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COLONEL PRIOR'S SERVILE SUPPORT

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This remark was totally uncalled for,

Martin resented the Colonel's reference.

He had, Mr. Martin said, no right to

make such a remark. The Col. remark-

ed that Mr. Martin was "starting in

and companions by showing that the Col.

had commenced the attack in an alto-

of the government that goes in for pro-

tection. (No applause.) He had al-

ways believed that the protective policy

more in one year in building

railroads than the Liberal government

had done in all their five years of pow-

er. (No applause.) The national debt had

been increased, it is true, but the Col.

claimed that there were solid assets to

show for it, and the Colonel also quoted

the oft-repeated statement about the rosy

condition of the credit of the country. He defied the Liberals to show where

the government had not administered the

affairs of the country ably and honestly.

(Laughter.) There might be a few bad

men here and there; there always are in

all parties; but statements about bood-

ling came with a very bad grace from a

party that had as allies such men as

Tarte and McShane, the latter of whom

was picked to pieces for the meeting, but

there was no applause. At the risk of

being accused of offering bribes to the

electors, he would say that what we

want here is railroad extension. The

Liberals, he said, did not give the mem-

ance in this direction in the house, and

done by the government for British Co-

lumbia. (More laughter.) There is the

salaries. At the risk of offering an-

ed to the E. & N. railway. ("Oh.")

Referring to the trade question again,

the Colonel held that without protection

Coming to the school question, the Col-

practically repeated his views and in-

tentions as already reported; namely that

he would support the government in up-

holding the constitution, as he had come

medial order, the government were sim-

ply carrying out a duty they owe to the

minority. There was no coercion at all

How much the Col. really knew of the

policy of the government on this ques

tion in the past, and how much he knew

about the intentions of the same govern-

ment, which he proposes to blindly sup-

port, was cleverly elicited by Mr. Archer

The first query was: 1. Is not the

Bowell government pledged to enforce

the remedial order against Manitoba at

The Col. gave an Irish answer: "Do

Mr. Martin-Certainly I do. Can you

you know what the remedial order is?"

answer me whether or not the govern-

the coming session of 2nd January?

about it.

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(no applause), and he

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Will be Given the Coercionist Governmentin Whatever Measure They Bring In.

He Promises Absolute and Unquestioning Obedience to Mackenzie Bowell,

Who Was Kind Enough to Make Him Controller and Privy Councillor,

But Not a Cabinet Minister-Frosty Meeting at Esquimalt on saturday.

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Prominent Supporter Present Who Has Been Whipped Into Line, by What?

The thermometer was very low, particularly at Esquimalt, on Saturday night for the coercionist contingent from lovernment street, who went down to explain the cabinet ministership puzzle and other little matters.

There were less than ten persons in the hall when the Colonel and his de- bers from British Columbia any assisttachment arrived, which was about half past eight o'clock. It looked as though the Col. quoted Sir Richard Cartwright there was going to be no show, and that as one of the chief opponents of British the audience would be told to go to the Columbia railway extension. He was box office and get their money back. A not ashamed to look at what has been few of the faithful from town, sizing up the situation, went out into the highways and byways and saloons and gathered in all and sundry the number of six or seven. With this addition, together with the party from town, both Liberals and coercionists, and a number of the latter who came down on the next car, there was a fair showing, and the performance commenced at about nine o'clock.

Everything had been arranged to fit. the time. There was the inevitable telegram, from somewhere for Col. Prior, which arrived by semi-military messer. States before 1892, under the proger just at the proper moment. The tective regime, and its condition at the man walked up the hall amid murmurs of "We's just had a wire to say so," and hands the important looking envelope to the speaker, who places it on the table and dismisses the messenger. At the same circumstances. Although relating the same circumstances. Although relating to the same circumstances. Although relating to the same circumstances. the next proper moment the Colonel specting Mr. Laurier as a gentleman what his colleague had said on the asks to be excused while he reads the (cheers), it was not possible to know trade and school questions. As to the ommunication.

"No doubt a confirmaion of your ap trade question. pointment," murmurs the chairman with

a vein of sareasm in his tones. "I don't know what it is," the Colonel volunteers. But his countenance changes as he crumples up the message and thrusts it quickly in his pocket with to the conclusion that in passing the rethe remark: "Just something about another matter altogther," and proceeds with his speech, without administering the expected crushing blow to the Liberals present.

Mr. Doran, on motion, took the chair, and called upon Col. Prior to be the

first speaker. The Colonel explained that the fight was now to the finish. He saw it stated that he was afraid to invite dis- Martin, who put a few pointed questions cussion, He did not fear discussion, to him. but he didn't see any use in going to meetings where both candidates were present; it would only result in a row and neither party would get a fair hearing. Discussing Thursday night's oppositon meeting, the Colonel referred to Senator McInnes' remarks about the vacant portfolio of agriculture. The Times had tried to make a point by say.

ment you support is pledged to enforce ing that an Ontario man had got it. the remedial order? That was a very foolish statement be-Col. Prior-Not that I know of. cause there had only been a transfer of Mr. Martin, reading from a report in offices, and there is still a vacant portthe Montreal Gazette of a speech by Sir folio, which belongs to Quebec. As to Dr. Bourinot's position, Col. Prior was | Charles Hibbert Tupper, quoted as folof opinion that it would not have been lows: "There was no one," contended he right or proper thing for Dr. Bour- Sir Charles, "who could say that the government was not pledged up to the handle inot to give Col. Prior, Senator McInnes to introduce and enact remedial legisla or anyone else an opinion unless requested to do so by the government. The tion on the lines of the remedial order of March last." speaker still maintained that the pre-Col. Prior, in a reluctant tone, admitmier was to be believed in the matter of "I expect they are, if that is the the cabinet ministership before anyone case. else. There is not one of the eastern papers, the Colonel said, that has taken the stand that he could not be a cabinet Mr. Martin-Then is your answer that

not cabinet representation, he would not

accept it. He was still of that opinion

and would prefer, if necessary, to accept

the cabinet representation without a

portfolio. Coming to the Senator's ref-

rence to the B. C. B. G. A., the Colonel

said that the Senator knew it was not

the fault of the government that there

was not a proper range, as committees

have tried at various times to find a

range, and have not been able to do it.

also repudiated the statement

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per cent, of the B. C. B. G. A.

they are pledged? ninister and controller. He also noticed that neither of the two well known lawyers identified with the other side and touched upon this question. The Col. Prior-To enforce the remedial or-Mr. Martin-Yes? Col. Prior-Yes. Mr. Martin-Did not Mr. Clarke Wallace, late controller of customs under the Colonel held himself out as a faithful follower of the government, he intended to be so as long as he was elected, and Bowell government, resign his position rather than enforce the remedial order? Col. Prior-Yes.

Mr. Martin-If you go to Ottawa as he didn't go a cent on a man who did not stand and fall by his party. When the Colonel got the offer of the position

M. P. for Victoria, will you support the Bowell government in enforcing the rehe telegraphed his acceptance, and afmedial order against the wishes of the terwards wrote stating the doubt that people of Manitoba? xisted. He then told Sir Mackenzie Bowell that if the position offered was

Col. Prior .- No, you don't get a straight answer to that. Mr. Martin.-It's time we did, then. Col. Prior .- You don't catch me in any

of your little "quirks" and "quibbles." Col. Prior held that such a question was absurd, as no one knew what course the government is going to take, and that it was absurd to talk about supporting a bill that no one knew anything about. The government, he held, (forgetting that it is pledged irrevocably to remedial legislation) might not demand separate schools. They might only desire religious instruction, for, say an hour for the different creeds, but being pressed for a straight answer, he re-1001 matter, as well as the general pol- plied:

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HAVE MADE NO SECRET OF IT." Mr. Martin.-Against the wish of the people of Manitoba?

Col. Prior.-I answered before that until that bill is brought down no one knows what it will be, but WHAT-EVER MEASURE THE BOWELL GOVERNMENT BRINGS DOWN, I AM GOING TO SUPPORT IT.

Mr. Martin.-Should Manitoba refuse to comply with the remedial order or any act of parliament, how do you propose to enforce compliance? Col. Prior.-I have no idea.

, came there to create a disturbance to-This closed Col. Prior's catechism and night they would find that they had confession of absolute, blind and unconditional faith made a mistake. (City Conservative ap-

Hon. Dr. Helmcken was next called upon, and was received with the usual as the gentlemen referred to had made B. C. first and foremost, and he was of gone through, the ordinary business of no movement or remark that could be opinion that as the school question was set down as or construed into a desire Manitoba's quarrel, she should fight it to create disturbance. Mr. Archer out herself. British Columbia had enough to do to look after her own business, and let Manitoba do as she pleases. It was time enough to discuss the now," but Mr. Martin defended himself what the government intend to do. It being attained. was very undesirable to bring in any influence to stir up any religious animosities, said the venerable doctor, who Continuing, Col. Prior said he had has all along unconsciously condemned been, and still intended to be, a supporter the men he is suppporting in this cam-

paign. of the government was the best for this phi block, who, after stirring up the fire, are now frightened at the flames they government had done have kindled, and would do anything to spent on the properties next summer. shirk their responsibility or sidetrack the question

Mr. A. E. McPhillips followed in an and legislation of the subject. Although to a smelter and some to a concentrator, a Catholic, he claimed to be absolutely to get a practical test of its value as a inbiassed on the matter. He prefaced his remarks, however, by a certificate of character for the Conservative party, whom he held up as paragons of honor, ground was traversed as fully outlined in Mr. Bodwell's speech, to which Mr. McPhillips paid a high tribute. He held, however, that the government was pay the balance of \$25,000. The mine not bound "to re-establish separate is situated on the north side of the Spillibably referring to those at Winnipeg and St, Boniface.) The government were simply carrying out the order of the privy council, Mr. McPhillips claimed, and therefore the premier was only act-

ing up to the constitution. Dr. Helmcken rose at this point to say that, so, far as the cabinet ministership is concerned, he had full confidence in the premier that he WILL carry out to the full his intention to give this

new postoffice, for which he claimed country a cabinet minister. credit, but he said nothing about postal Mr. E. Crowe Baker made a short speech composed of those "glittering other bribe, he would say that he had generalities," which the coercionist as asparty find so obnoxious in their opsurances go, that this session there would be a subsidy grantponents. Mr. Baker accepted, without question, the cabinet minister fiasco; he supported the stand on the school question, which he deemed a side issue altogether, and without directly saying so, the Albion Iron Works. the pickle, fruit conveyed the impression that he is once and soap factories in Victoria could not more in line with the party and any exist. He referred in comparison to the differences that may have existed have been patched up in face of the common present time, which he attributed to the danger.

Mr. E. A. Lewis declaimed at some departure from a protective policy. It former he looked upon it as the only where he was on either the school or cure for any national ailment. Protection above all and before all, and he hoped at the general elections, not far distant, to be able to discuss these questions more fully when he hoped he would not be left so late on the programme. (laughter.) The Liberal leader had been as vacillating on the school as on the trade question, and Mr. Earle would defy anyone to produce any ut-

terance of Mr. Laurier's on it. Mr. Martin.-I've got one.

issue and made only a general reference

privy council which must be carried Mr. Martin pointed out where Mr. Helmcken was mistaken in this, as well as in his understanding of the different statutes.

Mr. A. E. Lewis, with a seraph-like smile, announced to the audience, who had now turned to leave the hall, that he had a motion to make. This, after some introductory remarks, he evolved into a motion pledging the meeting to support the Colonel and coercion, but some one shouted "Three Cheers for Templeman," which were given with a will, followed by three cheers of much less volume, by the coercionists from town, for Col. Prior. Mr. Lewis' chance for gaining immortality was lost, for his motion was not even put, but all joined in a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.

discredited administration.

JUST A QUESTION?

To the Editor:-I would like to ask who the Mr. Bushby is who delivered a speech at the Conservative meeting at Metchosin. If he is the Mr. George Bushby who holds a position under the public works department of the Dominion government; the man who led the applause for Col. Prior at the meeting held at Esquimalt on Saturday evening? Is it not rather out of place for a public servant to take part in political meetings? It looks very much like the municipal politics we see in the United States. Just imagine Collector Milne or Postmaster Shakespeare tak-

BURGOYNE BAY.

From our own correspondent. Burgoyne Bay, Dec. 23.-The halfyearly meeting for the election of officers of the Loyal Union lodge was held at the school house, Vesuvius Bay, on Saturday evening. There was a large attendance of the brethren. The result of the ballot was as follows: Noble Grand, A. W. Cooke; V. G., J. Vidler; Secretary, G. W. Cundle; Treasurer, J. Nightingale; delegates to grand lodge, W. Robertson, J. Wharnock: Trustees, E. Lee, W. Robertson, F. Raines; Warden, T. Mouat. The minor offices being warmth accorded to him. He was for filled, and the ceremony of initiation

the lodge was taken up. The school examination commenced on Tuesday and was principally written. High School entrance papers were used. supplemented by papers set by the teacher. The result was most gratifying, an school question when it is found out all round average of over 60 per cent.

GOLDEN.

Golden Era. Mr. Brady, of Victoria, passed through here accompanied by an English expert, to re-visit the Thunder Hill property. Dr. Helmeken spoke warmly on these Though the work already done here has lines and was loudly applauded by the not been a success, there are, it is stat-Conservative contingent from the Adel- ed, valuable properties adjoining it to examine. These if a favorable report is made there will be considerable money The recent fall of snow has enabled the

shipment of ore from the Vermont silver mine to be commenced, much to the address on the school question, in the relief of the contractor. Mr. C. Cartourse of which he reviewed the history wright. Some of the ore will be shipped

concentrative ore. The Hidden Treasure copper and galena mine, bonded last month for forty days to Mr. D. D. Mann, of Monthonesty and statesmanship, while there real, has fallen again to its original ownwas nothing whatever to say for the ers. The terms were extremely easy. Liberal party. Practically the same The bonder was provided 40 days wherein to send an expert to report on the property, and, if favorable, he was to pay \$2500 down, having ample time to pay the balance of \$25,000. The mine schools, and denied that the schools un machene river, seven miles from the Coder the old system were inefficient, (pro- lumbia river, from which there is a sleigh road.

FORT STEELE:

Fort Steele Prospector It is rumored that R. L. T. Galbraith has sold his interest in the Movea group of mines to a Montreal syndicate for a good figure.

Mr. James Brady, of the Thunder Hill Mining Company, accompanied by an expert, is at present engaged in examining the property as to future operations. The North Star commenced to haul ore last Monday; they have about 1,200 tons on the dump, which will be hauled the Kootenay river, ready for shipment in the spring.

It is reported that a number of setlers from Nebraska and Texas have taken up land at Tobacco Plains. They will bring in their families next spring, and will put in a large ditch for the pur pose of irrigation. There is room for all that come in our valley.

The Nip and Tuck placer claim on Wild Horse creek, lately purchased by mill upon the property for a half interest Mr. Foster for \$4,500, has ben leased to in the claim, which offer may in all an American syndicate for ten years.

The consideration is \$1,500 per annum.

The ledge is a gold-bearing quartz about 160 feet in width, and is exposed the entire length of the claim; in fact the ledge is exposed on three sides, and rises up the mountain by a series of layers, or steps some 12 to 20 feet in height. The ledge prospects well in gold, and some 3,000 square feet of the ledge has been sampled and the assays fall they located two claims near Located tw

to Mr. Bodwell's speech on the subject, and he held, like Mr. McPhillips, the view that there is a judgment of the

Thus is "Esquimalt solid" for coercion be three, and possibly four, steamboats and blind, unquestioning service to a plying on the upper Kootenay next sumnavigation improved, so that at least eight months of navigation can be asriver, mine owners can take out a large amount of ore and feel sure of finding

a market and means of transportation. There is another property on which this winter, and of which very little notice has been taken. It consists of two claims, the name of one being the Wynnwidth, containing malachite, chalcocite honorable man! and copper pyrites, with iron oxides and carbonates on both walls; an average as- are being steered? CUMTUX.

say gives \$4 in gold, 8 ounces in silver and 37 per cent. copper. There are three men employed in extracting ore and they expect to have about 250 tons ready for shipment in the spring. It is thought that it will be worth at least \$80 per ton.

> ROSSLAND. The Prospector.

The committee sent to Spokane to confer with Mr. Corbin will return to Rossland this evening, and will have only a short report to make, as they found Mr Corbin not disposed to make concessions.

A new and promising lead has been four I on the Tiger, a south belt property under bond to J. A. Finen. State Senator Ide, superintendent of the R. E. Lee, says that, beginning next month, a larger force of men will be employed on that property.

Le Roi ore is beginning to move again. the recent fall of snow having made it possible for freighting to be resumed between Rossland and Trail.

Another shaft is being sunk on the Homestake at the upper end of the open cut that attracted so much attention. The shaft is down about 12 feet and is in solid ore.

An explosion of twenty sticks of dynamite occurred at the Southern Cross mineral claim Monday. When the explosion occurred two men were in the shaft, the other two were working in an open cut about eighty feet from the shaft house. The dynamite sticks were thawing by a fire near the shaft house. The explosion blew the shaft house, windlass and bucket into fragments. some of which were carried a great distance. The men escaped unhurt.

> MIDWAY. Midway Advance.

Returns from the sample of ore taken from the Smuggler claim in Fairview a short time ago, and sent to the Tacoma smelter and also to the syanide works a Vancouver, gave in one case a return of \$31 in gold, and in the other

With the exception of the last few

days the Chinamen who are engaged at placer mining on Boundary Creek have been steadily running dirt through the eluice boxes and, judging by the activity displayed by the workers, there are still The B. C. Cattle company's last drive, of beef cattle to the Rossland camps was taken in by way of Marcus. No some corners left worthy their attention. quently shows free gold. Mr. Sidley, the owner, reports an offer having been made by moneyed men to put a 20-stamp

ledge has been sampled, and the assays fall they located two claims near Lac

To the Editor: The Colonist and its henchmen have commenced that favorite sured, and four steamboats on the pastime, "slinging mud." It is a very dangerous practice to indulge in at any time, but more especially by the authors was seized with pneumonia a week ago. of the present attempt to blacken Mr. He was the author of several essays and there is considerable work being done Templeman's character. It is not on books, of which the best known work is record, however, that Mr. Templeman his life of Charles Stewart I athen. was recognized by official departments ever had his character questioned at Washington as one of the most thorstay, situate in the Rockies on the east through his connection with a number of ough fish experts in the country, and side of the valley, about three miles shady real estate transactions; and there as also a musician of no little ability. north from where Elk river leaves the is certainly no one who will accuse him mountains and about one mile from the of "skipping" from his boarding house proposed railway line. It is a well de- in Ottawa or anywhere else. Yet such fined ledge from three to five feet in are the men who attempt to malign an

Who are the bunco steerers? and who

AS A LEGISLATOR.

Col. Prior's Record at Ottawa Does Not Say Much for Him.

From our own correspondent

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 28,-Lt. Col. Prior has, during his career in parliament, made very few speeches of any kind. What little he has said has been in the direction of military pensions and the like. Last session, however, he rushed to the rescue of the late controller of customs and the government in connection with the duties on hardware, taking ceasion in his remarks to sneer at the necessity of any protection to labor. Sir Richard Cartwright brought up in the house a question of customs duties on hardware. Ex-Controller Wallace sent to the United States a Mr. Hawthorne. of the Weiland Vale Manufacturing or the welland vale Matufacturing Company, an establishment that controls all the manufactures of agricultural tools, such as axes, etc., made in Canada. The firm has also works at Oshawa and Cote St. Paul. Well, Mr. Hawthorne was engaged by Mr. Wallace as a spy to see what prices were charged by Americans on goods shipped to Canada, so as to prevent, if possible, the Canadian purchaser buying from any other than the highly near on goods shipped to Canada, so as to prevent, if possible, the Canadian purchaser buying from any other than the highly protected Canadian manufacturer. Mr. Wallace admitted that he had done this Sir Richard Cartwright said among other things—"I can imagine nothing more improper than for the customs authorities to employ the agent of Canadian protected manufactures in interfering with the importation of goods, and on these men's reports; to take the steps which are already explained by amending the original invoice to the extent of 15 to 30 per cent, and the inflicting of a fine equal to the amount of the amended entry. I can imagine nothing more tyrannical, more unfair, more outrageously in violation of the liberty of the subject than such proceedings if, as I say, these statements remain uncontradicted by the government. And, I must add that if, as I said, these statements are correct, I can imagine nothing which shows more clearly the extent of the service dependence to which the government of Canada are reduced, the extent to which they are, as I have frequently pointed out, the mere tools of the protected manufacturers' association. quently pointed out, the mere tools of the protected manufacturers' association.

Mr. Wallace followed, admitting that he had done as Sir Richard had said, his excuse being that he was protecting the revenue of the country.

Sir Richard Cartwright—Not a bit of it. Mr. Wallace—Does the hon, gentleman mean to tell me that when a scythe is entered on a price list of \$9, which is sold in the United States for \$11 we are levying a duty of 35 per cent, we are not protecting the revenue in revising those invoices? quently pointed out, the mere tools of the

was taken in by way of Marcus. No more cattle will be supplied to this market by the company until spring, the beef consumed this winter coming by way of the Columbia river from the Northwest Columbia and from Montana over the N. P. R., the same being shipped in a frozen state. It is reported that the B. C. Cattle company supplied case was being utilized as an instrument of tyranny upon the importers of the bighly protected manufacturer. Several members took part in the debate and then it came Lt.-Col. Prior's turn. How anxious he was to see that the interests of the highly protected manufacturers were guarded by preventing the Canadian consumer getting any advantage in purchasing American harvare will be seen from his opening sentence. ped in a frozen state. It is reported that the B. C. Cattle company supplied during the past summer to the Rossland camps, betwen 2000 and 3000 head of cattle, and that at remunerative prices.

Gradually the ore body widens out as depth is obtained upon the Anarchist mine in Camp McKinney, as at the present time the vein is over four feet wide and is becoming more and more mineralized as the shaft goes down, which is now some fifty feet deep. Besides being more highly mineralized the ore now fremonths. is the only man that wants protection; the honest importer wants protection." In conclusion he again said that he could not hear any attack made on Mr. Wallace for having employed Mr. Hawthorne as he had done in the United States without saying a word in his defence. Mr. Hawthorne as already said, was a spy on the United States. He was there for the purpose of increasing the profits of his own firm, who controlled the business, and he was paid by the government for so acting.

Mr. Prior is said to be in the bardware.

The above investment shows the value of imining property in this district.

The Gold Hill property, an immense body of mineral, was discovered in July last by H. L. Amme and Chas. Elwood, The property is located on Boulder crock, a tributary of Wild Horse creek. The ledge is a gold-bearing quartz about 160 feet in width, and is exposed that entire length of the claim; in fact

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Mr. Martin.—T've got one.

Mr. Earle.—Where is it?

Mr. Martin, holding up a paper—Right here; do you want to see it? (Laughter.)

Mr. Barle.—No; I don't.

Mr. Martin.—You bet you don't; and you don't want to hear it either. (Great laughter.)

Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken looked upon the offer of cabinet representation. which he still believed in, as one most materially affecting the loyalty of this constituency, and he was surprised to find any opposition. Mr. Helmcken also touched on the school question on the same lines as Mr. McPhillips. This however, he only looked upon as a side issue and made only a general reference.

Mr. Barle.—Where is it?

Mr. Martin. And some 3,000 square feet of the ledge has been sampled, and the assays show that it will average \$3.90 to the touch as strip of some 60 the ledge has been sampled, and the assays had be assays and during the winter will do work upon them. They have had assays made of samples taken away when was supposited that does not contain gold.

Mr. Derosier, from Tobacco Plains, reports that the wagon road is completion, which he still believed in, as one most materially affecting the loyalty of this touched on the school question on the same lines as Mr. McPhillips. This however, he only looked upon as a side issue and made only a general reference.

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Mr. Derosier, from Tobacco Plains, and be well the rocks. When here in the fall they located two clams near Lac the fall they locat

ty miles of road to the Plains. And now we have direct communication washing would begin in March, and practically as soon as water was running in the streams. They will have the east fork of Wild Horse creek some about one thousand inches of water can be recommended in the stream of the says, and I have always said so in this correspondence, that the election of tonservatives to support the government in British Columbia was taken here by the government that their treatment of the government that the government in government that their treatment of the government that their treatment of the government that their treatment of the government that the government in government that the Big Three mines are situated on the east for of Wild Horse creek, some two miles from the forks. The Sweepstakes, located by Charles Elwood; Maud S. by H. L. Arme, and the Nancy claims have the largest vein of mineral discovered in this district. The vein is 400 feet in width, and can be traced for a distance of 4000 feet.

The amendment to the assessment act which was passed last session, and is now being enforced, is causing a great deal of dissatisfaction among the miners and prospectors of this section of the province. Surely the government are could find some other means of raising the efforts of those men to whom we the efforts of those men to whom we the revenue, without unduly hampering the efforts of those men to whom we must look to for the development of our mineral resources.

We understand that Captain Armstrong is building a large steamboat a libby, Montana. It will run between Jennings and Fort Steele. There will be three, and possibly four, steamboats plying on the upper Kootenay next summer. This is an indication of future prosperity to Fort Steele. With the navigation improved, so that at least

New oYrk Dec. 30.-Robt. F. Walsh, scientist, historian and naturalist, died in Bellevue Hospital this afternoon. He

ROYAL Baking Powder has been awarded highest honors at every world's fair where exhibited.