

BEAVEN IN A MAZE

Cabinet Maker Cannot See His Way Out of Difficulty.

MAY ABANDON THE TASK

On Account of the Opposition From the Friends of Mr. Semlin He May Be Compelled to Appoint Members of the Cabinet Outside Those Elected.

VICTORIA, Aug. 11.—Hon. Robert Beaven has intimated that he may have a definite announcement to make this evening as to his undertaking to form a cabinet, but so far he has not made the expected communication.

Mr. Beaven will tomorrow make a definite announcement of his intentions. This statement was made tonight, when he referred briefly to his efforts in the direction of forming a cabinet and in discussing the provincial political situation said:

"The result of the general election in this province has left matters in a truly remarkable position. Practically there are three leaders among the legislative members elected. Mr. Turner has unquestionably the largest following, 16; Joseph Martin has nine; Mr. Semlin eight. In addition there are two members elected as opposed to Mr. Turner, who have not defined their allegiance to either Mr. Semlin or Mr. Martin, who are commonly credited with a preference for Semlin. There are three independent members, making a total of 38 members. Mr. Martin is accredited with having declared that if Mr. Semlin is chosen leader of the opposition he will resign his seat. This statement he did not deny when it was made to him in my presence. Some of Mr. Semlin's friends resent Joseph Martin as leader of the party or as a member of the government if one is to be formed. Under such circumstances how can either of these gentlemen expect to carry on the government of the province?"

A Peculiar Situation. "If all the independents are given to Mr. Turner (Nelson, McBride and Henderson are referred to) he has then only one-half of the house. If the oppositionists should unite under one leader, they would be in the same position with this additional peculiarity that one of the number is believed to have been ineligible as a candidate. In addition to all these complications election petitions are filed against nearly all of the members returned. His honor the lieutenant-governor in the discharge of his functions deemed it his duty to relieve Mr. Turner from his duties as premier, and the governor in the exercise of his undoubted right called upon me to assume the task of forming a ministry. All sound constitutional authority declares that the selection of premier is the free choice of the crown. It was not an honor sought by me in any way."

Made It Almost a Duty. "The reasons advanced by His Honor were of a character which made it almost a duty incumbent upon me to do what I could in the matter, in the interests of the province. I decided to undertake the task and immediately put myself in communication with prominent men in different portions of the province. W. W. B. McInnes from Nanaimo, Joseph Martin from Vancouver and Charles Semlin from Cache creek, very kindly consented to visit the capital and consult with me as to the position of affairs. Mr. Cotton I did not invite, his coming being of his own accord. I did not offer him a seat in the cabinet. I take the view that we should meet at a crisis of this kind, sink personal considerations, and unite upon forming a strong government, prepared to do justice to all parts of the province and advance its material interests, and that representation in the cabinet should be given to Kootenay, Yale, Vancouver and the northern and southern districts of Vancouverland. I met with every encouragement from quarters I most expected it, but I encountered the most uncompromising opposition from Joseph Martin. Mr. Semlin, in the interests of the country, but I ascertained that I cannot expect assistance from him or his friends. The opposition therefore of those two gentlemen representing, as they do, 16 members of the mainland, necessitated my presenting, as necessary for me, in order to be successful, to appoint members of the cabinet from men prominent in the country but at present without seats in the house. This, together with the attitude of the leaders of the various factions of the opposition in the legislature, would require an immediate dissolution of the present house necessary."

Election Would Produce Turmoil. "I have taken this matter up and the gentlemen who would assist themselves with me are actuated by the same motives in order to attend to the business of the province. If an election is necessary, turmoil, and not business, will prevail, and in order to present the section of the province must be visited by a minister, and many months, valuable to business affairs of the state, may thus be lost. I hesitate to adopt a course of consideration is (and will be decided almost immediately) whether to submit the names of the gentlemen forming a new ministry to His Honor, have them sworn in, and take up such duty as the situation demands, or to thank His Honor for the confidence he has reposed in me and ask to be relieved from further duty in the matter. I hope to be in a position to finally decide on the subject of these two courses I will adopt."

Hands of Leaders Tied. Hon. Mr. Beaven's declaration of opinion upon the issue of the hour constitutes the new matter of today in the political crisis. Until such time as he

decides upon and announces his cabinet Mr. Turner's hands are tied, as are also those of Mr. Semlin, Mr. Martin and Mr. Cotton. The last mentioned gentleman says today that his visit to the capital is chiefly on business in connection with the News-Advertiser, of which he is editor and proprietor. He has received a note from Mr. Turner requesting an interview, but this was not the cause of his coming over. Mr. Semlin had a long conference with Mr. Turner tonight and afterwards afterwards called at the government house. The character of these conferences is withheld for the present.

Turner Should Form the Cabinet. The Colonist commenting editorially on the interview with Mr. Beaven says that by his own statement it appears to be his duty to advise the lieutenant-governor that Mr. Turner is the proper person to call upon to form a cabinet. It is understood that the member-elect referred to as ineligible is Mr. Prentice, whose name it is said, was not upon the voter's list.

BEAVEN QUILTS THE TASK

Hon. Charles A. Semlin Asked to Con- struct a Cabinet.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 12.—[Special.]—Hon. Robert Beaven announced this evening that he had decided to abandon the task of forming a ministry and asked the lieutenant-governor to accept his resignation of the premiership. Hon. Charles A. Semlin, the old leader of the opposition, has now been sent for and has accepted the commission of forming a cabinet.

Another Account.

VICTORIA, Aug. 12.—In harmony with the promise given Thursday that he would announce his intended course of action today, Hon. Robert Beaven stated this afternoon that he had decided upon the abandonment of the task of forming a ministry. At 5 o'clock he waited upon the lieutenant-governor by appointment at the parliament building. When interviewed as to the nature of the result of this meeting he remarked briefly: "Taking all the surrounding circumstances into consideration, I decided to ask the lieutenant-governor to relieve me of the task of forming a government. I have just done so."

Hon. Mr. Beaven had nothing more to say in the matter, his reasons being already fairly well set out in the interview given by him on Thursday.

Having received Hon. Mr. Beaven's resignation of the commission to select a ministry His Honor at once communicated with Hon. C. A. Semlin, who had remained in the city to await the resumption of events, requesting that he resume the task. This the leader of the opposition consented to do. He had no statement to make this evening further than to confirm the news of his acceptance of the office, and to state that he had put himself in communication with the representative men of the party and did not anticipate that he would encounter any serious obstacles in the completion of the government.

Martin Refuses a Portfolio.

VICTORIA, Aug. 13.—Mr. Semlin has no announcement to make respecting his cabinet-making task, except that Joseph Martin of Vancouver, has not accepted the offer of a portfolio made to him.

Interior Rifle Companies.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 11.—The following officers have been appointed to the B. C. rifle corps: Roseland Rifle company, to be captain, Peter McLaren Forin; to be lieutenant, Kenneth Lumsden Burnet, retired list; to be second lieutenant provisionally, John Louis Graham Abbott. Nelson Rifle company, to be captain, Lieutenant Arthur Edward Hodgkins, reserve of officers; to be lieutenant, Henry Edward McDonnell; to be second lieutenant provisionally, William Alfred Galleher. Kamloops Rifle company, to be second lieutenant provisionally, Edward A. Nash, John R. Vicars and Cecil W. Ward.

A Smelter for Grand Forks.

GRAND FORKS, Aug. 10.—[Special.]—Alfred Woodhouse, M. E., has been instrumental in closing a deal whereby a 500-ton smelter may be built at Grand Forks in the near future. The new smelter company is a London syndicate. Ex-mayor Manly has donated 1,000 acres of land to the smelter company. The smelter company has also taken a 90 days option on the water power up the North Fork. To show good faith on their part the smelter company has put up a guarantee of £200 in cash that it will carry out its agreement.

The Pacific Cable.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—In reply to a question asked by Mr. Hogan in the house of commons today, Hon. Joseph Chamberlain stated that the Peterson-Tate contract had been abandoned. The British government, he said, had not been asked to co-operate with the Dominion government. A contract would be made with the Canadian and not the British government. Mr. Chamberlain also said that until the imperial governing ment received definite proposals from all the colonies no further steps would be taken in the matter of the Pacific cable.

ROUSED FROM HER SLEEP.

Chinese Will Hereafter Adopt the Methods of Europe.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—A special dispatch from Shanghai received here today says: The China Gazette states that the Russian government holds Li Hung Chang's promise, made during his visit to St. Petersburg, that China would place the imperial customs under Russian control whenever the interests of the two countries demanded the change. Li Hung Chang is said to favor M. Pavloff, Russian chargé d'affaires, superseding Sir Robert Hart as inspector-general of Chinese customs. The emperor has issued several striking decrees directed against the formation of a new cert messurs for the formation of a new navy under foreign instructors and urging the provincial governors to abandon the time-honored Chinese ideas in favor of western methods and to encourage the development of the country on European lines. Russians have obtained control of large tracts of land along the route of the proposed new Chwang railway.

The MINEA's Map of Roseland is now ready; price \$1.00. It gives every mine or claim near the city.

ANOTHER RAILWAY.

It Will Be Built From Bonner's Ferry to Sandon.

It is now stated that the Nelson & Bedlington railway will be constructed within a few months. It was presumed when the Great Northern acquired the Corbin system that this road would not be built. It is now learned that while the interests of the Great Northern in this road are large they are secondary to those of George Alexander, Harry Foster, a member of the British parliament, and their associates. The Nelson & Bedlington Railway company has a trackage agreement with the Great Northern by which they can reach Spokane. Bids for the construction of the line will be opened at Bonner's Ferry. The line is to be about 53 miles in length, running from Bonner's Ferry along the banks of the Kootenay river, crossing the boundary line and striking lower Kootenay lake at a point some- where south of Pilot Bay. It will cross the Crow's Nest Pass extension of the Canadian Pacific railway, and will be built by the Nelson & Bedlington railway company. It is expected that the line will be completed in 1899. The line will be a double track and will be worked by the Great Northern. The line will be a double track and will be worked by the Great Northern. The line will be a double track and will be worked by the Great Northern.

KILLED A GRIZZLY.

Messrs. Hartman and Libby Have an Adventure With a Bear.

Thorwald Hartman, in company with H. F. Libby, has been doing assessment work for the past three weeks in the Slokan, has returned to this city. The claims on which he was working are situated at the head of Copper creek, which is the third east fork of Wilson creek. They are reached via Rosebery and are 15 miles northeast of that place. Assessment work was done on three claims, but the best showing was made on the claim called the Eastern Township. On this property a ledge five feet in width was uncovered that has an 18-inch pay- ment of gold, silver and galena streak that carries gold, silver and galena. Mr. Hartman brought back with him several specimens of the ore from this paystreak, which seem to be rich. Assays are being made.

Messrs. Hartman and Libby killed a grizzly while they were doing the assessment work. One of the bears which was being hunted by a bear which was digging out coppers. Each grabbed a rifle and started after the bear. Mr. Hartman had a 45-70 Winchester, while Mr. Libby had a gun of smaller bore. Both fired at the big beast simultaneously and he started to run in a staggering way down the hill and only traveled 50 feet when he fell dead. The bear was a veteran, weighed 700 pounds and his slayers had plenty of bear meat while they remained in that vicinity. The pelt weighed about 40 pounds and was kept by Mr. Libby.

Mr. Hartman's bullet went through from shoulder to shoulder, while the one fired by Mr. Libby lodged in the animal's body.

PLEASANT LUNCHEON.

D. Coulson and H. W. Smith Entertained by Roseland Friends.

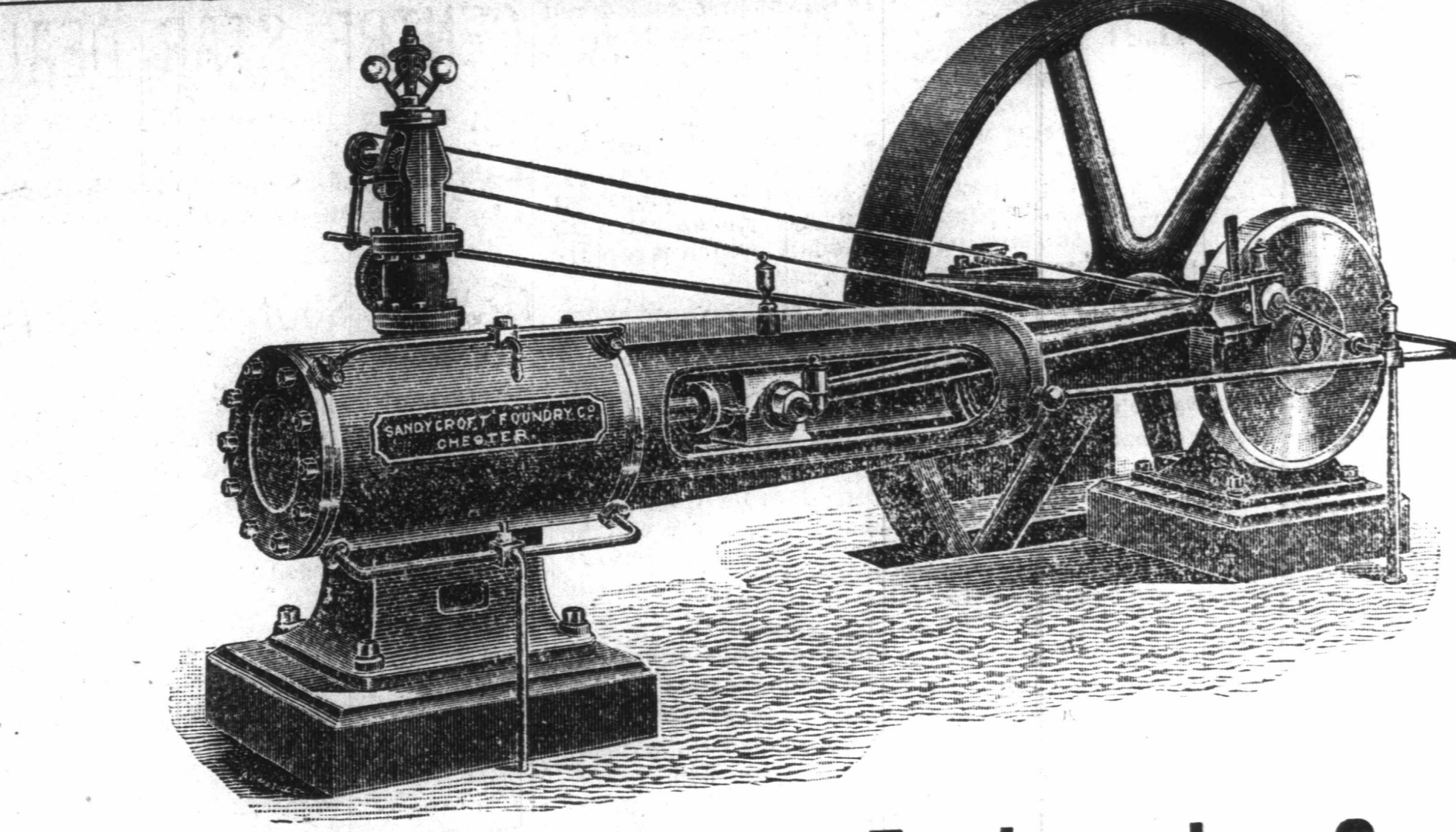
Saturday afternoon D. Coulson, general manager of the Bank of Toronto, and H. W. Smith, general manager of the Bank of Ontario, were entertained at luncheon at the Hotel Allan by the Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh. The affair was impromptu, but among those present were Hon. T. Mayne Daly, W. A. Carlyle, General Warren, Edwin Durant, C. H. Mackintosh and F. C. Coulson. The health of Mr. Coulson was proposed by the Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh. Mr. Coulson replying, said it was a great revelation to him to see the progress being made in the Roseland camp, and what was more, the confidence felt by those who having prospered in regard to the Roseland camp. Mr. Smith, of the Ontario Bank, said that he cordially approved of all the sentiments expressed by Mr. Coulson, and quite realized now why those who had capital to invest were looking to Roseland and the surrounding district. Hon. T. Mayne Daly proposed the health of General Warren, who gave an interesting account of the general development of Roseland, as compared with Butte. He said that Roseland in four months had equalled what Butte had accomplished in ten, and that camp was now producing \$35,000,000 a year. [Applause.] He expected to identify himself for many years to come with the Kootenay camp, and all his efforts would be directed toward making Roseland what he knew it would be one of the greatest mining camps in the world. [Applause.]

While the proceeding were going on, J. J. Ross, of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, and Oliver Durant of the Centre Star arrived. Replying to a toast to his health, Mr. Durant expressed great confidence in the future of Roseland, and said that although his connection with the Centre Star as owner, he yet hoped to retain an interest in the camp. [Applause.]

Mr. Coulson proposed the health of W. A. Carlyle and that gentleman replied that each day strengthened his confidence in the productive capabilities of Red Mountain. There was more than one Le Roi there, as all would know as soon as the development now going on reached a stage to justify the work of those who knew what deep mining meant.

Mr. Mackintosh proposed "The Queen," which being duly honored, a very pleasant luncheon terminated. Messrs. Coulson and Smith remain in Roseland until Monday evening. At 10:30 on Monday, accompanied by Mr. Ross, Mr. Durant, they will visit the Columbia Kootenay mine, which the Columbia Kootenay mine, which the immense bodies of ore already developed in that property.

The Roseland Warehouse & Transfer company has the contract for moving the new machinery for the War Eagle mine, and 18 men are now engaged in the task. Altogether there are 295 tons of machinery and steel to be freighted, which 185 tons are coming in on the Red Mountain railway and will be moved from the Black Bear grade, while the rest is coming via the Columbia & Western railway.



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Advertisement for Columbia & Western Ry. SCHEDULE. Effective Monday, Aug. 5, 1897. WESTBOUND. No. 1 No. 1. 15:45 21:00. ROSSON. 20:00 14:30. 17:00 21:45. EASTBOUND. No. 2 No. 2. 15:45 21:00. ROSSON. 20:00 14:30. 17:00 21:45. No. 1 and 2 connect with C. P. R. main line steamers, and trains to and from Nelson and Rossland. Train No. 6 will leave Smelter for West Rossland at 11:30; arrive West Rossland 12:45. Train No. 5 will leave West Rossland for Smelter at 1:30; arrive West Rossland 15:45. All trains daily. F. P. GUTHEUS, Gen. Supt.

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