were frozen solid. The passage of water was, of course, stopped. The reservoir on the Virginia ground, just north of town, into which the stave pipe empties, was nearly full of water at the time the freeze-up occurred. Superintendent Fellows has been repairing the old pipe line which was in use before the new stave pipe was installed, and last night he had succeeded in getting a moderate stream to travel through it.

As a consequence the announcement was made that water would be turned on for domestic purposes again this morning. Motors, however, will be barred for some time to come. It is uncertain when the ice in the new pipe line can be thawed sufficiently to permit of its use.

MR. NEFF DEPARTS.

He Expressed Astonishment at the Marvellous Development of Rossland. For the past few days J. R. Neff, of Mooseomin, Northwest Territories, has been the guest of Governor Mackintosh, resident director of the British America corporation. For many years Mr. Neff was minister of public works at Regina as an adviser of the then lieutenant-governor. Mr. Neff visited every place of interest in Rossland and expressed astonishment at the marvellous development everywhere observed. He made many friends while here and on his departure for home last evening was greatly regretted. Governor Mackintosh and Edwin Durant, manager of the British America corporation, with other friends, accompanied him to the railway station and wished him a bon voyage.

MADAME DREYFUS ILL.

Proceedings Before the Court of Cassation Drag Wearily Along. PARIS, Dec. 17.—Madame Dreyfus, wife of the political prisoner, is ill with pleurisy. Her condition is serious. Colonel Picquart still refuses to sign an application for his release from imprisonment, but the fact does not prevent the revisionist newspapers from attacking the government for persisting in his detention.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Messrs. Dabney & Parker, who are agents for the Lethbridge Coal company, are erecting coal bunkers on Second avenue. The bunkers will be 30 feet long, 20 feet wide, seven feet deep and will have a capacity of several hundred tons.

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Orrille D. Fisher, who has engaged in the back business on Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand, is arranging for a sleigh service up the hill to the new skating rink. The sleigh will be in readiness from 7 to 10 o'clock every evening, and the fare from Columbia avenue or Le Roi avenue to the rink will be 15 cents one way, or 25 cents for the round trip. In parties of two or more, the charge will be 10 cents per person each way.

James David's tourney at the Allan house billiard rooms for a \$15 cue resulted in a victory for Sidney Hobbs of the Rodega. The final entries were Mr. Hobbs and Edward Seston. The former won the first and second games; Mr. Seston got the second, while Mr. Hobbs won the third and decisive game. The argument in the case of the crown against Eber O. Smith, who is charged with criminal libel, was heard before Magistrate Jordan yesterday. The magistrate is considering the respective arguments made by John A. Macdonald for the crown and A. H. MacNeill for the defendant.

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A MOST BRILLIANT SCENE

St. George's Fair Was Thrown Open to the Public.

Fair, Ladies; Brilliant Booths and Wares Which Tempt the Investor to Purchase.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Charming girls in dainty dresses, selling fancy wares in a myriad novel designs, formed a vivid picture at the opening of the St. George's guild fair in the Miners' hall yesterday evening. The big room was aglow with decorations, formed of evergreen and bunting, while the floor was covered with a dozen miniature kiosks ranging from the Old Glory booth, where the stars and stripes were rampant, to the fairy well where one could get all sorts of elfin creations at so much per creation.

The fair was informally opened yesterday afternoon, and although no large attendance had been expected yet the hall was crowded with Christmas shoppers intent on securing an early selection among the fancy wares offered by the ladies of the guild. In the evening at 9 o'clock the bazaar was formally opened by Hon. O. H. Mackintosh and until midnight the place was thronged until one could hardly get out.

Prominent on the right hand side of the entrance to the fair was the Old Glory booth, where the Americans have their headquarters. There was no mistaking the nationality of the kiosk. The bony stars and stripes were everywhere in evidence around it. A big liberty bell occupied the place of honor in the center. A silver tea service and a gold watch and chain, to be raffled, were among the attractions. The booth was in charge of a bevy of American maids and matrons, including Mesdames G. F. Jackson, H. E. Dunlop, Sol Cameron, N. A. Burritt, Wm. Dunn, E. W. Ruff and Kelly, and Misses Whitney, Ruff and Beardsley.

Mrs. Charles Danerfeld and Mrs. H. E. Findley, assisted by Miss Irene Lockhart, were the custodians of the wheel of fortune, where, if the fate so willed, the speculator might win all sorts of desirable things. The candy booth was under the management of Mrs. Smith Curtis and Miss Whittier, whose confections were all assuredly of home manufacture. Miss Falding and Miss Wilson were the custodians of the attractive Japanese booth in the centre of the room. There one could get all sorts of dainty merchandise from the land of the chrysanthemum, and the booth was liberally patronized.

The papeterie kiosk, in charge of Mesdames O'Hara and McKenzie, was one of the most attractive in the room, and the stock of dainty things exhibited there was nearly exhausted early in the evening.

Mrs. Frank Oliver was the manager of the toyerie, where all sorts of fantastic playthings for the little ones found a ready market. Pretty little Margaret McCreary was the good fairy who ran the alms well, while all sorts of treasures were mysteriously drawn.

Just across the room was the gypete tent, where the seerssers, Mrs. J. V. Bohn and Miss Gladys Townsend, looked into the future, and the future, in an assured degree of success according to the amount contributed by the seeker after light.

The tea tables, where every one gravitated some time during the evening, were in charge of Mesdames Mackintosh, Banbury and Palmer and Miss Ruby De Voin.

The fancy work booth, with all sorts of exquisite hand-made goods in bewildering profusion, was in charge of Mrs. Rolf.

The feature of the fair during the evening was the short musical program. Miss Ruby De Voin gave "The Dance of the Demons" in exhilarating style. Frank Oliver, accompanied by Mrs. R. Dalby Morkill, was heard to fine advantage in "The Song of Hybras the Cretan." E. C. Beeton gave "Plunkett F. Green's" "Off to Philadelphia," and sang it capably. Mrs. Norman McInnes was enthusiastically received in "Because I Love You so."

The fair will be continued today and tonight.

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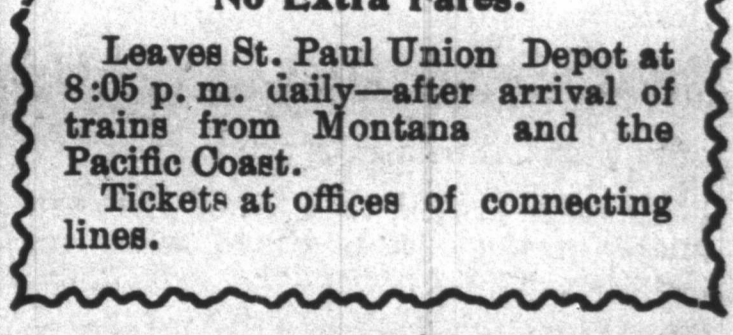
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