

FUN FOR SOMEBODY

Impeachment Proceedings Against Turner Government Threatened.

ALLOVERRAILWAY LANDS

Secret Organization Said to Be Procuring Evidence of Alleged Illegal Acts-Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway, Its Land Grant and Surveys.

The wildest kind of stories are in circulation in Rossland regarding a certain moral and political upheaval, which is to surprise the people of British Columbia in the immediate future. It is said that an oathbound society has been formed, with ramifications all over the province, whose principal object is to secure the impeachment of the present provincial ministry on charges of malfeasance in office. The principal grounds of complaint appear to be in connection with the granting of cash and land subsidies to railway corporations.

Just who are at the head of this movement we are unable to learn, though from hints dropped it would appear W. W. B. McInnes, the Dominion member for Vancouver, is high up in the order. J. N. Blake, lately arrived from Toronto and a first cousin of the Hon. Edward Blake, and Joseph Powell, a mining engineer, are among the prime movers in this community. A local committee is said to have been formed, which has been gathering data to use in the proposed impeachment proceedings, and this committee has given some attention to the matter of land grants and railways in Kootenay.

Members of this committee have publicly stated that the surveys of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard land grant have been improperly made and are therefore illegal: that the railroad has not been built according to law and is unsafe; that the lands granted to the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway have been conveyed to the crown, but have been returned back to the crown. The immediate object of the committee is said to be to prevent any extension of time to the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway company to complete its land survey, and with this object they assert a mass meeting will be held to protest against the passage of the bill for that purpose now before the provincial parliament.

The committee also maintains that such a bill would be ultra vires and that many of the government's acts in the past are ultra vires. They assert that the British Columbia Southern act is unlawful and that the lands granted in aid of that railroad cannot be lawfully granted.

These rumors obtained general circulation about a week ago and there was a renewal of them yesterday. Mr. Blake was seen but declined to discuss the matter further than to say that there was a committee, that it had plenty of funds, was gathering data and would bring the government up with a short turn for its many illegal acts.

H. B. Smith, M. L. C. E., on being interviewed said that he was absurd, that he did not believe that any indignation meeting would or could be held, there being no grounds which would justify any such procedure. The facts of the matter regarding the land surveys for the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway were simply these: That the government had made certain land grants to the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway on certain conditions. D. Q. Corbin had, during the last few weeks, had the land surveyed, the field notes filed and the surveys sworn to. The last survey had only just been completed, the notes upon it had been filed, the plans sworn to and crown grants would therefore be issued in due course.

He supposed that the contention made by Messrs. Powell and Blake that the stakes had not been driven had reference to this last survey, which had been conducted while the snow lay on the ground. Some axemen, ignorant of the principles of engineering, might have said casually that it was possible, owing to the depth of snow, that the stakes had not been properly driven. Such loose talk being incompetent judges might be misleading. Anyway, no such thing had occurred, and any member of the survey party, who had so spoken would not be likely, on being put to the proof, to stand to his words. The survey had been properly conducted by competent persons, who had sworn to the accuracy of their work.

Mr. Blake was a lawyer, he believed, and he ought to know that before any contention could be made as to the stakes being properly placed or not a survey would have to be made in order to see whether such stakes were or were not in position. No such course had been taken and the charges made by Joseph Powell and Mr. Blake were too loosely framed and too general in character to form the basis of any direct imputation of fraud.

As for Joseph Powell, Mr. Smith said that he might be a competent and possibly an eminent engineer, but it was certainly the case that his name was not to be found on the latest list of the institute of civil engineers of Great Britain or of Canada, either as a member or even as an associate member.

With regard to the extension of time referred to, the bill was introduced by the government to allow the railway time to complete the surveys of that part of its grant as yet uncompleted and unsworn to. If the government would not keep faith with Mr. Corbin, and D. C. Corbin had certainly kept faith with it, the time would not be granted, and that part of the land grant unsworn to would lapse to the crown. That was all there was about it.

Mr. Smith further stated that as to the wild story about the railroad being unsafe, it was merely the assertion of men who did not know what they were talking about. The tenders were made in February 1893, the road had been surveyed by himself, had been completed within 12 months, had been accepted by the government inspector, George Alexander Keesler, and was a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, and that after that there could be no further talk possible.

Some good assays are reported from ore taken from the Bull-Bat, one of a group of three claims on the Colville reservation a few miles southwest of

Northport, owned by the Yellow Jacket company. The company has six men working on the Bull-Bat and they have opened a vein of solid galena about 12 inches wide. The assays show over \$65 in silver and lead. The other claims in the group are the Yellow Jacket and Little Dalles. The directors of the company are E. G. Harvey, J. C. Harwood, C. L. Mille, W. L. Bradley, J. A. K. Hall, and there are offices in both Northport and Rossland.

To Be Built Immediately. A telegram from James F. Wardner, now in the east, states that an announcement will be made in the house of commons on Tuesday by some member of the government that the C. P. R. will immediately begin the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The dispatch also states that Vice-President Shaughnessy on behalf of the company has accepted the government's terms.

WILL HAVE LOTS OF PRODUCERS.

East Kootenay Will Boom When the Crow's Nest Line is Built. Fort Steele Prospector: The North Star mine produced and shipped during the year 1896 nearly 4,500 tons of ore, which has a valuation of \$225,000. At the present time the company has 3,000 tons of rich carbonates and galena at their landing on the Kootenay river and 3,000 more on the dump—6,000 tons that will average \$50 per ton, or a gross valuation of \$300,000. The North Star mine, working a sufficient force, can take out and ship 100 tons daily, and there is no doubt that with reduction works in close proximity the mine would become the largest producer in the province.

The Sullivan group has a vast amount of mineral in sight and by the time the Crow's Nest pass road can be constructed will have a large amount of ore ready for shipment. There are 70 or 80 claims located on Hachoberry hill and the Sullivan mountain, and many of these can become producers in a few months. On Tracy creek there are several claims that have enough mineral in sight to justify shipment. On Elk and Bull rivers are several copper properties that can ship ore. The Dibble group has about 500 sacks of ore ready for shipment. The St. Eugene mine has about 6,000 tons of galena on the dump ready for shipment, which has a gross valuation of \$300,000.

The Moyea and Lake Shore mines can ship ore when transportation is afforded. On Perry creek there are many claims that will become producers of the yellow that when the necessary means of transportation enables the owners to get in the proper machinery to work the ore. There is no doubt that at least 200 mines in this district will become producers upon the advent of the Crow's Nest railway.

ALL OVER THE SLOCAN.

Brief Mining Notes That Tell What is Going on There. New Denver Ledge: Work has been suspended in the Ivanhoe until June. Rich gold dust has been found near the mouth of Six Mile. New strikes are reported near the mouth of Lemon creek. A \$2,500 option on the Robin has been given to F. W. Gosdal. John Brown has bought the Inverness, a Carpenter creek property. A good strike was made in the Morning Star on Springer creek, last week. The Lis pendens has been removed from the townsite of Slocan City. Geo. and H. B. Alexander have a \$2,700 option on the Irene, adjoining the Hope. A. J. Haywood has secured a half interest in the Linnet and Cookoo on Carpenter creek. A foot of fine ore has been struck in the upraise between Nos. 2 and 3 tunnels on the Queen Bess. The Ferry No. 2, Wilson creek, has been placed into the hands of the Slocan Lake Mining and Development company. Dr. J. E. Brouse has bought a fourth interest in the Abbie, Ten Mile, situated near the Silver Nugget. The tunnel on the Bondholder is in 303 feet. If the ledge is in place, the tunnel will strike it in another 12 feet. The Slocan Milling company commenced a 500-ton run for the Cornith on Monday. Prospectors' camp-fires can already be seen at night on the hills around Slocan lake. Not much prospecting can be done in the Slocan until July. Jas. A. McDonald has made a deal with Patrick Welch for his three-fourths interest in the Spokane and Last Chance. No. 1 and purchased the other fourth of Neil McLeod.

BURNS AND RILEY WON.

Put a Hole Down 35 1-8 Inches—Drilling Contest Last Night. A drilling contest between A. McLeod and W. Ross, styling themselves champions of British Columbia, and M. Burns and J. Riley, claiming the champions of Montana and the Crow's Nest Pass, respectively, took place Thursday night in the Dominion hall. The struggle was for the championship of British Columbia, a gold medal and \$250 cash.

Captain Hall, of the Le Roi mine, acted as judge. George Owen as time-keeper. Each team drilled 15 minutes, changing drills every half minute. The drills were measured and approved by Captain Hall previous to the contest. Burns and Riley won the toss and decided to allow the other team to drill first. At 10:30 p. m. McLeod and Ross began, McLeod doing the changing. McLeod's handling of the drills was clever. He seldom lost a stroke. Ross was not quite as active, but the two men, who were well applauded by the rather scanty audience, at the conclusion of their time, had evidently set a difficult task before their opponents. The bet was pronounced on the big and little man. The War Eagle crowd were especially in evidence in their favor. On Burns and Riley getting to work, the former doing the changing, it was easy to see by the quick and heavy blows that Burns, averaging 60 to the minute, his lightning changes, and the cat-like energy of his partner Riley, that they had the contest well in hand. It was therefore no surprise when the result was announced: McLeod and Ross, 27-16 inches; Burns and Riley, 35 1/8.

Preceding the event, a minor event took place between two teams of youths under 15 years of age, who came out level. Mayor Scott, who was present, kindly consented, at the solicitation of the lads to act as their judge, with the remark, "Good for the boys." While nothing but praise can be said

of the contestants in such a manly exhibition of strength and endurance as the above, it would have been better if the management of the affair had been better looked after. The charge for admittance was placed so high that it kept the hall empty. The proper entrance was closed up and admittance could only be gained through the bar of the Dominion hotel. Nothing apparently had been got ready. A weary wait of upwards of an hour and a quarter had to be endured by the audience before they were even allowed to witness the first act. Another hour elapsed before the event of the evening was permitted to come off. The only break in the monotony of the proceedings were a few songs by McCarthy, Perry and James the latter pair singing a comic duet which might have been better appreciated. The audience was worn out and getting fractions before the contest, to see which they had paid their entrance fee, was put on. This might account for the lack of harmony characterizing the close of the proceedings.

A Useful Little Book.

THE MINER acknowledges the receipt of a pocket manual of mining, published by Copp, Clark & Co., of Toronto. It was compiled by J. H. Chewett and C. M. Canniff, both gentlemen of good standing in the mining world. It is a very valuable little book. It deals briefly but comprehensively with geology, mineralogy, prospecting, mining and ores and ore treatment. It also has a chapter devoted to weights and measures, lumber, power, fuel, etc. It has also a glossary of mining terms. The book is neatly bound in black leather and can be conveniently carried in the pocket. Every prospector and every man who expects to follow the business of mining would be greatly helped by a careful study of such a work.

JERRY FLOWERS FORGOT

MacDonald Told Him to Look Out for that Left Swing. It Caught Him Plump on the Nose and Jerry Called Time—A Good Athletic Exhibition. The athletic exhibition at Dominion hall Saturday delighted a large audience of sport lovers. The event of the evening, a four-round sparring bout between Dan MacDonald, of Helena, Mont., and Jerry Flowers, the local boxer, was a red hot mix-up from start to finish. For Jerry, perhaps, it was a little too heated. He forgot to duck a stiff left hander which it had been arranged that he was to miss, and he caught the blow square on his nose, causing that member to flatten out and starting the blood.

It was during the second round. The boxing had been pretty lively in the preceding round and Jerry seemed bent on making a showing. He rushed MacDonald and clinched several times. Then came the time for the left hander which MacDonald had told his opponent before hand to look out for. But Jerry's memory went back on him and the result was disastrous. The smack of MacDonald's glove, as it came in contact with Jerry's ample olfactory organ, was heard all over the hall. "Wow!" he said as he turned away to the corner, not waiting for the call of time.

After that Jerry ducked on all occasions when there was the slightest indication that one of MacDonald's gloves was aimed at his head. The fact that Jerry is not much of a pugilist, placed MacDonald at a disadvantage so far as giving a scientific exhibition was concerned. At the conclusion of the bout between Flowers and MacDonald, Referee Langdon announced that on next Wednesday evening he would spar MacDonald at Dominion hall. He promised an interesting program of athletics in addition to the bout between himself and MacDonald.

Among the features of last night's show was a marvellous exhibition of bag punching by George Rusk, the Spokane boy who holds the world's championship in his line of sport. Frequent and hearty applause attested the audience's appreciation of his work. The movements of the bag were so quick that it was a great feat to be followed. He has issued a standing challenge to meet any one for any sum within \$1,000 in a bag and punch match. Tommy Ryan, the champion water weight pugilist, was world, refused to meet Rusk some time ago.

The wrestling match between Willie Foss and Charles Wrye, 12-year-old newcomers, afforded the audience an immense amount of amusement and resulted in a victory for Wrye, who scored two out of three falls. The attire in which Wrye appeared on the mat was enough in itself to entertain the spectators. He wore instead of tight's pair of men's trousers, a pair of women's drawers, which he pulled out and tucked into the pockets. This extraordinary bit of apparel he tied on with a string. Frequently during the match he paused to elevate the abbreviated trousers, which had a tendency to slide off. On his feet he wore a pair of women's shoes, which he pulled on and fastened with buttons. The match was a very pretty exhibition of wrestling.

The catch-as-catch-can wrestling bout between Fred Umfried and L. A. Murphy was a good display of skill and getting out of reach. Murphy, though many pounds lighter than Umfried, made a splendid showing. Victor Langley and Joseph Bovine boxed four swift rounds. Langley forced things and kept Bovine busy ducking and getting out of reach. The variety sketch by J. J. MacKay and Walter Perry, and the songs by J. McCarthy, all took well. The entertainment was sufficient for a whole and drew a crowded house.

Caller Rex Was Fired.

Spokane, Wash., April 15.—[Special.]—J. M. Res. caller for the Spokane mining exchange, has been notified that his services will no longer be needed in that capacity. His resignation was accepted by the exchange. The members of the old A. A. Newberry was chosen caller in his place.

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