

SPEAKER FORSTER.

This is the era of the young man. Even in British Columbia it is now no disgrace to be a young man; even here the demand for young men to fill positions of the highest honor and trust is growing stronger.

A GOOD WORKING MAJORITY.

Six is a very respectable majority for a government to carry on business. It is an excellent number to begin with; for no one supposes the government majority will not be substantially increased before the session is a fortnight over.

Yesterday's proceedings showed beyond question the clear-headedness and the firmness of the government; they will never be balked or hindered by such an opposition as they have facing them.

Defections from the opposition ranks may be looking for a change in the manner in which the government vindicated themselves yesterday, and are content to await further developments.

A SAMPLE ORATION.

Lieutenant-Colonel James Baker, M. P. for South East Kootenay, has been chosen as leader of the opposition, pro tempore. When John Herbert Turner, M. P. for Victoria, returns from England, Lieutenant-Colonel James Baker, M. P. for South East Kootenay, will again take his place in the ranks, and it is to be hoped for the political health of the alleged opposition, will stay there till required to air his peculiar views.

His speech on the address yesterday was one of the weakest things in new season's speeches we ever did listen to. It was full of reckless assertion, windy redomation, cheap appeal to the Anglo-Saxon idea, guess-work and self-destructive argument. It is a long time since we saw any speaker get such a nasty "cropper" as Colonel Baker sustained at the hands of the attorney-general.

Colonel Baker was talking about what he called the introduction of "the spoils system," and said many useful officials had been dismissed to make way for the pets of the party in power. He could name a score or two of them.

"Name one," cried Hou, Mr. Martin. "Ah, well, er, you see, aw," stammered the gallant leader of the alleged opposition, thoroughly taken aback.

"Name one" again came the retort. "In desperation the colonel, who looked both unhappy and uncomfortable, pointed dramatically towards the place where the provincial library is, and somewhat shakily said: 'There was Mr. Gosnell, a most useful official; he was ruthlessly turned out and—'

"And who was put in his place?" interrupted the attorney-general. The colonel was absolutely stumped. He coughed, stammered, tried to say something, but it was lost in the laughter, cheers and applause from house and galleries. When that had subsided the colonel cried: "Oh, you'll find it perfectly accurate in what I say. I can give you many instances."

"Name one" again came the fatal retort; and the house again laughed derisively at Colonel James Baker, M. P. He seemed glad to sit down a little

later and leave the talking to the rank and file. The appeal of the temporary leader of the opposition to Anglo-Saxon sentiment the argument being that the government were violating that sentiment by their acts, was almost as nauseating as it was funny, and instead of the prostration being greeted with applause it was concluded amid jeering laughter, even from the non-partisan gentlemen's own colleagues. Colonel Baker's allusion to the "bosses" was slangy; it would have come with more unctious from some member who had not so great a reputation to lose for using the English language with refinement and care, as Colonel Baker, has.

If we are to take Colonel Baker's address yesterday as a criterion of the debating ability on the alleged opposition side, and as an augury of the session's fortunes, the alleged opposition will be better employed the most of the session in the legislative recesses in their library among the comic weeklies, than enduring the whips and scorns of government argument. Opposition, forsooth!

Mr. J. E. Doyen, of Quatsino, writes the Colonist that he gave no interview to the Times about coal properties in West Vancouver Island. Mr. Doyen is unnecessarily alarmed and excited; the Times had no interview with him, and never published any interview with him. His name was merely mentioned in connection with that of Mr. C. L. Thombor, a school teacher, who came last Saturday from the west coast on the Queen City. Mr. Doyen being in Mr. Thombor's company at the time. We hope this explanation will soothe Mr. Doyen's rural sensibilities.

Mr. R. E. Gosnell, we learn, is meeting with gratifying success in his work as general secretary for British Columbia of the University Association, a very large number of enquiries having reached him for particulars. We have examined the prospectus and course of study, and can heartily recommend the same to the attention of every young man and young woman who desires mental culture that will fit him or her better for the battle of life.

The sudden death of W. G. Neilson, M. P. for Northeast Kootenay, will be sincerely regretted by every person who had a personal acquaintance with the deceased. He was an honorable, intelligent and energetic business man—a fine type of the young Canadian. The sympathy of every friend will be given unreservedly to his widow and children.

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THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

The Board Dispose of Routine Business Only at This Afternoon's Meeting.

A meeting of the police commissioners was held in the mayor's parlor this afternoon, all the members being present. After the minutes had been read the report of the chief for the past month was tabled, in which the chief stated that the last orders issued by the board were being carried out. It was also reported that the approximate amount of money stolen during the year was \$4,595, and of this \$3,224 had been recovered, or 70 per cent. of the aggregate amount. The report was adopted.

The resignation of Constable Anderson, to take effect on the 10th of January, was read and accepted; request being generally expressed that the city was losing a valuable man, one of the best of the Vancouver police force. The mayor recommended that the appointment of a successor be left until after the election, when the police commissioners, who were to be appointed, would be personally examined by the board before a selection is made.

The law court will sit on Monday. The following appeals are set down: Centre Star vs. Iron Mask (for leave to appeal to privy council); Gaston vs. Stewart; Nest Egg vs. Canadian Road Drill Co.; Hornly vs. N. W. Southern type of font; Whitman, Shioe Co. vs. Muskett; Clabon vs. Scott; re B. C. Ironworks (in liquidation); McGillivray vs. Lowenberg Harris & Co. vs. Dunsmuir; Jenckes vs. Dardanelles E. & N. Railway Co. vs. New Vancouver Coal Co.; re O. K. Mining Co.; re Iron Mining Co.

Mr. Justice Drake is to-day hearing the case of Richards vs. Carmody. About two years ago the plaintiff alleges that he, Carmody and Chase, obtained an option on 100,000 acres of the Dunsmuir lands, and by a verbal agreement the defendant went on to assist to find a purchaser and the three should divide the commission in case a sale was made. The defendant says this agreement to share in any commission was only in reference to a sale under the option, and that the defendant's name was referred to any dealings at all with the land; Carmody went east but made no sale, and after the option expired he came back and subsequently a sale was made through his efforts, and the Victoria Lumber Company acquired the lands. The defendant says this agreement was for commission in bringing about the sale, and in the action he recovered \$2,000, and for a one-third share of that amount, Mr. Richards now sues Mr. Carmody, J. P. Walls for plaintiff, A. E. McPhillips for defendant.

F. P. Longman, of Frisco, is at the Dominion Hotel, with Dr. R. B. Kenner, who has purchased ten dogs from Winnipeg. The most of their outfit has been purchased in this town. They leave by the City of Seattle, to-morrow.

Mines and Mining.

For the six months ending December 31, the Sloan country shipped upwards of 18,000 tons of ore, valued at close to \$2,000,000.

The last Chance shipped 50 tons of ore during last week. Geo. Perry has about a dozen men working on the Monitor at this point. A second carload of ore has been shipped during the week.

The Vancouver Consolidated Co. of Roseland, has purchased the Eureka, Mineral Hill and Summit claims, in the vicinity of the Sloan's Stand, from the late W. W. Ellis, of Toronto, who has purchased an interest in the property. There has been some good ore obtained from the main shaft.

Supt. Comin in abundance of the mine, on Lemon creek, owned by D. K. Macdonald, of Spokane, reports the cross cutting of the level in the mine, 275 feet. It shows five feet of well-mineralized quartz, with good gold and silver values.

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prospecting in the mountains for the last two months, and one bringing in some favorable reports.

Roseland Mining Stock. There are some interesting features concerning the Roseland mining stock market during the year just closing.

Dundee has declined from 75 cents to 20 cents, and from 24 six months ago to 10 now. The price of the stock on January 1, 1908, to January 1, 1909, has fallen from 16 to 10 cents.

Shipments From Roseland. One shipment from the mines of the Roseland camp for the year ending December 31, 1908, were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Value. Includes Le-Rok, Iron Mask, Centre Star, Monte Cristo, etc.

The Miner's Exchange at Sloan City proposes in the near future placing an aerial tramway on the property, which will be open to the public to see that Sloan City is not only the prettiest town in the district, but that it has the mineral to back it up.

A great deal of money is wasted in the agricultural property in the development of claims at the commencement of work. The prospector is usually deficient in capital, and slight mistake in his first expenditure on his property may mean ruin to him and necessitate the abandonment of a valuable property.

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the face of the drift is becoming more and more mineralized, and it is expected that a good sized chute of ore will be met within the next few days.

Exactly 1,003 men are employed in 28 of the more important properties over the camp. Other properties will employ about 200 men more, which will make the total number of men employed about 1,200.

The following table shows the volume of business transacted at the Roseland recorder's office during 1908: Claims recorded, 1,017; placer claims recorded, 28; certificates of work, 1,110; certificates of improvement, 130; bills of sale, 690; abandonments, 66; other records, 21; free miners' certificates, 2,890; company certificates, 127.

The Noble Five has resumed shipments. Upwards of 1,000 tons of ore were shipped from the Four Mile properties during last year.

The Walekoff has commenced its season's shipments by sending out 120 tons of high grade ore.

The Dardanelles reports a fine strike of ore at the eighth level, 500 feet from surface. Twenty-five men are employed.

Sixty men are working at the Idaho mines. The Vancouver owners have commenced work on the Noble Five claim, adjoining the Mollie Hughes. There are two openings on the property, one of which is 20 feet deep, with two feet of well mineralized quartz in the breast, from which high assays have been obtained.

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AN INGERSOL CASE.

How Mr. Francis Stewart Baffled a Relentless Enemy.

Stricken by Kidney Disease—He Had Treatment From the Most Skilful Doctors—All Failed to Help Him—Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Him.

Ingersol, Jan. 6.—Some time ago Mr. Francis Stewart, one of the well-to-do makers of this town, had the misfortune to fall and injure his kidneys severely.

Soon after the accident symptoms of Kidney Disease made their appearance, and Mr. Stewart at once placed himself under the care of a competent physician.

Time passed; the medical men were constant in their attendance, and money incurred by cross-cutting. Follow the vein in from the outcrop. This method has also been tried, but every foot of tunneling or shafting in the ore body means so much more stopping ground.

Mr. Stewart tells the result of this action in the following words: "I had taken only a few doses of Dodd's Kidney Pills when I began to feel better. My urine grew more natural in color, and became normal in quantity."

It is an absolute fact that Kidney Disease, of every type, from Bright's Disease, Diabetes and Rheumatism, to Female Complaints, have been almost entirely banished from this section by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Dodd's Kidney Pills cost only fifty cents a box, \$2.50 for six boxes, can be got at all drug stores, or by sending the price to the Dodd's Medicine Co., Limited, Toronto.

FRIGHTFUL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Nine Persons Killed and Forty Injured in an English Shipyard. London, Jan. 6.—A big boiler, while being tested in Hawt's ship-building yard at Barking, a town about seven miles from London, exploded to-day, and nine persons were killed and forty injured.

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LIKE A SAVAGE.

Lurking in ambush to treacherously destroy his foe.

The Nelson and Kootenay Copper Syndicate have had an option on Magnolia and Copperopolis mineral claims for the past 30 days and now the bond has been signed and the first payment made.

When more painful diseases attack the body help is sought at once, but catarrh quickly works its ravages unheeded until it has become a chronic disease.

Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure, which will drive out the disease in a few minutes, is a little silver.

The electrical machinery and a half of the compressor for the Iron are on the ground ready for installation.

Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure is the most powerful remedy on the continent, and has become so on account of its unparalleled record as an absolute cure for the most stubborn and deadly disease.



Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at the next session thereof, for an act amending chapter 107 of the Statutes of the said Province of British Columbia of the year 1908, entitled 'An Act Respecting the Canadian Yukon Railway Company'.

NOTICE.

Whereas, on the 3rd day of February, 1908, a Crown grant was issued to one William Ross Bisset, being a subdivision of Section 42, Lake District, and the said grantee was therein erroneously described as William Ross Bisset, notice is therefore hereby given, in pursuance of Section 80 of the said Act, that it is the intention to cancel the defective Crown grant, and to issue a corrected one in its stead three months from the date hereof, unless good cause is shown to the contrary.

Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, Victoria, B.C., 3rd Nov., 1908.

ATLANTIC NOTES.

A Budget of News Items From the New Mining District. There is now an opera house in Atlin 48x78 feet, with a respectable stage and scenery.

The Indians are doing a thriving business catching fish from Lake Atlin and selling them to the white citizens of Atlin.

Two new steamers are being built in Atlin city for service on Lake Atlin only. They are designed to run across to Takli Arm.

LOST ARMS AND LEGS.

Captain of the Rock Island Rescues An Unfortunate Prospector From a Pitfall of Hardship, Resulting in the amputation of the arms and legs of a forty-mile prospector named Madison.

A pitiful tale of hardship, resulting in the amputation of the arms and legs of a forty-mile prospector named Madison, was brought out by returned Yukon miners yesterday.

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WANTS THE ISLAND.

Melbourne, Victoria, Jan. 7.—Received here from the Tonga Islands, Auckland, N.Z., say that the consul has arrived there from London and has given notice that Germany Sava, the most fertile of the group, unless the Tonga government can be persuaded to sell the island to a German company. The go-

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TURMOIL CAUSED BY L.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—In the ten Augustine friars who recently arrived from the Philippines, it is said that the natives of the islands are rich in resources that would be easily mined and exploited.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 7.—The American-Canadian commission did not meet today, having adjourned yesterday and Monday. The committee on bonding and transportation held a brief session in the forenoon.

VANCOUVER NEWS.

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 6.—Today Mr. R. E. Kenner was brought into Vancouver with a broken leg and wrist, while prospecting on Mount Baker. He fell into a crevice, but his companions were unable to help him. The injured man was taken to hospital and is expected to recover in 100 days.

WAR AGAIN.

At Washington It is Thought Lies Against the Filipinos Commenced Immediately Preparations to Send Troops to Being Hurried Forward and Fleet Will Be Reinforced.

Buffalo, N.Y., Jan. 9.—A special Evening news from Washington says that the United States troops fronting Iloilo will be removed away to Guimaras island, but a special order from the general Miller, acting in the name of General Otis, will not yet be issued, which means undoubtedly that the situation in the Philippines, and prospects of life.

The insurgents have an army of 10,000 men, under Gen. Malver, and the Americans are to withdraw a special order from the general of Aguinaldo to a report of him as to future action.

The special concludes: "Probably no nation ever has a greater exhibition of military strength on reason than now being. The Philippine national government, Aguinaldo, is dictator, and through his secretary, Sixto, has issued a decree, in the name of the United States, and expressed the most derogatory sentiment. The intervention of the United States government in foreign relations, if I were in charge of the branch of the United States government I should order the arrest of Aguinaldo and Lopez to-morrow, and the issuance of warrants for such proceedings."

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