

# THE LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION.

The change of date for the provincial elections from October 31st to October 3rd comes as a surprise to the electors, and speculation is rife as to the motive for such action on the part of the Government. It does not seem reasonable to suppose that the Government is thereby gaining any special advantage over the Opposition, for the reason that the Liberals appear to be as well organized as the Conservatives. One thing is certain, however, the electors, so far as The Miner can ascertain, are pleased to know that the campaign will not be prolonged unnecessarily.

The action of the Government in hastening the elections has had the effect of stimulating public interest in the campaign. Up to the present time there has been little interest displayed beyond activity on the part of a few professional politicians. To these, however, the general mass of electors are not paying much attention. The public is tired of the professional politician and his self-seeking artifices. The people of Rossland particularly want a restoration of prosperity and a stable, able and honest government. They are not satisfied with simply the Revelstoke platform of the Conservatives, because it does not go far enough, and they do not trust the Liberals because they dread the domination of "Joe" Martin, which is inevitable if his party happens to be returned to power. The nominee of the Liberals in this riding is almost certain to refuse to denounce Martin, and will therefore stultify himself. On the other hand practically all those who desperately aspire for the Conservative nomination on simply the Revelstoke platform are opposed to direct and emphatic pronouncement in favor of an equitable system of taxation and the abolition of the practice which ties up the best crown lands for the particular benefit of the railways.

It therefore is not reasonable to expect that much enthusiasm will be displayed in the approaching contest, unless a candidate is put up who is willing and able to do the square thing by the people first, last and all

the time. The Miner is not yet in a position to state whether or not such a candidate will be available, but, in the event of his nomination, it is a certainty that he would command a very large vote. It would be quite an erroneous impression to entertain the belief that the election in this riding will be fought out on a strict party-line basis. Partisanship has quite a secondary consideration in this contest. Sound, practical and comprehensive principles are of more importance than all the partisanship that is liable to be offered by either of the hide-bound aggregations—for, to date, they are hide-bound aggregations—that are clamoring for popular approval. Both parties have had ample time and opportunity to do the square thing by the people, but neither of them has improved the shining hour. THE SO-CALLED BOSSES OF EACH SIDE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO STRANGLE EVERY EXPRESSION OF SENTIMENT THAT WOULD STRIKE A READY AND RESPONSIVE CORD IN THE HEARTS OF THE ELECTORS. Yet they expect the workman and the merchant to rush to the polls and help them to carry on the same old game of chicanery and continue the rule of rings and corporations. They will be much mistaken.

Since The Miner came under its present control—which it did on January 16, 1903—it has ever striven to do what was right for the welfare of the camp, the district, the province and the country at large. It has incurred as a consequence the enmity of bosses of both the Conservative and Liberal parties. But it has no regrets on that score. Rather is it proud of its independence and the fruit that that independence has born. The best possible evidence that its policy is popular with the masses is shown by the almost phenomenal increase in public patronage. The public of the Kootenays demanded a free and unbiased newspaper, and they have got one now in this journal; and although it may be unnecessary to make the statement now, The Miner will continue to be so so long as the writer holds his present position as owner and editor. The electors of Rossland are for the

moment in an unenviable position in the present campaign. They are, as it were, between the devil and the deep sea. The Liberals refuse to free themselves from the pernicious domination of Martinism, while the Conservatives have refused to declare in any way for an equitable system of taxation and free themselves from the blighting influence of railway dictation. It is worse than folly for the bosses of either party to contradict the foregoing statement. If the Liberals were willing to run straight in accordance with the splendid traditions of their party, they would long ago have pronounced against the blind trail of Martinism. If the Conservatives were willing to tax the railways on a par with the masses, and allow the humble pioneer and prospector to open up new fields of wealth from Cassiar to Kootenay and from Donald to Duncan's, they could have so expressed themselves in resolutions that were offered by C. E. Race to the Rossland Conservative Association nearly two months ago, but they refused to do so. However, it must be said in all fairness in this connection that the rank and file of Rossland Conservatives ARE in favor of equitable conditions in every respect, because therein lies the very foundation of true Conservatism. The trouble and the shame lie in the fact that low cunning and tricky tactics were employed by the so-called bosses, who are in league with corporations that pay dividends rather than taxes, to leave the party with simply the Revelstoke platform—a trucking, inconsequential, trimming and wholly inadequate pronouncement that, as a political manifesto, is not worthy of a 10-year old school boy.

No wonder the electors are disgruntled and dissatisfied. Is it surprising that they are apathetic instead of enthusiastic over the prospect of either party? They have been fooled too much in the last few years to place faith and confidence in such double-dealing and treachery. They are, however, only too willing to vote for a man who will declare for the right and prove conclusively that he will not act otherwise. And the chances are that they may yet have the opportunity.

## CUT DOWN LICENSES

SO PETITION THE LIQUOR MEN BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL.

NOTHING DONE IN THE MATTER AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
Liquor men and merchants of Rossland consider the time has arrived when the municipal by-law relating to liquor licenses should be amended. The existing ordinance provides that retail and hotel licenses may be issued up to forty. At the present time only twenty-four licenses are in force, but the balance may be revived at any time local conditions would render the venture promising to the party or parties desiring to enter the saloon business.

The liquor interests desire that the by-law should be amended so that twenty-four licenses shall be the maximum number of licenses in force, and in this request they are backed up by a number of prominent merchants.

In a somewhat lengthy petition to the council last night the liquor interests asked for the amendment set forth above. The principal argument was that in times of stress for the past two years they had continued to take out their licenses, thus contributing to the revenue of the corporation, although business was so light as to wipe out profits. Now that a return of "good times" is expected the liquor men who have "stuck to the game" want to have competitors shut out in order that they may reap the benefit they consider they have earned.

The support of merchants has probably been secured by the argument that a restriction of licenses will place the liquor business on a solid basis, inasmuch as licenses will then have an intrinsic value that will make the holders conduct their places in an orderly manner and so avoid difficulties that might cause forfeiture of licenses.

All the hotel men have signed the petition, and in addition the following business men have added their endorsement of the idea: Hunter Bros., F. W. Ward, J. M. Jordan, O. M. Fox, M. J. O'Hearn, Taylor & McQuarrie, Martin Dolan, Crow & Morris, Levy & Co., Dmpey Bros., T. R. Morrow, W. F. King, Paulson Bros., A. B. Mackenzie,

## AROUND THE CITY

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The Granby smelter blows in two furnaces today and four tomorrow. Thereafter the management expects to keep all six furnaces in continuous operation.

The board of public school trustees meets tomorrow night at 7:30 to dispose of business arising during the past month. Arrangements will also be made to secure the new teacher required for the Cook avenue school.

The case against Ralph Hannon for permitting gambling at the Palace hotel on August 25th has been postponed till today. A number of subpoenas have been issued to parties supposed to possess information respecting games about the city during the carnival.

J. S. Clute, Jr., was around town yesterday displaying a large sum of money, part of which he offered to bet against the election of J. A. Macdonald as Rossland's next member in the provincial legislative assembly.

The city council has decided to ask R. C. Morgan, superintendent of the Red Mountain road, to have the swamp north of Fourth avenue filled in. This has been a public nuisance for years, and now the city health officer has pronounced it a menace to the health of the people resident in the vicinity.

A. M. Thomas, auditor, R. C. Morgan, superintendent, and H. A. Jackson, general agent, are in Rossland to attend the annual meeting of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard and Red Mountain Railway companies at the office of A. H. MacNeill, who represents the Great Northern system in all its business in the Kootenays.

"Doctor M." Harry McIntosh's fine old pacer, will probably start for Colville today. He is to do a few stunts at the Colville exhibition this month, a special feature being his "guideless" turn, in which the old sidewheeler is most proficient. It is expected that Castleman & Carr's galloper and pony, "Fete" and "Buttons" will go to Colville in the same string.

A Trout Lake business man writing to The Miner states that 75 per cent of the men in the town stamped to the

scene of the gold strike at the head of Eight Mile creek on Sunday afternoon and the following morning. He says the ore is visible throughout the specimens brought down, but that the precious metal is much finer than in the Poplar creek ores.

Two matches are set down in the Tennis club's tournament for today. The most interesting is the final in the mixed open doubles, in which Miss Falding and Dewdney will meet Miss Shrapnel and Ehipps. In the mixed handicap doubles Mrs. Scott and McDonald meet Miss Fraser and Buckingham. Both games will be keenly contested. Mrs. Mackintosh will be the hostess at the semi-weekly tea.

The Nickel Plate compressor has been started again under the management of the West Kootenay Power company. The plant will supply air for forty drills and requires 600 electrical horse power for its operation. The Le Roi Two mines will draw their compressed air from this source. It is possible the Spitzee company will arrange for an air supply from the Nickel Plate compressor, constructing a pipe line to the Spitzee headworks. Negotiations to this end are now under way.

The city council has approved of a little game of finance that is expected to save the corporation several hundred dollars annually. The city has an overdraft of \$30,000 on the general account, and another overdraft, the dimensions of which are not stated, on waterworks account. As security for these overdrafts \$40,000 in debentures is hypothecated to the bank. Since the debentures were issued the city has accumulated \$3500 in sinking fund and interest. On this credit account the corporation receives 3 per cent, while it pays 6 per cent on its overdraft. The sinking fund and interest money could be used to reduce the overdraft with a consequent saving in interest that will be apparent, but the debentures must first be sold in order that they may be legally bought back. Therefore the corporation will sell to the bank six \$500 debentures, and by this means the overdraft will be reduced and some hundreds saved annually in interest.

## PERSONALS

(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
Mrs. Leslie, mother of Roscoe R. Leslie, has gone to San Francisco.  
A. E. Rand, of New Westminster, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Rand is well known throughout the Kootenays as a promoter.  
Duncan Ross of Greenwood, was in

the city yesterday for a short time.  
Frank D. Fortin, manager of the Rossland branch of Brackman & Ker Co., left yesterday on a business trip to Spokane.

William Thompson and Allan Maclean are at the Velvet mine.

Ross Thompson and J. Fred Ritchie returned last night from an extended trip to the Flathead country in East Kootenay. Returning they were in Belton, Mont., and Spokane.

John W. Astley, superintendent of the Scowshoe mine at Phoenix, is in the city.

Anthony J. McMillan, managing director of the Le Roi and Snowshoe companies, arrived in New York yesterday. He is accompanied by George S. Waterlow.

Misses Gladys and Dimple Campbell, daughters of Dr. Campbell, left yesterday to attend the fall session of Miss Veals' school in Toronto. They were accompanied by Mervin Campbell, who returned to Toronto Medical college. Smith Curtis spent yesterday in Nelson on business. He was accompanied by Mrs. Curtis and family.

Alderman Harry Daniel leaves this morning on a flying trip to Portland.  
Hon. C. H. Mackintosh returned to the city last night.

## U. S. POSTAL SCANDALS.

A Batch of Indictments Returned by the Grand Jury.  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—After deliberating several weeks over a mass of documents submitted by the postoffice inspectors, the federal grand jury in this city today returned indictments in the postal service, involving six persons. All indictments were kept off the public record, and both the officials of the district attorney's office and of the postoffice department refused to discuss the nature or details of the indictments until the parties indicted are arrested. The identity of the indicted individuals was long a matter of conjecture. It is expected that arrests will occur tomorrow morning, and that the postoffice department will have an announcement to make during the forenoon.

The grand jury's action marks the beginning of the end of the investigations that have been in progress since the middle of last March. Voluminous evidence had been laid before the grand jury as a result of the inquiry, and while the present report of the jury disposes of most of the cases, there remain several cases to be passed upon. If the latter are disposed of, according to Postmaster General Payne, the investigation, so far as the work at Washington is concerned, will be at an end for all practical purposes. Several of the persons indicted today live outside of Washington. They will be arrested as soon as bench warrants can be issued. Postmaster General Payne and fourth assistant Postmaster General Bristow received word of the grand jury's action shortly after they reported, and subsequently they had a long conference on the subject. Both officials refused to divulge details pending official notification of arrests.

Two other important events occurred today in the postal inquiry. Leopold Stern, the Baltimore contractor, who left Baltimore before he could be arrested on an indictment returned on July 30th last and was located at Toronto, and the long delayed surrender of George W. Beavers, the former head of the salary and allowances division, to the New York authorities, took place. The postal officials have been searching for Stern ever since he disappeared from Baltimore and finally received word from the Canadian authorities that he was in Toronto. They expressed much surprise at the premature publication of his whereabouts on account of the problem of extradition that now confronts the government, and it is a possibility that he will make good his escape now that the information has become public in advance of the readiness of the authorities to effect his arrest.

TORONTO, Sept. 8.—Mr. Stern refused to be seen when reporters called at his home today. He referred all callers to his attorney, Mr. Stern's lawyer said that his client was ready to appear before an extradition judge and prove his innocence, which is interpreted as a declaration that extradition proceedings will be followed to the end. He will not leave the city, the attorney said. If extradition is secured Mr. Stern will at once leave for Washington.

## TO MINE NICOLA COAL.

A Company Recently Incorporated at Colfax, Wash.

COLFAX, Wash., Sept. 8.—Articles of incorporation of the Coutlee Coal & Iron company have been filed with the County Auditor, Wheeler. The capital is \$100,000, divided into two million 5c shares. The object is to handle coal mines and iron deposits in Washington and British Columbia. The incorporators are E. M. Warner, C. E. Scriber, H. H. Wheeler, Daniel Lienbach, John Lloyd, Thomas Oliver and George Palmer, all of Colfax.

The company has acquired six sections of land in the Nicola coal basin, 150 miles northeast of Vancouver, B. C., and adjoining the coal property of Nelson Bennett. It is the intention to begin work soon with a diamond core drill.

## SOLDIERS MISSING.

Were Sent Out to Keep the Peace on an Indian Reservation.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 8.—The officers of the department of Colorado are very anxious regarding the situation in the Utah Indian reservation, owing to stories of hidden mineral wealth in the reservation. A number of prospectors and settlers have gone there. The Indians resented their presence, as the reservation is not to be thrown open for a year yet. The Indian agent applied to General Baldwin for troops, and fourteen men under a lieutenant were sent. The distance is over 200 miles, and there are no railways. The soldiers are now on the way and nothing has been heard from them since they started.

The Conservatives of Queen's, P. E. I., have nominated A. McLean and Alex. Martin as their candidates for the next federal election.

## RUSSIA YIELDS A POINT.

Will Evacuate Part of Manchuria, on Certain Conditions.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times telegraphs that M. Lessar, the Russian minister, in his note to the Wai Wu Pu, engaging that New Chwang and Moukden provinces should be evacuated by the Russians on October 8th, understood that China shall be permitted to resume administrative rights in three provinces of Manchuria, provided that on her part China undertakes that no portion of the territory shall be conferred to any other power; that a concession shall be granted to Great Britain unless equally to Russia (this is obscure and required confirmation); that there shall be no increase in the present tariff on goods entering Manchuria by the railway; in the event of epidemic at New Chwang a Russian health officer shall be appointed to deal with it; that Russia shall retain her own military telegraph along the railway; and that the agencies of the Russo-Chinese bank in Manchuria shall be guarded by Chinese soldiers. If the above conditions are agreed to, New Chwang and Moukden shall be evacuated October 8th and the remaining provinces in due course.

## CHINESE EXCLUSION.

U. S. Immigration Authorities Find a Problem.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—The bureau of immigration is awaiting with interest the result of a hearing set for tomorrow in Montreal in connection with sixteen Chinamen who were in transit through Canada to Vancouver in custody of the Canadian Pacific railway and were released from custody on writs of habeas corpus. The case is brought to test the validity of an agreement between the United States and the Canadian Pacific railway in Canada, by which all Chinese destined for the United States are brought in bond from Vancouver and turned over to the United States officers at the ports of Richmond, Vermont, and Malone, N. Y. The agreement provides for the deportation by the railway of all Chinese denied admittance to the United States. The 16 Chinamen being now out of the custody of the railway company, it is feared some of them will be smuggled into this country.

## FIGHTING IN ALGERIA.

A Small French Force Defeats a Horde of Moors.

PARIS, Sept. 8.—Despatches from Oran, Algeria, state that the recent defeat of the insurgents by a French force near Almourang, in which the French lost 67 killed and 47 wounded, was one of the most brilliant of recent feats of the French army in Algeria. It appears that the insurgents intercepted a convoy, an escort of which, consisting of 120 men, resisted the attack of between 8000 and 4000 Moors for three hours. The little French force suffered greatly from thirst, but after inflicting heavy losses on the assailants succeeded in repulsing them.

## RUNAWAY AT A FUNERAL.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 8.—Frightening by the flashing of the black trimming on a horse at a funeral in Valverde today, the team attached to the next carriage in line ran away. The carriage was overturned, and nine persons, four of them children, were injured. Those most seriously injured are Miss Ora Sedbrook, Mrs. Ellen Sedbrook, Mrs. B. L. Sedbrook, Alice Sedbrook, and D. W. White, driver.

## DOMINION LEGISLATORS.

They Devote Some Time to the Cigarette Question.

OTTAWA, Sept. 8.—The house is expected to prorogue the first week in October.

In the house this morning the minister of justice's bill to amend the criminal code was taken up. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that owing to the dissatisfaction expressed by the W. C. T. U. to the clause which makes it an offence to sell cigarettes to any boy or girl under eighteen years, he had decided that it was not worth while putting this clause through. This proposition, however, was strongly disapproved by members on both sides, who thought the clause was in the right direction. Mr. Kaulbach, of Lunenburg, N. S., thought the age limit should be 21. Mr. Rosamond, North Lanark, suggested that all adults should have to enforce the law when they found boys under the age limit smoking. The minister replied that before the present session ended he would bring in what he considered an effective clause to cope with this matter.

## THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Lord Aerebury, in the Nineteenth Century, concedes that it would be unwise and ungenerous to throw cold water on any real proposals for closer connection with the colonies, but he is somewhat alarmed at the prospect of bargaining with them. He says: "We may seem to favor one colony and one interest and may find that instead of a closer union we may have roused jealousy, suspicion and animosities."

## COL. SCHEL DEAD.

Col. Adolf Schiel, the organizer of the Boer artillery and leader of the German contingent which fought on the side of the Boers in the late war, died in the hospital at Reichenthal, in Bavaria, recently.  
Schiel was born at Frankfort-on-the-Main in 1858, left the Prussian service as lieutenant of Hussars when barely 20 years of age, and sailed for South Africa. Being without means he accepted employment as waggoner with a German settler in Natal, and made several journeys into the interior with ox wagons.  
He gradually improved his position, and later on became adviser to the

Zulu King Dinizulu, eldest son of Cetewayo. This chieftain sent Schiel to Berlin in 1885 to negotiate the proposed annexation of his country by the Germans. As, however, England and the Boers had prior claims, Prince Bismarck judged it advisable to leave the matter alone.

Schiel afterwards occupied positions of trust under the Transvaal government, was appointed artillery captain, and, after the Jameson raid, planned and directed the construction of the forts at Johannesburg.

After making a stand with his men at Elandsplaag, Schiel was severely wounded and taken prisoner. During his captivity in St. Helena, he wrote his memoirs, "Twenty-Three Years of Storm and Sunshine in South Africa," and on the conclusion of peace lectured in Germany.

## CANADIAN BRIEFS.

The Montreal Highland cadets are to be disbanded.  
The Mohawk institute at Brantford is to be rebuilt.

The Conservatives of Quebec propose to tender Mr. R. L. Borden a banquet in the near future.  
Francis Lewis, for many years a resident of London township, is dead, aged 67.

Robert Laraby was drowned recently in three feet of water in Buckshot lake, near Kingston.

The factory of the Bell Organ & Piano company at Guelph is closed down as the result of a dispute over wages of organ finishers.

W. J. Scott's sawmill at Springhill, near Fredericton, N. B., has been destroyed by fire. Loss \$12,000; insurance \$5000.

Mr. Alfred Putnam, ex-M. P., has been nominated for the house of commons by the Conservatives of Hanis, Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia, Caskey, reeve of Hungerford township, is dead, aged 57 years. He was one of the leading men of Hastings county.

The fire insurance underwriters demanded that London, Ont., shall have a second water main, and that four fire engines shall be purchased.  
Laughlin McDonald was instantly killed and Joseph Bennett and Elijah Bradley seriously injured by a fall of stone in Dominion No. 2 mine at Glace Bay.

Dr. Alex. Johnson, late vice-principal of McGill university, and dean of the Faculty of Arts, who resigned at the close of last session, has been appointed lecturer in classics and mathematics at the Montreal Presbyterian college.

Seventeen English and Scotch moulders who were brought to Canada in the early summer to work in Toronto for the Canada Iron Foundry, have sailed from Montreal for the old country.

Two hundred men, employed by the Rankin Engine company on construction work at Sydney mines for the Nova Scotia Steel company, went on strike on Thursday of last week because the company would not pay them Saturday last. They wanted their money before Labor Day, but the company refused to make a change, and the men went out.

## BEAN POT GOLD MINING COMPANY (FOREIGN.)

Notice is hereby given that a general meeting of the stockholders of the Bean Pot Gold Mining company (Foreign) will be held at the office of E. W. Ruff, Columbia avenue, Rossland, B. C., Saturday, September 12th, 1903, at the hour of 5 p. m., for the purpose of disposing of the whole of the assets, rights, powers and franchises of the company.  
W. H. FORTIER, Secretary.  
Dated the 7th day of August, 1903.

## MINING INVESTMENTS

More money is being made at present than at any time in past history by investments in stocks of the better class. We can furnish all western stocks at the lowest price obtainable for cash or on monthly payments. We also have valuable mining properties for sale.

## J. L. Whitney & Co.

Shares Bought and Sold Strictly on Commission.

## Thomas S. Gilmour, ACCOUNTANT,

Mining Agent and Stock Broker. Member Rossland Stock Exchange

Personal Attention to Interests of Clients living out of City.

Cable Address "WHITEHALL" Rossland.  
Codes Bedford McNeill, Clough.

## Wallace Building, Rossland, B. C.

## Per Y AGAIN

Last We Reached en

## The Work Developm

cent

## Last week's p

Rossland came to the points of 9000 to the preceding week. The Le Roying largely while last week.

War Eagle and substantially im

The developme have been spect

cularly in the m

Two plant was pletion, and the

company's work ed immediately, effect in the coo

ing will also b outside when the

The week has eventually so fa connection with

of the big mine large sum of mo

the August paym about \$50,000, mines pay this

THE

Shipments froo for the week en the year to date

Le Roi... Centre Star... War Eagle... Le Roi No. 2... Spitzee... I. X. L. (milled)... Kootenay... Giant... Iron Horse... Velvet... White Bear... O. K... Homestake

Totals... AMONG

LE ROI.—No d

ordinary program e ported during the

ment work in the pursued with ad

exploration is still time the No. 1 c

upon to some ext and the understa

shipments are qu LE ROI TWO—

closed down or s

ling to the cessi from the Nickel

where a slight ac

ery threw the pl

a few days. Thi

has been along s

alignments to the have been comm

being used for its first consignment

patched yesterday Pacific. The No. closed down, and

clines to state ho will be closed. Th does not account

of the better class. We can furnish all western stocks at the lowest price obtainable for cash or on monthly payments. We also have valuable mining properties for sale.