

The Weekly Times

Victoria, Friday, July 19.

THE OTTAWA SITUATION.

The Bowell government has treated the Manitoba school question from the standpoint of party advantage, and it fr's itself as a consequence in deep trouble. To please Quebec the remedial order was issued; now the government shrinks from the logical act of enforcing the remedial order, on the plea that time may allow of a settlement of the dispute without further action from Ottawa. Obviously the time for delay and negotiation was at the commencement, when the state of public feeling on both sides might have permitted a compromise. Instead of following that course the government chose one which seemed to promise the acquisition of more party capital, and called on all Canada to admire its statesmanship. It would be hard to find any trace of the element of statesmanship in the government's position now. There is nothing but an exhibition of cowardice, incapacity and bungling. A promise is given that remedial legislation will be enacted at a special session in case Manitoba does not make the desired change. That promise will not be carried out, because the same influences which have prevented the government from completing its remedial programme now will prevent it at the special session. Evidently a very large percentage of the government's Quebec supporters, including ex-Minister Angers, see this quite clearly. Of course there is a possibility that Manitoba may make such concessions as will save the Bowell government from the necessity of fulfilling its promise, but the chance is a very slim one. The administration has carefully made its bed and will have to lie on it, whatever the discomfort. It is rather amusing to watch the despair with which Mr. Laurier and the Liberals are alternately called upon to deliver the ministers from the pit they have dug for themselves and abused for, declining to do so. Surely there was never so childish an exhibition of anxiety to hold on to office and at the same time evade the duties and responsibilities of office. The Tory politicians and editors probably proceed on the principle that talk is cheap, but they ought to be able to see that talk of this kind is too puerile to use even at the cheapest rate.

THE TWELFTH CELEBRATION.

While it is scarcely likely that all will agree that there is any utility in or necessity for Orange parades, or, for that matter, that there is any need of Orangemen, there can be but one opinion about the remarkably successful character of the demonstration held to-day. The turn-out of Orangemen and A. P. Associations was unexpectedly large, while the personnel of the various lodges, the rich banners, bright regalia, and numerous bands, contributed to impress the onlooker with the rapidly acquired strength and growing importance, in this western land, of this great religious-political organization. The local Orangemen are to be congratulated on the complete success of their first great effort. They attempted a big thing and they succeeded, and in such a manner as to leave no unpleasant feelings behind. There have been larger processions in the east, but none more respectable in appearance or more orderly in conduct. If the speeches in the park—which are being delivered as we write—are in harmony with the peaceful character of the physical side of the demonstration, and we believe they will be, then no one, Protestant or Roman Catholic, will have any cause to regret the first important celebration of the kind in British Columbia. We say this much in justice to the local associations and without reference to the principles of the order or the methods by which those principles are sought to be carried out. That would be controversial ground upon which we do not care to enter.

THEIR BLUNDERING COURSE.

The Montreal Gazette recognizes the fact that the Dominion government made a mistake and laid up trouble for itself when it issued the remedial order. Though some of the lesser lights of the Conservative press have objected to the interpretation of that order as one confining Manitoba to one particular line of action—that is to say, the restoration of the status quo ante 1890—the Gazette has at length come to a different view. In a recent issue it said: "If

any legislation which may be introduced in the parliament of Canada falls short in its scope of the terms of the remedial order, the contention may not illogically be made that the basis of federal intervention has not been properly supplied, since the order which Manitoba declines to observe is not the order embodied in the bill before the house. A situation like that would, of course, imply that the government had erred in the drafting of the remedial order by making its limitations so narrow, its injunctions so drastic, that when legislation came to be proposed modifications were deemed necessary." And further on: "Looking at the state of things presently existing one cannot help regretting that the federal authorities did not, after the receipt of the last decision of the judicial committee, and the hearing of the appeal of the minority, ascertain the disposition of the Manitoba government before serving a formal order upon that body." All impartial observers will agree with the Gazette that the government went wrong when it commanded Manitoba to restore separate schools as they were before 1890, on penalty of the Dominion parliament interfering to do so. Nor is there much of a prospect of the effects of that mistake being warded off by the delay on which the government has decided, though the respite has been hailed with a sigh of relief and a melancholy attempt at jubilation on the part of the Conservative organs. As matters now stand, the government is under fire from the Wallace wing of its own party, who declare that they will not allow it to carry out the remedial programme to which it is pledged. On the other hand, it is looked on suspiciously by the French Conservatives, who have little confidence in the government's promise being carried out. One of these, Mr. Bellef, M.P. for Chicoutimi, no doubt accurately described the Quebec Conservative temper when he said the other day: "The Quebec ministers have not confidence in the other ministers. There are several ministers, especially those from Ontario, who, the Quebec ministers believe are not sincere in promising another session and the remedial bill." In short, the government is in a practically hopeless position, wherefore it is not surprising to find the terriers of the Conservative press giving relief to their feelings by barking at Mr. Laurier's heels.

A SATISFACTORY OUTLOOK. British Columbia mining appears to have every prospect of satisfactory progress during the present and coming seasons. District after district is furnishing material for gratifying reports. Recent developments give no indication that any portion of Kootenay has fallen off in promise or performance; from Trail Creek all the way round to Fort Steele progress and confidence would appear to be the order of the day. Capital is receiving every encouragement and is growing bolder in respect of mining chances. Cariboo and Yale have likewise their good news to tell. In the latter-part of which in point of exploration is our newest mining country—the work of discovery and development is going on at a very gratifying rate. In the vicinity of Okanagan lake some important "finds" have been reported, with prospects which seem to please the discoverers very highly. In the Kettle River and Boundary Creek districts new "leads" are being rapidly located, and something like a mining "boom" has made its appearance. With mineral wealth development this will be a highly favored district, for it has a large area of high class farming land as well. The people of this province generally may hope to benefit from all these new discoveries in the near future.

A HORRIBLE CRIME.

Two Negroes Murder a Whole Family in Cuba.

Havana, July 12.—A terrible crime has been committed at Guanajayabo in the Guanajay tobacco district, about 45 miles from this city. Four burly negroes went to a grocery store in Guanajayabo, and without uttering a word overpowered the groceryman and his brother-in-law and stabbed them to the heart. The negroes then rushed after the storekeeper's wife and three children, aged respectively 17, 6 and 4 years, with the intention of assaulting them. The woman and daughters made a desperate struggle, shrieking wildly for help, but the negroes inflicted injuries upon all their victims from which they will die. The scoundrels then plundered the grocery store and disappeared. The crime was discovered by a white man of the country district. The countryman found one of the little girls still alive when he entered the store, and it was from her, Miss Sydney Bontbee, the youngest daughter of Mr. J. Bontbee, died on Tuesday and was buried on Wednesday. Edgar Bloomfield, accountant in the office of Wilson & Campbell, was taken to the city hospital on Tuesday, suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Reports from different points along the river indicate that the sockeye run is at

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

NANAIMO. Nanaimo, July 12.—H.M.S. Royal Arthur and Nymph, accompanied by two torpedo boats, arrived in the harbor last evening. The former left this morning for Victoria and the Nymph will remain here a few days. The supposed big black bear which visited one of the camps on Protection island a few days ago turns out to be a big black pig belonging to one of the inhabitants. The many sportsmen who endeavored to hunt the bear can now understand why they did not meet Mr. Bruin.

H.M.S. Pinafore will be produced in the opera house on Monday next in aid of the widow of John Kelley. Nanaimo, July 13.—The Nanaimo lacrosse team are much disgusted with the Maple Leafs of Westminster, in consequence of what they consider unfair treatment at their hands. It will be remembered the Nanaimo team received unfair treatment in the match at Westminster by being compelled to submit to a referee who did not want and now the Maple Leafs follow up this treatment by refusing to play here tomorrow. They have also behaved ungentlemanly in their replies to telegraphic correspondence. The first telegram from them bore the brief words "Won't play," the next merely contained the brief word "No." The home team will of course claim the match by default, but it is poor satisfaction, and the un-sportsmanlike behaviour of the Westminster team has called forth severe censures from the citizens.

A sailing race took place in the harbor last evening between two Peticorino canoes. Navigator B. M. Chambers of H.M.S. Nymph beat D. Curry's boat easily. The former is a fast sailer and a smart little craft, her spread of lines being immense. On the application of Messrs. Barker & Potts, Judge Harrison yesterday appointed Mr. D. S. McDonald, of Hailburton street, the loan guardian of Miss Louisa Stark, daughter of the late Louis Stark, of Cranberry district. The s.s. Willapa came in for coal yesterday on her way up to Alaska. She had sent 90 or to passengers aboard, including several prominent Mormons. The steamer proceeded on her journey a few hours later.

John Robertson, a pusher in No. 5 rir, Jellington, had his right leg broken on Thursday afternoon by being jammed between a box and the rib, whilst at work. He was brought to the Nanaimo hospital, where he is still detained. This afternoon a team from H.M.S. Royal Arthur will play a match with the local team on the shore of the harbor. The visitors will comprise Lieut. Stewart, R. Hill, E. W. Harrison, J. Charlton, G. Jenner, C. Johnson, H. Verrall, F. Pink, J. Thompson, Mr. Alington, A. Robb and J. Hopkins. H. Hilton, S. Webster, J. Quinn, R. Gibson, R. Gillard, A. F. Owen, J. Hickman, J. Dixon, C. Bamford, T. Willis, and sparemen R. Heddie and Dawson. Umpire, F. Wagstaff.

VANCOUVER.

The Vancouver druggists, with the exception of the McDowell-Atkins Co., have combined to have their goods shipped in bulk from the east. Three of Vancouver's aldermen have been disqualified and elections will be held to fill the vacancies. The disqualified aldermen are Messrs. McCraney, Thomas and Brown. Mr. Hobson, superintendent of the Cariboo hydraulic mine, says the dirt at present being worked is the least paying of the mine. The sentence of death passed upon Patrick Kane for the murder of F. Mon, the market gardener, on Westminster road, in September last, has been commuted by the government to imprisonment for life. The fact that Mooney, who gave evidence as to an alleged confession of Kane's, was a worthless character, is said to have brought the commutation.

Hand Bros. have floated a company in London with \$100,000 capital, known as the Cariboo Reef Development Company, to work three claims on the Princess Maria lode, one mile from Barker-ville. A cable has been received from London stating that parties who are prepared to deposit \$100,000 as a guarantee that the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley railroad will be built under certain conditions. J. C. Ferguson has returned from a visit to the Cariboo and Horsefly mines, on which he says considerable progress has been made. On both mines, however, work has been considerably delayed, on the Cariboo owing to the scarcity of water and on the Horsefly by the lack of powder. His last run out owing to a strike of the packmen at the 100 and 150 mile houses. Now, however, this difficulty has been overcome, Mr. Hobson having procured a large pack train of mules. The delay caused by the combine of the packmen caused them to shut down for 14 days. Mr. Ferguson says they had got out a certain quantity of amalgam gold on the Horsefly which had not yet been separated. He thinks it premature to judge by any cleanup which may be made at present what the value of the mines is to be, as the claim requires to be developed before the precious metal can be handled. It is a mistake to suppose that one can run in water at one end of the claim and take out gold bricks at the other.

Frank Clune, the boy tramp, is a fixture at the city hall, his parents being unable to send money to bring him home. Miss Sydney Bontbee, the youngest daughter of Mr. J. Bontbee, died on Tuesday and was buried on Wednesday. Edgar Bloomfield, accountant in the office of Wilson & Campbell, was taken to the city hospital on Tuesday, suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

ELLA GOOLA.

From our own correspondent. Bella Goola, July 6.—The weather has for the past two weeks been very warm, with heavy showers of rain, which was badly needed and now all gardens are looking fine. On June 20 a party of gentlemen from Minnesota and North Dakota arrived. Their purpose was to look the Bella Goola valley over and to ascertain what future prospects it has. The reporter is pleased to state that their impression of the valley is good. The British Columbia government ought to do all in its power to get the vast amount of land in the coast district all settled up, as there are lots of good able-bodied men at present seeking for homes all over the country. They can find them here if they only knew of the amount of vacant lands.

The government road work is now going on and all the colonists are at it with their body, mind and soul, as they all know the importance of getting the road passable for the coming winter, and must have it in order to get their provisions up to their homes by teams. The valley is now settled 25 miles up from the sea and the river is not navigable in the winter. Oas thing the colony will need more than anything else, and that is a doctor.

hand. The run is fully a fortnight earlier than usual.

There will be a public meeting this evening to discuss bridge matters. The Cold Storage company are freezing all the sockeye salmon they can secure. Many boats are fishing up river for the company, and their own fleet of seven boats is working on the city drift. The fish will be shipped, frozen, to Australia and Europe.

The transfer of the \$20,000 street improvement bonds has been completed, and the money is now lying in the Bank of British Columbia to the credit of the city. The city realized by the sale \$22,022, or a fraction over 110 for the bonds, a figure highly satisfactory. The bonds were purchased by the London & Canadian Loan and Agency Co., Ltd., Toronto.

Mr. D. J. Munn, who has just returned from Kootenay, says that construction on the Kaslo & Slocan railway is going on rapidly, there now being nine hundred men employed. If arrangements are not arrived at between all the canneries, the Anglo-B. C. Packing Co. announces that they will pay 25 cents a fish all through the season.

Work of placing mattresses at the mouth of the river for the protection of the banks is progressing satisfactorily. It from Lambly Creek, on the west side of Okanagan lake. The discovery was made by Thomas Armstrong and the seam is said to be about four feet in thickness when it crops out. Mr. D. Gellatly has also found a large seam on the place known as Short's ranch, which he has traced for over half a mile, and thinks there is lots of it. Both of these locations are favorably situated for shipping purposes, being within easy reach of the lake shore, and it looks as if they might be developed into profitable investments.

Mr. Mark Hill has one of the finest fields of fall wheat that can be seen in any part of the district. The grain now stands over five feet in height, and Mr. Hill, who is a good judge of such matters, feels confident that one field of about 500 acres will average 40 bushels to the acre.

We have been shown some samples of wheat and timothy taken from the farm of Mr. W. M. Cochrane, at Larkin, which for size beat anything that we have seen this year. The timothy heads, which were in the first blossom, measured a good 12 inches, and those of the oats, which are a new variety known as the "Nameless Beauty," are a little over 15 inches in length.

The hay crop at the Mission and up White Valley is somewhat later this year than is generally the case, and haying will not be started for about a week yet. The crop, however, is well up to the average in quantity and hay ought to be plentiful throughout the district, as there still remains a considerable quantity of old hay carried over, owing to the exceptionally mild nature of last winter.

Reports from the agricultural districts are very satisfactory. In many places hay harvesting is general. Those who have sown oats are much pleased with the results. They are coming on beautifully. Many of the best of the Chinamen having to be almost exclusively employed, as all who can are turning their attention to fishing. Reports from up the river and from all directions indicate a good all round yield. Small fruits are very plentiful and under improved cultivation the flavor seems to have improved. Cherries, raspberries and currants are being shipped in abundance and are sold as fast as they are picked. In fact all who went into small fruit this year have made money. Apples, pears and plums promise well.

Word has been received from Ottawa that C. E. Gamble, resident engineer, of Victoria, is to go on with the drill all at once.

A large and steadily increasing business is being done in Westminster water with the down river municipalities. The water at the mouth of the river is too brackish and unsettled to be fit for drinking purposes, and as wells in many localities do not give sweet and pure water, supplies are being drawn from Westminster's unequalled service. An important item in the steamer Edgar's cargo every day is the water carried down for the canners, fishermen and settlers. Some days as many as 1200 gallons are carried; other days not so much.

At the annual meeting of the W. C. T. U., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. E. Scofield; Vice-President, Mrs. D. Robinson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Sive-wright; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jas. Cunningham; Treasurer, Miss McDougall.

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There is none on the coast. In case of sickness or accident a person will either have to die or else go 400 miles to Victoria, and to go that distance from here is no easy matter, as the steamboat only runs every two weeks.

KETTLE RIVER.

Midway Advance. About a hundred men are prospecting in the neighborhood of Christina Lake, and in the search for quartz ledges are gradually working in a westerly direction towards Boundary Creek. Let them come! The number of recent locations gives promise that all at least will not be disappointed when they reach our camps.

Twenty-three represents the total number of last week's locations at the recorder's office here, thirteen claims having been recorded in one day. Mr. Mc Mynn's post is therefore no sinecure, his duties now keeping him busily engaged not only for six, but seven days a week. A sad accident occurred at Grand Prairie on the 4th of July. Mrs. Manley and Mrs. A. Manley, having with them a little baby, were driving to the race track, when the horses became frightened, and one of the reins breaking, ran away, upsetting the buggy, the occupants being violently thrown to the ground. Mrs. Manley, aged over 70 years, was the most severely injured, and, owing to her extreme age fears are entertained for her recovery.

Clement Vacher has struck the Lexington vein on the Jack of Spades. Some of the specimens of ore brought down last week taken from the new vein, were very fine. Messrs. McCulloch and Shallenberger located the White Elephant and the Unicorn in Stuart & Patterson's camp last week. These two claims are very similar, the ledges each being three feet wide. The quartz, evidently calcareous in character, is beautifully white in the vein, yet runs well in gold and silver.

Many surprises certainly are in store for us ere the prospecting season draws to a close. Yet when we consider the extent of territory, and the enormous bodies of mineral already known to exist, we ought not to be astonished should we hear of precious metals other than gold and silver having been found in our district. Recently platinum and nickel have both been discovered in the neighborhood of Camp McKinney, and we are quite prepared to believe that other bodies, carrying metals as rare and precious as gold or silver, will be found to exist in paying quantities here, when once a systematic analysis of ores takes the place of the present method of assaying for gold and silver only. It never seems to occur to some men that the specimens they get assayed can contain anything other than these two metals last named. Perhaps some day they will discover their mistake.

Mineral location records for the month of July:—1st—Four Ace, Greenwood Camp, J. Sutherland; Minnie, Copper Camp, T. Atkinson; Samson, Gold Drop Camp, Dan Stuart; Ethopia, Gold Drop Camp, Dan Stuart; Robert Emmet, Gold Drop Camp, C. J. McArthur; Queen Bess, Gold Drop Camp, P. Hofstetter; Enterprise, Gold Drop Camp, G. Larson; 2nd—Double Standard, White's Camp, E. P. Snydman; Hiwassee, Skylark Camp, E. P. Snydman; Hope, Skylark Camp, H. Mounts; Mt. Morgan, Copper Camp, Sam Creston; Honey Comb, Copper Camp, Sam Creston; Ranger, Greenwood Camp, John Rogers; Hartford, Greenwood Camp, J. Rogers; Roman Eagle, Christina Lake, W. B. Poulton; Gold Band, Gold Drop Camp, Thomet, Saunders and Miller; St. Maurice, Central Camp, Clement Vacher; Seven Thirty, Copper Camp, R. C. Johnson; Hidden Treasure, Copper Camp, Ned Bennett; C. O. D., Gold Drop Camp, H. G. Cole; 3rd—Buttercup, Wellington Camp, J. Farrell; Girl of the Period, Greenwood Camp, W. J. Porter and J. Farrell; 5th—Carrie, Greenwood Camp, N. C. Gordon; 6th—Fortuna, Gold Drop Camp, E. A. Bienenberg; Rising Sun, North Fork Kettle river, E. R. Shannon; Copper King, North Fork Kettle River, C. Edwin Surik.



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