

MINE OWNERS' VIEWS.

Delegates From Rosland Here to Consult the Government on Mining Taxes.

They Believe a Sliding Scale Should Be Adopted For Expense of Working.

Col. W. W. D. Turner, president, and W. J. Harris, mine manager, of the Le Roi mine, and F. C. Loring, the principal owner of the Josie mine, arrived from Rosland yesterday and are staying at the Diard. They are delegates appointed by the people of that district to interview the government with respect to the provisions in the assessment bill now before the house in regard to the taxation on ore.

Speaking of the proposed method of taxing the mineral output, Mr. Loring last night remarked that the delegates were not coming here as kickers against the payment of taxation by the mines. They thoroughly believed that the mines should pay their share towards the government of the province. He considered that the mining laws here were superior to those in the United States, and it was only justice and good policy to make the mines pay their share of the taxes. The mine owners, however, do not consider that the proposed method of dealing with the question meets all cases fairly and claim that it tells against the low grade quartz mines of the Kootenay country depends upon the immense bodies of low grade ore that exist there and very large outlays had already been made by the mines that were in operation. For instance, in the Rosland district, the Le Roi had made improvements to the amount of \$30,000 or \$40,000; the Josie of \$10,000 and the War Eagle of \$40,000. The improvements alone of the various mines afforded a very considerable source of taxation. The development of the mines would also supply other large contributions to the provincial treasury, for were it not for these Rosland and similar towns could not exist. The towns of Kootenay depended on the prosperity of the mining industry. The best method, it seemed to Mr. Loring, of taxing the mining output was to adopt a sliding scale.

The proposal of the government to allow \$3 a ton for mining the ore was not fair to all the mines. A sliding scale should, he believed, be adopted, for some ore cost much more to mine than others. It all depended on the character of the rock. For instance, it cost the Josie fully \$6 a ton to mine ore and the Le Roi about the same. At other places it cost more to work with prospect much less—no more than \$2 a ton. For this reason all quartz mines should not be treated alike in this respect. He noticed that in the case of placer or hydraulic mines the government proposed to introduce an amendment to the bill entitling them to a rebate of taxes on the actual working expenses of the mine, and he considered that quartz mines should have the same privilege accorded to them. It should be remembered, too, that care must be taken not to hamper the development of low grade properties, for there were millions of tons of low grade ore which, though at present would not pay to work, with proper encouragement would be worked within the next five years.

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MRS. CODY'S BODY FOUND.

The dead body of Mrs. Arthur B. Cody, who disappeared from her father's house in Tacoma, Wash., on January 31, was found on Monday on a vacant lot near the bluff in that city, within 100 yards of the Puget Sound Flouring Mills. She had been shot through the heart and beside her was found the 32 calibre revolver which she had purchased the day she disappeared. Only a few days ago the unfortunate woman's husband and her father were in Victoria looking for her, and since the time she was lost have spared neither money nor trouble in trying to discover her whereabouts. Mr. Cody when here clung to the idea that his wife had not committed suicide, though it was known that she had bought a revolver. Descriptions and photographs were sent all over the continent and a reward of \$1,000 was offered. When Mr. Goodrich, her father, returned to Tacoma, he caused a systematic search to be made of the vacant lots in the city, and it was he who first came across the body of his daughter lying face downward in the tall grass and brushwood. It is evident that Mrs. Cody, after purchasing the revolver, made her way to the place where she was found and deliberately committed suicide. It was not considered necessary to hold an inquest.

More About the Great Remedy Which Relieves Rheumatism in a Few Hours and Cures in One to Three Days.

William McKenzie, Esq., of the G. T. R., Thameville, Ont., writes that two years ago I was completely laid up with the rheumatism and called in our family physician who attended me for weeks without benefit. At last I secured a bottle of South American Rheumatic Cure, and obtained relief in a few hours. Two bottles enabled me to resume work. It is the quickest acting remedy in the market, as one dose convinces of its great worth. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Second Session of the Seventh Parliament.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, March 4, 1896. The Speaker took the chair at 2 p. m. Prayers by Rev. R. W. Trotter. Petitions from residents of Alberni and many leading citizens of Victoria and others were presented by Mr. McCreight. Dr. Weston and Mr. Booth in favor of the Alberni Water and Electric Company bill.

Mr. WILLIAMS moved for a return showing in detail the amount of money charged as travelling and incidental expenses during the last year by members of the provincial cabinet and members of the civil service and employees, giving names of such ministers and employees, and the amounts in detail expended by each and paid by the government. Agreed to.

GOVERNMENT RESERVES. Mr. SWOOD asked: For what reason did the government reserve 430,000 acres at the southeast corner of the province on 12th August, 1890, and 240,000 acres at Elk river, Michell creek, and Coal creek, in East Kootenay, on 25th February, 1894?

HON. MR. MARTIN—For government purposes in connection with the railway reserve. JUDGE BOLE. Dr. WALKER asked: Is the government aware that the Court Judge Bole is at present absent from the province and that he has gone to Ottawa? When did he go, and did he obtain leave of absence before going? If so, at the government's expense, was he left and whether he is absent on business connected with his judicial duties? Who is providing the salaries of Vancouver and New Westminster with judicial service during his absence? Do he intend to return?

HON. MR. EBERTS said that the government are aware that Judge Bole has been out of the province, but they have no information, except through the press, of his present address. On February 4 he requested leave of absence for three weeks to attend to urgent private business and leave was granted in so far as the provincial government was concerned. It was stated that Mr. Justice McCreight would attend to Judge Bole's duties in his absence. He was informed that the judge would be back in Westminster to-morrow.

The Western Telephone and Telegraph Company bill (Mr. Adams), and the Vernon & Nelson Telephone Company bill (Mr. Rogers) were read a third time and passed.

COLUMBIA AND WESTERN RAILWAY. The adjourned committee on the Columbia & Western Railway Company bill (Mr. Ker) reported.

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CARMAHNAH TELEGRAPH.

Council of the Board of Trade Want the Dominion to Assume Management.

A Question of Freight Rates—Representative to the Imperial Commercial Congress.

The president, Mr. D. R. Ker, occupied the chair at a meeting of the council of the board of trade yesterday morning. The other members present being Messrs. H. Chapman, Joshua Davies, W. H. Ellis, A. C. Flumerfelt, Thomas Futecher, A. H. Scaife, Wm. Templeman, B. W. Pearce and the Secretary, F. Elworthy. One matter that came up for discussion was the entrance fee, several of the members expressing the opinion that \$30, the present fee, was too high. As only a general meeting of the board could deal with the question, Mr. Pearce announced his intention of moving at the next quarterly meeting that the fee be reduced to \$20.

Mr. F. J. Claxton wrote asking that the council would use its influence to have the operations of the smelter on the Skeena begun by April 1, as if engaging did not begin before the canning season the nets of the fishermen were apt to suffer. Mr. Claxton also expressed the desire of the canneries to have a hatchery on the Skeena, and stated that Prof. Prince when he was in the province last year was favorably disposed towards that object. The council decided to send a copy of the letter to Mr. Gamble, the resident Dominion engineer, with a request that if there was no reason for delaying the engaging operations on the Skeena, Mr. Claxton's suggestion be carried out.

While the meeting was in progress a telegram was received from Hon. E. G. Prior stating that the Controller of Customs had brought before the government the advisability of putting on the rate of \$2.50 a ton, and that the suggestion had been favorably received. Hon. J. H. Turner, premier, acknowledged the receipt of the board's request and steps should be taken to refer the matter to the committee on the Yukon trade, and stated that the matter would receive the consideration of the government. In connection with this matter the Vancouver Board of several of the British Columbia Board of Trade for a government grant to establish a steamboat service for the Yukon.

A. Hadwen, secretary of the Cowichan Agricultural Association, wrote asking the assistance of the board towards securing reduced freight rates on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway. The letter set forth that the freight rate from McPherson on a car load of cordwood was \$1 a cord, was too high, that the freight charge of \$12.50 a car for hay from Duncan was too much, as only five tons could be loaded, that on potatoes from Duncan the freight rates were at the rate of \$2.50 a ton, and that the freight on lambs was about a sixth of the value.

In the discussion it was pointed out that the E. & N. were losing money at the present rates, and that they wrote low rates than any other railway on the coast. Mr. Ker urged that it was better not to take any action till the matter had been inquired into. It was stated that the reason the freight on hay from Duncan came to so much was because the farmers baled the hay loosely. If it were baled more closely, like California hay, several tons could be put on a car, and the freight would not amount to nearly as much per ton.

Mr. Ellis did not consider that \$1 a cord was too high for hauling cordwood, and immediately after the meeting referred the matter to a committee to inquire into before trying to pass any drastic resolutions. Finally the matter was referred to the committee on railways and navigation to investigate.

In regard to the appointment of a delegate to represent the board at the Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, the Westminster board wrote pointing out that one delegate be appointed to represent all the boards of the province. The Provincial Government wrote informing the board that Hon. F. G. Vernon, present general for British Columbia in London, had been asked by the committee to accept the position of one of the vice-presidents of the congress.

Mr. Robert Ward, now resident in London, was suggested by Mr. Ellis as well fitted to represent the British Columbia Board of Trade at the Congress, and made a motion to this effect, which was carried. The inefficiency of the Carmanah telegraph service was brought up by the President, who read the voluminous correspondence with Mr. Wilson upon the subject.

The meeting was of the opinion that some steps should be taken to improve the service, and Mr. T. S. Futecher moved that the council strongly approve of the recommendation contained in Mr. Rithet's resolution passed by the local house that the Dominion government take over the management of the Carmanah line. This was carried and the meeting adjourned about noon.

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Milburn's Cod Liver Oil Emulsion with Wild Cherry and Hypophosphites. The curative power of Wild Cherry Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda, and pure Norwegian Cod Liver Oil in the best form, is the best for coughs, colds and all lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1 per bottle.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

Reductions on Potatoes, Rolled Oats, Cabbages and Eggs—Manitoba Wheat Coming In.

Manitoba wheat is now coming into active competition with the Oregon product, and the prospects are that it will before many weeks replace the latter. The former grain is not so attractive as the latter, but its quality is claimed to be superior, and it sells for a quarter of a cent less per pound. The flour market is still firm. Cuts have been made in the prices of rolled oats, potatoes, cabbages and eggs, the new rates being given in the current retail quotations appended.

The current retail quotations are as follows: Flour—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl 5.50, Lake of the Woods (Hungarian) 5.50, Victoria 5.50, Lion 5.00, Portland roller 5.00, Salem 5.00, Rainier 5.00, Snowflake 5.00, Olympic 5.00, Premier 5.50, Three Star 5.00, Two Star 4.00, Superior 4.00. Wheat per ton 35.00@37.50, Oats per ton 22.00@25.00, Hay, baled, per ton 22.00@25.00, Middlings, per ton 22.00@25.00, Bran, per ton 17.00@20.00, Green Peppers, care per lb. 2.00@2.50, Cornmeal, per 10 lbs. 45c@50c, Rolled oats, per lb. 3/4, Potatoes, per lb. 2/4, Cabbages, per lb. 2/4, Hay, baled, per ton \$9@12, Straw, per bale 75, Green Peppers, care per lb. 2.00@2.50, Onions, per lb. 2/4@3/4, Eggs, Island, per doz. 20, Imported per doz. 20@30, Butter, fresh, per lb. 20@30, Creamery, per lb. 30, Dairy, per lb. 30, Hams, American, per lb. 14@18, Canadian 14@18, Bones, 20, Bacon, American, per lb. 14@18, Rolled 14@18, Long clear 14@18, Canadian 14@18, Shoulders, per lb. 12 1/2, Lard, per lb. 15, Green Salmon, spring, per lb. 15, Meats—Beef per lb. 5@12 1/2, Sides, per lb. 7@8, Veal 10@12, Mutton 10@12 1/2, Lamb 10@12 1/2, Pork, fresh, per lb. 9@12 1/2, Chickens, each 15, Pigeons, per brace 50@100, Turkeys, Eastern, per lb. 17, Geese 15@18, Fruits—Oregon apples, per box 2@2.25, Chilliwack apples, per box 1.25, Oranges, (River-side) per doz. 25@30, Lemons, (California) per doz. 25@30, Cape Cod Cranberries, per gal. \$1.00, Rhubarb, per lb. 10, Fine Apples, per doz. 40@60, Green Apples, spring, per lb. 10@12, Smoked 10@12, Cod 8@10, Halibut 10@12, Herring Haddies 12 1/2, Fanning (Labrador), per doz. 20@25, Mackerel, each 10, Blowers, per lb. 10, Oolachans, 10@12.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.

Foreign Company.

"COMPANIES ACT," PART IV AND AMENDING ACTS.

"The Main Quesselle Gold Dredging and Mining Company (Foreign)."

REGISTERED THE 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1896.

I hereby certify that I have this day registered "The Main Quesselle Gold Dredging and Mining Company (Foreign)" under the Companies Act, and the Amending Acts of the Dominion of Canada, and do hereby certify that the said company is situated at the City of Tacoma, in the State of Washington, U.S.A. The objects for which the Company is established are: To purchase, hold, mortgage, sell and convey real and personal property, particularly to purchase, locate, improve, lease, sell, mortgage and convey mining claims and mining property in the United States of America, and in British Columbia, and in the Dominion of Canada, and to work and operate all kinds of shafts and character in the United States of America, and in British Columbia and in the Dominion of Canada, and to do any and every act necessary and proper to be done and performed for the purpose of carrying into full effect the foregoing objects and purposes. The capital stock of the said Company is Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Shares of the par value of One Dollar each. The seal of the said Company is in the custody of the Registrar of Companies, and is in the shape of a circle, and contains the following words: "The Main Quesselle Gold Dredging and Mining Company (Foreign), Limited, incorporated in the State of Washington, U.S.A." and the number of the said Company is One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six.

S. Y. WOOLTON, Registrar of Companies.

ing further of your valuable space, what is the use of such wasteful expenditure when there is absolutely no need for it? The harbor, townsite, etc., being all that could be desired. COMMON SENSE. Alberni, B.C.

CUBAN INSURGENTS ROUTED.

HAVANA, March 3.—A column of troops commanded by General Aldeco was engaged yesterday, between Managua and Nagareno, with the insurgents under Maceo. The insurgents were divided into two columns, one of which marched in the direction of Managua. Rife firing was shortly afterwards heard. A strong force of Spanish troops in columns left San Jose de las Lajas at 6 o'clock this morning in order to attempt to engage the insurgents under Antonio Maceo. It became known that the insurgent leader had encamped during the night at Nagareno, which is only twelve miles from this city. The troops, upon sighting the encampment, opened fire with canon and musketry and eventually captured the insurgent position. Col. Maroto with the cavalry under his command, made a circular movement to the right and attacked the enemy in flank while a company of the Espana battalion captured the village. The insurgents were dispersed by different roads and were pursued through Bayalo to the heights of the mountain of San Mateo. Lieutenant Francisco Asenjo was killed and five soldiers were wounded on the Spanish side. The insurgents left one killed on the field and retired with many wounded. The troops also captured a number of saddles and a quantity of arms.

THE BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—It is reported that Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and the Venezuelan minister in this city, Senor Abrade, have entered into direct negotiations for a settlement of the Uruguay incident, which involved the arrest of a British police officer in the territory in dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain, the hauling down of the British flag and the subsequent demand of an indemnity upon the part of Great Britain.

It is impossible to learn to what stage the prospective settlement of the most important incident arising out of the dispute over the Venezuela boundary has advanced, but there is good reason to believe that some definite announcement concerning the matter may be expected at an early day. The Uruguay affair, which originally threatened to involve Great Britain and Venezuela in serious trouble, may prove to be a blessing in disguise to those who desire a peaceful and early settlement of the difficulties that have existed between the two countries. Once diplomatic relations, which have been suspended for about ten years, are re-established, it is felt that in the present temper of both Great Britain and Venezuela the way will be opened to direct negotiations respecting the boundary question, and in this manner a settlement will be effected without the intervention of any third nation.

SEATTLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

SEATTLE, March 3.—The elections to-day were characterized by considerable excitement. Mr. Black, the Republican candidate, being elected to the mayoralty.

A COMMISSIONER IN B.R.

GENTLEMAN—Having used HAYDAR'S Pectoral Balm in our family for years I have no hesitation in recommending it. It is the best I ever used for coughs and colds in children as well as grown up people. It relieves the most distressing coughs and colds. It would not be without it for anything, as we have a large family.

WILLIAM ANDREW, Commissioner in B.R. Balmoral, Man.

VICTORIA ON.

The New Stock Exchange Up for Business Month.

Only the Best Class of and Mining Companies Be Listed.

On and after Wednesday Victoria Stock Exchange, Limited Liability daily in the board of trustees of this city; such was the board at a meeting held on the 29th of February. The formation of the place in September, 1894, date many meetings have the preparation of by-law consideration of the modulus suited to meet the requirements of the province. The company dated October 29 last, with of \$2,500 in 25 shares of which 15 are subscribed. First meeting of the corporation on January 31, when adopted, and the following minutes and auditors elected: E. Crow Baker, president; Secretary-treasurer: A. C. Flumerfelt, C. A. H. Davies, Gustave Leiser, F. Elworthy. Committee on membership: Rithet, Jas. Hutcheson, A. W. Jones and C. E. Renouf. Auditors—C. E. Renouf, Jones.

The foregoing gentlemen E. G. Prior, Hon. J. H. Thomas Earle complete board.

The objects of the board values on general conditions and mining stocks will be expected that the board great assistance to holders do not wish to sell but desirous of holding. The board and publish statistics and information of such authentic financial centres of the world and Great Britain must provide for a very thorough capitalists to seek British fields for investments. The board, which are adopted by the Toronto Stock Exchange for a very long time by the managing companies desiring to be listed.

THE CITY.

Mr. Robert Knott, a well known contractor, died yesterday his home on South Pandor an illness of about two weeks.

The little difficulty between of School Trustees and Principal of the North West is understood, been satisfied and the entente cordiale correspondence which the matter will be laid trustees at the next general meeting.

The funeral of the late took place yesterday afternoon at St. Andrew's Cathedral, where Nicolay conducted the funeral services. In the presence of sympathizing friends. The were: H. Cogan, M. Galar, J. Sauer, N. Jordan and E. J. Kinn.

The especially heavy load with cannon and ammunition landed fortifications at Esplanade ten days ago, and the steamship St. John City. Pieces of ordnance of the proved six-inch long "Mare" disappearing class, each stamped "R. C. D. 1890 No. A. 792, W. D."

JUDGMENT was given by Chief Justice Davie in the and four Chinese v. Wing Kuan. Wing Kee was trustee for the Chinese plaintiff was ordered to reconvey the dispute to them. The plaintiff Hall was dismissed and so were defendants' counsel. Mr. H. D. Helmecken, Q.C., Aikman appeared for the defendant.

The action of Joshua R. E. Russell to set aside register of alimony was heard Justice Waikem yesterday. obtained a decree in the matrimonial court of alimony. This decree was against plaintiff's lands, a now sues to have the register set aside on the ground that no such remedy to enforce alimony. Mr. A. L. Belyea, Mr. Thornton Fell and Mr. Mason for defendant. Judgment reserved.

VIOLIN music formed a feature of the entertainment of the schoolroom of the Methodist church last evening. There were other features enjoyable. The programme and the chairman, Rev. Solomons was as follows: Violin solos: song, Mrs. Giffin; W. H. Berridge, recitation, Q. song, Miss Giffin; violin duet, Andrews and Berridge; song, C. Harris; club swinging, song, Mrs. McGraw; bell ringers, refreshments.

The following gentlemen were to dine with His Honor Governor last evening: Mr. H. G. B. Martin, Hon. D. Mr. J. Hunter, M.P.P.; Rithet, M.P.P.; Captain J. M.P.P.; Mr. H. D. Helmecken, M.P.P.; Mr. Thos. E. Kitcher, M.P.P.; Mr. Thos. Forster, M.P.P.; Mr. Thos. Forster, M.P.P.

The blue-bird is listed as a species in the new edition of the British bird book. It is also a reminder that the bird is a very common one in the prairie in March, April, May, and June. It will hear the birds singing in the prairie in March, April, May, and June.

Many diseases arise from one cause—blood impurity. Beecham's Pills. Purify the blood and thus, go to the root of many maladies. WORTH A GUINEA A BOX. (Tasteless) Purify the blood and thus, go to the root of many maladies. EVANS & CO., LTD., MONTREAL. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.