

PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

The Rossland Miner predicts the overthrow of the Turner government, and calls upon reformers everywhere to organize, and as a party assist in the approaching election.

Never in the history of the province was there so great a feeling of unrest politically as exists to-day. The government is everywhere unpopular, distrusted and weak.

Should the next election be fought on Dominion party lines? This is a question that cannot be decided off-handedly. Considered in a tactical sense, it must be left to the respective parties to settle.

It may not be inopportune to point out here a few of the little "delicate attentions" we have received at the hands of our American cousins.

SANITARY WORK.

Last session the government voted \$5,000 to the provincial board of health. This was not half enough to enable the board to carry out the work that could and ought to be done throughout the many large and scattered districts of the province.

secretary of the board of health, now touring the province, receives \$100 per month and all his expenses, and that the president draws a salary of some dimensions, we cannot be surprised that little is left for any other purpose.

A POLICY.

That is what everybody says is wanted for this country at the present juncture. The present do-nothing government are engendering their brilliant brains for some sort of make-believe policy that will seem plausible enough to bluff the people.

OUR AMERICAN COUSINS.

"I do not like thee, Dr. Fell," has always been the sentiment of the United States towards Canada, and instead of the feeling becoming less accentuated as time rolls on, it appears, on the contrary, to grow more and more intense.

The imperial government borrows money at 2 1/2 per cent, the Canadian government at 3 per cent, the provincial government at 3 1/2 per cent, Victoria city at 4 1/2 per cent, private individuals upon first rate mortgages in British Columbia cities pay 6 per cent, second rate mortgages at 8, 10 and even 12 per cent.

The security offered is doubtless largely by the gauge of interest required. First class security means a low rate of interest. Next the facility of conversion or realization is an important factor in loaning money.

again, in almost every international transaction in which we have had the misfortune to engage with them, we have been robbed and plundered. Recent legislation by the newly elected Liberals evinces a new policy, and the Canadian government will now probably drop all further importunities for reciprocal rights.

THE MINING REGULATIONS.

A correspondent, who signs his contribution "Co-Operation," endorses the proposition of the government to collect a royalty on the Yukon gold. He states the case fairly and convincingly. We have no doubt that ninety per cent. of Canadians will agree with "Co-Operation" and will support the royalty.

USURY AND INTEREST.

Some of the English papers now to hand are discussing the question of usurious interest. Young society bloods, who have been sent by rich parents to Oxford or Cambridge for education, have plunged into a sea of extravagance and dissipation that is almost incredible.

The Siberian railway is unique in some respects. When completed it will be the longest stretch of railway track from Montreal to Vancouver, its 2,900 miles. Whereas the Siberian railway, as projected, will be fully 4,700 miles of continuous track.

and are subject neither to protraction fees nor to any time limit. Why should 7, 8 and 9 per cent, be payable in Victoria?

Without intending to commence any agitation against the honest lender of money at fair rates of interest, the Times still thinks that a useful end will be served by ventilating this subject, which is a grievance to many, and if as the result any concerted action is taken to reduce their rates of interest, to revivify their old standards and methods of business, the larger interests of the mercantile trading and borrowing community will be served.

HAS HE THE POWER?

The Inland Sentinel continues to direct public attention to the attorney-general's failure to do his duty. It points to the verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of the Big Mud tunnel fatality near Illecillewaet, when five men lost their lives, and to a more recent accident at Donald, when an employee in the C.P.R. yard lost his life by being caught in an unprotected "frog."

PRESS OPINIONS.

Canadians, "hold your own."—Hamilton Spectator. It would just be as reasonable for Victoria people to be required to go to Vancouver to attend court as for Rossland people to continue going to Nelson.

Advertisement for Hood's Sarsaparilla, describing its benefits for various ailments and its status as a 'First Always' product.

men's pockets and nothing at all of exploring the Yukon.

When the secretary of state is the only minister at Ottawa, he may claim the title, the Star thinks, of "Great Scot."

The Montreal Star puts in a nutshell as follows: "The Canadian government should not be one of those who lose money over the Clondyke affair. The government 'claim' should be, at least, self-sustaining."

Mr. Tarte's latest exposure recalls a transaction now almost forgotten—the manipulation of the steel whereby the site of the present town of Regina was selected. Tarty politicians do not hate Mr. Tarte without reason.

British imports from Canada for the half year ending 30th June last represented \$4,750,996, as against \$3,740,782 during the same period of the previous year. Canada is the only British colony showing an increase in exports to the motherland.

Grain experts—they have them in grain growing as in mining—say the average yield in Manitoba will be 18 bushels an acre. The government's estimated area under crop is 1,958,025 acres, so that the total yield, assuming the grain experts to be nearly right in their calculation, will be \$5,244,450 bushels. This is better than Clondyke.

The Globe's Ottawa special says a bounty of \$3 per ton is to be paid on all steel ingots manufactured in Canada after June 28, 1897, and for five years thereafter, from ingredients of which not less than fifty per cent. of the weight consists of pig iron made in Canada.

No better selection could have been made of an administrator for the Clondyke district. Major Walsh, once known as "Sitting Bull's Boss," has had a splendid record while in command of the Northwest Mounted Police.

It is rather amusing to watch the efforts of the Mainland mouthpiece of the Turner government—the Vancouver World—to ride at one and the same time two horses of servile support of the aforesaid government and interested opposition to the Kootenay railway beneficiaries.

Table listing various mining and development companies with their respective capitalizations and shares, including the Clondyke Syndicate, Yukon-Klondyke Mining Co., and others.

Advertisement for Hood's Sarsaparilla, featuring the text 'First Always' and 'Hood's Sarsaparilla' in large, bold letters.

organ's painful acrobatic predicament—Columbian.

Even if the government had expressed no intention at all in the matter it is evident that the remarkable development of the province has undergone during the past three years and the great increase of population which has taken place, especially in the southern portion, would render a redistribution bill a positive necessity.

CLONDYKE COMPANIES.

For the Development of the Yukon District—A Few Wildcats.

One of the features of the present excitement over the gold discoveries in the Clondyke, says the Montreal Star, is the great number of syndicates which are being formed for the purpose of acquiring and working claims in the golden north. These syndicates are doing a roaring business, too, for there are many thousands of persons who have been smitten with the gold fever.

There are already organized in Montreal three of these syndicates, and the steamer Islander, which sailed from Victoria for Dyea on August 15th, carried expeditions sent out by each of the three. They are the Canadian Yukon Company, a private syndicate organized by Dr. James Guerin, and now seeking incorporation as a joint stock company; the Montreal-London Gold and Silver Mining Company, whose local agent is Mr. Clarence McCuaig, and a syndicate formed by Mr. E. S. Scroggie.

The general plan and purpose of the several syndicates is very simple. A number of men are picked out for their general adaptability to the requirements of placer mining in the icy north, and are placed in charge of a foreman, who, in addition to a certain stipulated salary, is in order to stimulate his zeal, allowed a certain interest in the profits of the syndicate.

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CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Marquis Ito Coming—A Mining Killed by Lightning. Montreal, Aug. 17.—The Marquis Ito, the distinguished Japanese statesman who represented that country at the World's Fair, arrived here on his way home. He lunched at the Hotel Vancouver, and left for his home in the morning.

Revenue Detective Cinque Mar has just returned from a trip of exploration in the woods of Terrebonne, and reports that he has discovered a mine, and several hundred gallons of gold ore, and a quantity of silver ore, all of which he has secured. The mine is situated in the woods of Terrebonne, and is named after the detective who discovered it.

TO BE A BIG

A. W. Ross, Ex-M.P. Says That Columbia Will go to the South with Rapid Strides.

Senator Robitaille Dead—the Cost of Railway Traffic for Troops.

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—A. W. Ross, ex-M.P. for L'Assomption, Manitoba, city, Mr. Ross is at present with the Kootenay & Caribooing Company, of which John C. Rossland, Ex-M.P., is president.

Senator Robitaille is dead. He was a descendant of one of the French families in Canada. He was the late Louis Robitaille, M.P., and was born at Yareau in 1834. He was a member of council and receiver-general of the Yukon district, in the time of the interior and the department of justice in regard to the new constitution of Quebec from June 1st until September, 1884. He was a member of the cabinet of the late Sir John A. Macdonald.

Dr. Borden has caused an order to be passed reducing the cost of transportation for troops. The rate to the number of 125 officers will be carried at two-thirds the ordinary rate and over that number at the ordinary rate.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Lady Missionaries—Bank Manager levelled.—The Sultana Missions.

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—Miss Ada Cousin of Hon. Clifford Sifton, of Washington, both from Ontario, here en route to Japan, where she is engaged in Methodist mission work.

Winnipeg, Aug. 18.—The man who was killed by lightning at the bank at Calgary, who was a member of the bank's staff, was Mr. Wilson, of Trenton, Ont. Mr. Wilson passed through the city this week en route west.

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