

JAPS AND CHINESE

Canada Not Bound by the Treaty Between Britain and Japan.

WOOD'S CHARGES DENIED

British Columbia Cannery Not Putting Up Patrick Salmon-McMullen's Civil Service Bill Withdrawn - Private Members Day in the House.

[From our Special Correspondent.] OTTAWA, Ont., May 10.—This was private members' day in the house. There was the usual batch of questions about dismissals, most of them unimportant.

Sifton said it was correct that the Regina Indian office was to be removed to Winnipeg.

McInnes, who is afraid of the influx of Japanese into British Columbia, asked if the government did accept the provisions of the treaty between Great Britain and Japan, because if they did so, then it would be impossible to prohibit or restrict the same.

Laurier said that when the government took office it found a notice from the imperial government regarding the treaty, which never had been answered.

His government at once replied that Canada did not want to be bound by the treaty.

Fielding in answer to a question said that the government had some information that there was something like a combination among some manufacturers, but not sufficient as yet to cause a reduction of duty.

Davis said the cost of the Hudson bay expedition steamer would be \$9,000 per month. Laurier in reply to a question said that the motor police at present numbered 711 officers and men.

McLachlan, replying to McLean, said the government did not propose to suppress the New York Sun from coming in the mails because of an article against the queen.

Maxwell reviewed the whole correspondence which appeared in the Globe of London, England, over canning fish in British Columbia and the charges made by Sam Wood that the cannery was putting up with the canners.

Maxwell asked Davies for a statement. Davies said Wood finally admitted his mistake and apologized but still there were some people in British Columbia that believed there was some slight truth in what Wood had said, although the goods the cannery put up were acknowledged to be superior to anything in the country.

LIKE A BARB WIRE FENCE

The Tariff Relations Between Canada and the United States.

Erastus Wiman So Describes the Situation—Says Canada is More Loyal Than Ever to Great Britain.

DETROIT, Mich., May 10.—Erastus Wiman of New York responded to the toast, "Better Relations With Canada," at the chamber of commerce dinner to night.

"In full view of both sides of the border lines, 4,000 miles long, we see a depression, unequalled in universality, severity and duration, for the governments on both sides are intently engaged in building higher than ever the tariff wall. They are thus destroying about the only chance there is of a revival of commerce or an outlet for the products and manufactures.

"Cutting the continent commercially in two this tariff is like a barbed wire fence over which one brother cannot trade with another without paying tribute beyond the cost of production for both. British Columbia, comprising the greater half of the continent, now alone offers room for expansion. There are no new territories within the union into which the surplus population can expand. Employment is possible only in the northern half of the continent. Because another political system prevails in that region ought to be no barrier to commercial expansion in that direction.

"That the people of Canada are favorable to the closest relationship to this country is evinced by the fact that its new government has already shown itself ready to meet overtures by which the country can practically be united. Annexation is unnecessary, desirable and impossible. Canada is today more loyal to Great Britain than ever before. That the basis for a commercial bargain with Canada could be easily discerned by a commission of commercial men seems entirely possible and no feature in the career of either government would create a commission with this object in view."

HALL MINES SMELTER

Shut Down During Repair of Tramway—Calcing Now in Full Blast.

Nelson Miner: The Hall Mines smelter shut down last Saturday night for repairs and will probably not blow in again for two or three weeks. The furnace is being completely overhauled and rebricked and the tramway is having two new cables put up in place of the old ones.

The new calcing and refining furnaces have been housed and fires were started on the former last Sunday. On Wednesday this furnace was charged with matte and already there is a quantity of it ready for the refining furnace.

The first treatment takes away the greater part of the sulphur, and the last eliminates the iron and also the balance of the sulphur.

The whole arrangement of the furnaces is excellent, and from the crushing room the work is almost automatic. Cars of crushed matte are conveyed over the furnaces to bins and

on a lower level other cars are loaded from these bins and discharged directly into the calcining furnaces. From the time the fires were started there has been no hitch or break in the working and when both blast furnaces are running the roaster and reverberatory will probably be operated steadily.

RUSH TO THE YUKON

Reports from the northwest are that a rush to the Yukon region in Alaska has set in early, and that a considerable number of men have already started for the north.

Some arrangements have been made to place steamboats on the navigable sections of the Yukon and in other ways to reduce the difficulties attending transportation to the region.

It is evident that the steamship and transport companies are working up a boom in their own interest, and current newspaper references to the great riches of Alaska must be received with caution.

Whatever the possibilities of the northern placers may be, it is absurd to talk of the "richest gold regions of the world," as we have seen paragraphs in the exchanges here. In any event the difficulties of the region are very great.

The working season is short, the cost of living very high, and the risks to be undertaken seem large in proportion to the chances of gain. We have again to repeat the caution that only those who are well prepared for the undertaking and able to take care of themselves in case of failure at first should try the Yukon country.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

THE CROW'S NEST LINE

All Agree That It Must be Constructed Immediately.

The Government Will Make Known Its Intentions in a Few Days—Probable Conditions of Construction.

TORONTO, Ont., May 10.—The Globe's Ottawa special says today: The government will make known its intentions respecting the Crow's Nest Pass and other railway enterprises in a few days.

At present no one outside the cabinet has any idea what is going to be done. The general opinion on both sides of the continent is that no time should be lost in constructing the Crow's Nest line, and that the cheapest way to build it is to let the Canadian Pacific build it with government assistance; the government retaining substantial control of the rates and running powers and calling on the Canadian Pacific for reasonable concessions in the form of lower rates for the settlers in Manitoba and the Territories.

GOLD FROM CARIBOO MINE

Two Bullion Bricks Valued at \$17,500 Banked at Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 10.—[Special.]—Two gold bricks, containing 1,094 ounces of bullion and valued at about \$17,500, the result of the last clean up at the Cariboo mine, were brought down from Camp McKinney, B. C., this morning, and are now stored in the vaults of the "Traders" bank in this city.

In an interview today with M. M. Cowley, president of the Cariboo company, he said it was the intention of the company to expend \$30,000 in the purchase of additional machinery and other improvements at the mine this summer.

Work on the improvements has already been commenced. The 10-stamp mill will be increased to triple that capacity, and when all the machinery is completed the output will be more than double that of heretofore. In view of the expenditure of this large sum of money President Cowley says no dividends will be declared for the present.

MRS. OPPENHEIMER'S ACT

Wife of Ex-Mayor of Vancouver Leaps From a Moving Train.

Both Her Feet Cut Off—Was on the Way to Philadelphia To Be Treated For Nervous Disease.

HUDSON, N. Y., May 10.—Mrs. David Oppenheimer, the wife of the ex-mayor of Vancouver, British Columbia, is in the hospital here, with both feet cut off. She was en route to Philadelphia to be treated by a specialist for a nervous disease and was accompanied by her husband and nurse. They occupied a compartment in a Wagner car on the New York Central Railroad.

Early today, when the train was a few miles above Hudson, Mrs. Oppenheimer flung herself from the car window. The wheels cut off both her feet. Amputation of both legs will be necessary.

OUR GROWING TRADE

Facts About the Increase of Kootenay Commerce.

Nelson Tribune: The figures issued from the port of Nelson for the first quarter of the current year are most encouraging. They do not doubt furnish the basis for the interest which eastern Canada is now evincing in the welfare of West Kootenay.

The pioneers of the district were in a measure left to work out their own salvation. Their work proved that their faith in the mines of West Kootenay was well founded. They developed the district from a prospective to an actual mining country. For the first three months of the present year the exports of West Kootenay entered at the port of Nelson were valued at \$1,932,090; the imports were valued at \$401,818, and the duty collected amounted to \$89,964.12.

The growth of Kootenay's trade can best be shown by comparison with the two previous years:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Value of Imports, Value of Exports, Value of Duty Collected. Data for 1895, 1896, and 1897.

The collections made under the head of inland revenues show similar increase. For the year 1895 the collections amounted to \$12,972.55; for the year 1896, \$26,840.54; for the first quarter of the current year, \$13,080.62. These figures show that there is a large and growing trade in West Kootenay. The people of eastern Canada have come to see that if a portion of this trade it will be their own loss. West Kootenay can better afford to get along without Eastern Canada than can Eastern Canada get along without Kootenay's trade.

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DR. CAMERON'S CASE

Bostock is Investigating This Most Extraordinary Arrest.

CHANGE IN THE SENATE

Beohard's Place Not Yet Filled—Members of the Red Chamber Who Were Appointed at Confederation—How Thihaudeau Got His Seat.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 4.—[Special Correspondence.]—Hewitt Bostock, M. P., has given notice in parliament that he will bring up for discussion the arrest in British Columbia of Dr. Cameron, in July, 1896, on a charge of libel. The history of this case reflects no credit on the country nor on any of the parties who were instrumental in the prosecution.

Dr. Cameron was one of the original owners of the mines in British Columbia that were transferred to the Granite Creek Mining company. He heard reports that the affairs of the company were not being properly managed here and he came from the west to Ottawa. A meeting of some of the Ottawa shareholders and directors was held and reports were submitted by Dr. Cameron and Mr. Brunel upon the condition of affairs at the mines. The report was subsequently printed and circulated by Dr. Cameron among his fellow shareholders in Ottawa.

Mr. W. L. Hogg, the secretary-treasurer of the company, considered that he had been libeled by the statements made at the meeting and in the circular. One of the directors told Dr. Cameron that criminal proceedings were to be taken against him and that he had better leave town. The reply was that all the facts mentioned in the circular would be proved, and the doctor intimated that he would only be glad to have the matter ventilated in the courts, and although at considerable inconvenience he would wait in Ottawa to receive the service of any papers. Dr. Cameron remained for some weeks after this conversation, and not hearing anything of the proposed action and it being necessary for his return to British Columbia, he went back to Granite creek.

Nothing further was done until September 2, 1896, when Mr. Hogg laid an information against Dr. Cameron, charging him with criminal libel, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. A detective was sent to British Columbia and Dr. Cameron was arrested at Granite creek, hurried into a stage coach and had to drive 35 miles to Kamloops, although in very poor health. He was not even permitted to see a lawyer. In October he was committed to stand his trial in November, but no indictment was laid before the grand jury. Dr. Cameron had to leave for British Columbia and return in March. The grand jury had two sittings in March but still no indictment came from the prosecution. Finally Dr. Cameron was released from custody.

The whole story from beginning to end reads like fiction and not from real life. A man is dragged out of a sick bed by a private detective, taken 3,000 miles to stand his trial for alleged libel. Six months elapse and no indictment is made, and after two trips across the continent the accused is removed from custody.

Vacancy in the Senate. There is just one vacancy in the senate. This has been caused by the death of Mr. Beohard, an old time liberal, who represented Irberville in the house of commons from confederation until he retired for the Hon. J. I. Tarte after the last general election. There is of course a scramble for the position, but it is not likely to be filled until after the session of parliament.

Since the liberals came into power last June eight new senators have been appointed to fill vacancies. At this rate the political complexion of the senate will be rapidly changed. There are 81 members in the senate. Of these 16 are liberals, two are independents and the remainder are conservative, so that about one-half the liberals have been appointed since Mr. Laurier came into power. In less than 10 years there will be a majority of liberals in the senate.

Mr. Laurier will no doubt pursue the same policy in filling up the senate as his political opponents did, and unless something very unexpected happens he has got ten years lease of power ahead of him. The school question has been in a position to make appointments. The school question has been amicably settled, and the new tariff is a greater triumph to the liberal leader than was the school settlement. Take the last decade and it will be seen that 44 new senators have been appointed, making more than one-half of the senate. Ten years, therefore, revolutionizes the whole Red-chamber.

Oldest and Youngest Senators. There are still six members who were appointed at confederation in 1867. Senator Wark, who is one of these, and who is a liberal, is 93 years of age. Then there are Senator Dickey, 87 years; Senator Armand, 77 years; Senator Allan, 75 years; Senator Reesor, 74 years; Senator Miller, 63 years.

The youngest member of the senate is the Hon. A. A. Thihaudeau, of Montreal, who is 37 years of age and who was appointed by Mr. Laurier. It was Mr. Thihaudeau's father who resigned from his seat in the commons to give it to Mr. Laurier, who was defeated when accepting office in the Mackenzie government in 1877. Mr. Laurier did not forget this kind act, and this fact is seen in the appointment of young Thihaudeau. Mr. Thihaudeau, senior, sat for Quebec East, and Mr. Laurier has represented it ever since.

No less than 17 new senators were appointed in 1896. While the liberals are pledged to reform the senate, very little can be done in this direction until a majority favorable to the government is found in the upper chamber.

Learned at Nelson. Nelson Miner:—From the best possible authority the Miner learns that arrangements are now being made in London, England, for the purchase of the Le Roi mine, and that the price at which it is being considered is \$1,000,000.

Newest Town in Kootenay. Nelson Miner: The newest town in Kootenay is Craigtown, formerly known as Craig's camp. It is situated on the North Fork of Salmon river, about six miles from the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway. The town is the center of a rich mineral district and promises to become a place of considerable importance. An hotel and several business houses are now being erected there.

At present the settlement lacks roads and trails, but a petition with over 400 signatures has been forwarded to the government at Victoria asking the construction of a government wagon road from the railway track to a distance of nine miles up the north fork of Salmon river.

This summer many mineral claims in the vicinity of Craigtown will be extensively developed. Several prospecting parties are now working during the winter.

Finance Company's Meeting. The adjourned annual meeting of the Finance Gold Mining company, limited liability, which should have been held April 6th, was held yesterday afternoon in the office of Angus MacNish. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. J. T. McKenzie; vice-president, Wm. Rolfs; managing director, Jas. B. Powell; secretary-treasurer, (pro tem) M. H. Dobie. Board of directors: Dr. J. T. McKenzie, P. Hunter, Wm. Rolfs, M. H. Dobie, Jas. Burns, Wm. G. Godeve and J. B. Powell. The manager reported that the company had made most satisfactory progress. The board has purchased the following properties: Finance, Echo, Big White, Gladstone and Sitwash. Of these the first four are situated on Green mountain on the divide between Rock and Murphy creeks, and the last near Tread mountain in the Nelson district. On the Big White a shaft has been sunk to a depth of 67 feet with very satisfactory results.

Monte Cristo Mine. The situation at the Monte Cristo continues to improve. The crosscut has now run 35 feet, and the drill yesterday was in solid ore. This indicates that a good ore body will be found in the hanging wall. J. H. Sussmann, C. H. Hammond and a number of prominent men who happened to be in the city visited the mine yesterday.

Discovery of Free Gold. Nelson Miner: A find of free gold in white quartz has been made on a new claim adjoining the Eureka on Eagle creek. It is owned by John Holm, who at present is ground slicing the claim. No assays have been made. The main samples were taken from stringers and have excited much interest.

New Mining Company. The Silver Leaf company has been organized here to take over the Maple Leaf and other claims on the divide between Springer and Twelve Mile creeks, Slooan Lake district. These claims are in the neighborhood of the Bondholder, Arlington, Dalhousie and Enterprise.

Cost of Mail Transportation. OTTAWA, Ont., May 10.—Ryan & Shields, of Toronto, for carrying the mails from Ashcroft to Barkerville in Cariboo, B. C., get something over \$20,000 per year.

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