

LADIES WANT VOTES

Helmcken Presents a Monster Petition for Woman Suffrage.

WALKEM'S LITTLE JOKE

Asked to Have the Names Read to Find Out if His Wife Had Signed It—More Anti-Chinese Amendments Offered.

VICTORIA, March 24.—[Special.]—The presentation of an application from 2,411 women of British Columbia asking for female franchise was the prominent feature in the legislature today. A large deputation of ladies was present when Helmcken, of Victoria, in his most genial manner and with a beautiful rose in his buttonhole, emblematic of white ribbons, rose smilingly to present the petition, a huge roll yards in length.

The petition set forth that as the proportion of men and women in the province was nearly equal, and as woman is the equal of man in intelligence and morality and as no evil effects had followed the granting to women of the right to vote at municipal elections, it would be only right to grant them the franchise, and especially as this was the diamond jubilee year of the queen, it was a fitting occasion for the legislature to gracefully grant the suffrage out of compliment to her majesty. When the clerk had read the petition Dr. Walkem caused amusement by wanting to have the names read to find out whether his wife had signed it.

Shutting Out Chinese.

In committee on the West Kootenay Power and Light bill, McPherson's amendment prohibiting the employment of Chinese on the company's works was carried. In the East Kootenay railway bill the same clause was moved but it was decided to allow it to stand over for a few days to await the fate of Adams' general bill dealing with the same subject. The Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway bill passed through committee with few changes. The bill itself contains a clause prohibiting Chinese employment. The Lardero-Duncan railway was advanced in committee. The preamble of the latter bill was laid over as owing to the similarity of Lardero and Lardero, the name of the railway may be changed to prevent confusion. The Alberni and Nanaimo railway bill was read a second time today.

A very handsomely illuminated address to the queen, congratulating her on her diamond jubilee, from the members of the house is being prepared in the lands and works department. It is going to be something very fine.

HUGH JOHN IS UNSEATED

He Is One of Three Conservatives Whose Constituencies Are Opened.

Boche, of Marquette, Has Another Chance—Davies, Kailbach and Bergeron Safe for a Time.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 24.—In the supreme court today the appeal in the Winnipeg election case was dismissed with costs. The effect of this is to unseat Hugh John and open up the constituency. The McDonald election appeal case was dismissed with costs. This unseats Boyd and opens the constituency, too.

The West Prince, P. E. I., election case which was tried on its merits, was dismissed with costs. This unseats Hackett, conservative, on the charge of treating and makes in all three constituencies unseated.

The appeal against Roche, conservative, of Marquette, was quashed and unless a further trial be too will be shut out.

In the West Assiniboia election case, the appeal of Davin on preliminary objections was dismissed. The case will now go to trial. Meanwhile Davin takes his seat.

In the Lunenburg and Beaufort election cases the preliminary objections were dismissed. The cases have not yet been taken up and Kailbach and Bergeron will take their seats. All the judgments carry costs.

READY FOR THE OPENING.

Cabinet Has Its Program of Work Well Mapped Out.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 24.—The preparations for the opening of parliament tomorrow are complete. The cabinet is today considering the year year in local and appropriate terms and parliament will be invited to adopt a joint address of congratulation to her majesty to be handed to the queen in person by the first minister of the crown in Canada when he pays his respects at Buckingham palace on June 21.

Rebills for the revision of the customs tariff, repealing the franchise act and adopting provincial franchises, providing for a prohibition placetite, civil service, and inland revenue departments to their original positions and conferring on customs inspectors the dignity of chief ministers respecting the Northwest Territories, providing for certain departmental changes and other bills will be presented in the special session.

Members are arriving here by every train so that the prospects are there will be a big attendance at the opening tomorrow.

IMMIGRANTS FOR THE WEST.

Toronto, Ont., March 24.—Besides the 300 excursionists from Ontario who left for the west yesterday another batch of 200 is on its way out from Montreal. The emigrants landed at Hamilton and are the first arrived this season. They are mostly respectable English people of means who intend, the most of them, to take up land in Manitoba, while a certain number, influenced by favorable reports of the gold mining in British Columbia, intend trying their fortune in that direction.

THE HUCKLEBERRY CAMP.

Discovery that the Stanley Was Salted Has Put a Stop to Work.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 24.—[Special.]—Sam Gibson, one of the owners of the King Solomon and Single Standard claims in the Huckleberry district, arrived in the city last evening bringing with him some samples of the surface rocks from the claims for the purpose of proving some assays made. Assays made from this rock last December gave returns of \$9 in gold and a trace of silver. Since the publicity of the rumors concerning the pitting out of the Stanley above claims, Mr. Gibson says he is now in doubt as to the correctness of the assays made, and it was to satisfy himself on this point that he concluded to have some more of the rock tested. He expects to learn the result in the morning. Mr. Gibson says the reports concerning the Stanley mine have had a most

discouraging effect on the Huckleberry district. He says that all development work has stopped and until it has been positively determined whether the Stanley is a salted proposition or not no further work will be done in the camp.

REGISTRATION BEGINS.

Nearly Five Hundred Claim Votes the First Day.

Returning Officer J. B. Townsend telegraphed to Victoria on Tuesday for registration forms, and would have had to wait until they were sent or he could get them printed, but in the meantime Mr. Lalonde's supporters had a large number printed, and they were ready for Justice Townsend's use this morning by 10 o'clock. At Lalonde's headquarters these forms were ready for signature, and M. L. Germaine, notary public, was in attendance all day to take the affidavits of those applying for registration. At R. J. Bealey's, Reddin & Jackson's, John McKane's and other notaries' offices, these affidavits were also taken without charge, and also at Colonel Scott's headquarters.

The number who registered was a great surprise. Justice Townsend kept his office open until 10 o'clock, and the registration papers piled up so fast that he was unable to find time to enter them or even count them up. He estimated that there must be nearly 500. The total number of voters will therefore, it is believed, be much larger than was expected.

BAPTIST PLE SOCIAL.

The Baptist church gave an enjoyable entertainment at Dominion hall last night, calling it a pie social. There was an excellent program, including tableaux, readings and vocal and instrumental music, and among those taking part were the Misses Lindsay, Burritt, Whitney, Davis, De Voin, Whiting, Fleming, Beardsley and Graham, Mrs. Hunt, Col. Albert Whyte, Messrs. M. B. Green and L. Richardson and Master Roy Gee.

A Canadian Mica Mine.

The following paragraph was inadvertently omitted from our London letter:

The Mica Manufacturing company has been formed with a capital stock of \$8,000 to acquire the mineral rights of the Lake Girard group of mica properties, comprising 1,700 acres situated in the province of Ontario and Quebec, Canada, and also the goodwill and connection of the manufacturing business. The statements by Mr. T. Davidson, accountant and auditor, of Ottawa, Canada, and accounts furnished from the books by Mr. T. J. Watson, the vendor, showing the properties and establishing the business and that in rough or ready form mica to the value of \$20,000 has already been sold. The purchase price has been fixed at \$20,000, of which \$5,000 is payable in cash and the balance in shares or partly in shares and partly in cash, leaving 17,000 shares available for issue for the provision of working capital.

SPOKANE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 24.—[Special.]—The closing quotations on the exchange today were as follows: Butte, 3½ asked; Commander, 16 bid, 10 asked; Deer Park, 17 bid, 18½ asked; Evening Star, 11½ asked; Great Western, 12½ asked; Josie Mac, 12½ asked; Josie, 4½ asked; Lily May, 18½ bid; Monte Cristo, 11 asked; Noble Five, 15½ bid; Phoenix, 11 bid; Poorman, 6 bid, 7 asked; Reservation, 7 asked; St. Elmo, 6½ bid, 7½ asked; Silver King, 12½ asked; Virginia, 12½ asked; West End, 20½ asked; Wonderful, 9 asked; Celtic Queen, 5 bid; Cariboo, 48 asked; Delle, 1½ bid, 1½ asked; Rambler, 55 asked; Ivanhoe, 15 asked; Jeff Davis, 21 asked.

Unlisted stocks were quoted as follows: Dardanelles, 21 asked; Ellen, 6 bid; Eureka, 5½ asked; Grand Prix, 4 asked; Gold Dust, 12½ asked; Helen, 4 asked; Homestake, 3½ asked; Knight Templar, 3 asked; Little Darling, 2½ asked; Mink, 1½ bid, 1½ asked; Newsum, 10½ asked; Miller Creek, 4½ bid, 6 asked; Phoenix, 11 bid; Primrose, 5½ bid; Siskiyou, 10½ asked; Sunset, 5 asked; Vulcan, 1½ bid, 1½ asked; Wall Street, 4 asked; Palouse Bluebird, 2½ bid, 3 asked.

The sales today were as follows: 500 Phoenix, 8; 1,000 Phoenix, 10; 2,500 Delle, 12½; 1,000 Vulcan, 1½. After the call 500 Cariboo was sold at 48.

ROSSLAND MINING MARKET.

The past week has seen a great deal of activity in the local stock market and as a result there was a good deal of fluctuation in prices and many sales. Some very notable changes occurred from the closing quotations of a week ago. Among listed stocks Butte declined from 4½ to 3½. Celtic Queen dropped half a cent to 4½. Commander lost a cent to 20. Crown Point lost three cents to 47. Deer Park closed a cent lower at 19. High Ore advanced a quarter of a cent to 10½. Iron Mask has gained two cents to 10½. Iron Mask is a cent lower at 41. Josie had gained a cent, closing at 48. Jumbo has jumped up four cents to 59. Knight Templar is a cent and a half better at 5. Mayflower is strong at 14½, a gain of a cent. Monte is four cents lower at 20. Monte Cristo has dropped from 13½ to 8. O. K. lost half a cent and stands now at 27. Palo Alto advanced half a cent to 6½. Phoenix declined a cent and a half to 10. Poorman has jumped up from 4½ to 6½. Red Mountain is also lower at 20, a fall of one cent. St. Elmo is two and a half cents lower at 7½. Silver King gained a quarter of a cent closing at 12½. Virginia is stronger, and half a cent better at 11½. White Bear is down two cents at 18. Young British America has gained a half to 6½. Old Ironsides is half a cent better at 6½. Dardanelles is lower by half a cent at 21. Noble Five declined a cent and a half to 58½. Rambler lost two cents at 53. Reco is quoted a cent less at \$1.34. A Wonderful is a quarter of a cent lower at 9½. The new companies listed last week were: Alki, Argentine, Camp Bird, Consol and Yale, all of which have obtained certificates of improvements to their claims.

Local Sales.

The local sales of stocks reported to THE MINER this week were: 4,300 Red Eagle, 10; 3,500 Crownwell, 8½; 1,200 Kootenay-London, 12½; 5,000 Dundee, 4½; 1,000 Silver Bear, 5½; 300 Poorman, 5; 2,500 Deer Park, 19½; 1,000 Red Eagle, 7½; 1,000 Great Western, 12½; 500 Phoenix, 6½; 5,000 Red Eagle, 10; 2,000 Canadian Gold Fields, 10; 500 Silver Bear, 5½; 2,000 Diamond Dust, 2; 800 Red Eagle, 10; 1,100 Crownwell, 8½; 500 Monte Cristo, 13½; 5,000 Royal Five, 10; 200 Dundee, 10; 2,700 Victory-Triumph, 15; 1,000 Commander, 18½; 300 Silver Bear, 6; 3,000 Deer Park, 19½; 100 Josie, 42; 10,000 Silver Bear, 10; 2,000 Silver Bear, 10; 500 Elise, 5½; 2,000 Good Hope, 4½; 1,000 Yale, 2½; 500 Pick Up, 1½; 100 Silver Bear, 10; 500 Celtic Queen, 5; 1,500 St. Elmo, 7½; 2,500 Elise, 7; 1,000 Old Gold, 5; 500 O. K., 26½; 1,000 Great Western, 16; 5,000 Elise, 5½; 200 Montana, 20; 750 Canadian Gold Fields, 10; 2,000 Butte, 3½; 1,000 Young British America, 6; 5,000 Colom-

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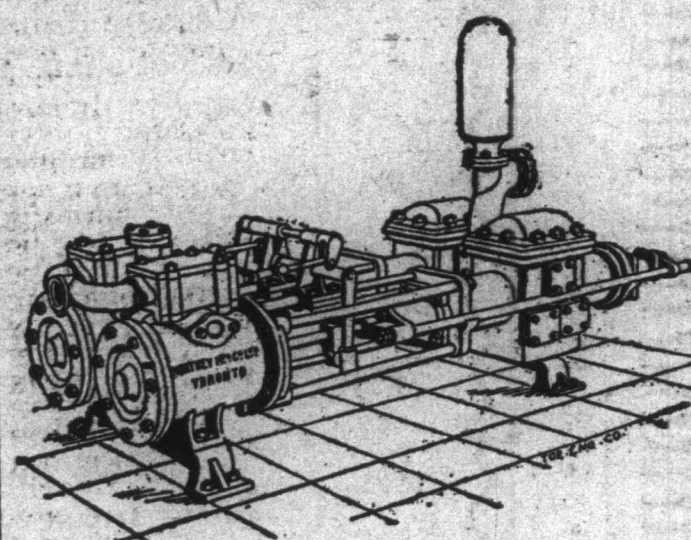
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