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Travel ought to find ere long
A scene the death of song
Upon the bravest lips—
Empty only could be found
Nature fronts us in her shroud
Beneath the sky's eclipse.

XII.
Harvel more to find the steed,
Whom famed for spirit and for speed,
To drag on a painful pace—
Drooping crest, and faltering foot,
Sorrowful white, the weary brute,
Seems conscious of disgrace.

XIII.
He paused with mortal fear,
Plaintive sank upon the mare
Stiff as a steel of stone—
In the master winds his horn,
Save the howling wolves forlorn
Attend the dying roan.

XIV.
As the heart and sore the plight
Benumbed bewilder'd knight
Now scrambling through the storm,
Step by step he sank in pace—
Death-freezing on his face—
In vain each loud alarm!

XV.
Orpid echoes of the rook
E'er'd with one unearthly moan
Of danger round about
Muffled in their snowy robes,
Sought their bleak abodes,
And gave no second shout.

XVI.
On his knees himself he cast,
That hour to him was night—
Yet mindful of his faith—
Ray'd St. Catherine and St. John,
His dear Lady call'd upon
For grace of happy death.

XVII.
No! a light beneath the trees,
He clank their brilliant in the breeze—
And lo! a phantom fair,
Sat in heaven's light, and shined
Lady's self rose to his sight
In robes that spirits wear!

XVIII.
Lovelier, lovelier far than pen,
Figure, or art, or fancy's ken
Can picture, was her face—
Was the sorrow of the sword,
The last passion of our Lord
Had left no living trace!

XIX.
Ben the moon across the door
Of the lost peasant to his door
And glitters on his pane
Men along her trail of light
And houndmen steer their way
A harbor to regain—

XX.
Warm radiance from her hands
And for him death's icy bands,
And nerve the sinking heart—
Presence makes a perfect path,
Who who such a helper hath
May anywhere depart.

XXI.
Rembling, as she onward smiled,
Said that knight our mother mild,
"Fearing a greater wrong,
I'd far down the mountain gorge
I'd to the antique fane,
Where her own shrine stands now."

XXII.
Egrip, chance thy steps should lead
To emblem of our holy creed,
Canadian crosses glow—
You may hear what here you read,
Seek in witness of our faith,
Our Lady of the Snow!

One Hundred Per Cent. Better.
Burn's Heart and Nerve Pills are
every town and village in Canada. Mrs. F.
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Pills cured my husband, who for
fifteen years suffered with weak-
ness caused by heavy smoking. He was
set to pains in his head, dizziness,
ing spells, sleeplessness, etc. He is
free from these troubles and feels 100
per cent. better than when he began using
them."

BIRTH.
AS—In this city, on the 8th inst, the wife
of W. Aikman, of a son.
ON—On the 11th inst, at St. Herald
rest, to the wife of Frederick Landberg,
daughter.

MARRIED.
MUM-MAYNE—April 21, at St. John's
church, Sydney Parade, by the Rev. W. J. E.
Barnes, B.A., assisted by the Rev. Davidson
Gordon, M.A., the marriage of Robert Mayne,
son of the late Robert Mayne,
General Valuation Department, Dub-
lin, to the daughter of the late Mr. Mayne,
of the same name, of the same place.

DIED.
AS—In this city on May 6th, James
reides, a native of Newfoundland, aged
72 years.
Near Otter Point, Vancouver Island, on
the 2nd inst, John Begg, a native of Scot-
land, aged 75 years.
AT—At his residence on the Esquimaux
road, May 11th, 1897, Francis Thomas
Kearney, a native of "Strand of the Green,"
Dunfermline, Scotland, aged 78 years.

POINT ELLICE BRIDGE

First Trial in the Suits Brought
Against Victoria and the
Tramway.

Mrs. J. B. Gordon Sues for Dam-
ages for Her Husband's
Death.

VANCOUVER, May 12.—(Special)—The first of the cases against the City of Victoria and the Point Ellice bridge disaster, opened this afternoon before Chief Justice Davis. This is the suit brought by Mrs. J. B. Gordon on account of the death of her husband, who was one of the victims of the disaster. The court room was filled with spectators. Mr. C. Wilson, Q.C., and Mr. Lindley Chase, represented Elizabeth Gordon, plaintiff; and R. Cassidy and C. Dubois Mason appeared for the city of Victoria, and Messrs. L. G. McPhillips, Q.C., A. E. McPhillips and E. P. Davis, Q.C., for the Consolidated Railway Company. L. G. McPhillips formally objected to the city and tramway being joined as defendants. Cassidy desired to amend city's defence by striking out paragraph number 2.

The Chief Justice said that if the amendment was inserted all costs of action up to the present time should be plaintiff's, in any event in the case of the city. Mr. Wilson, in reviewing the case to the jury, reminded them that the case was tried in Vancouver chiefly because of the success of this and other similar suits the rate of taxes might be raised somewhat in Victoria, and it would be painful for Victoria jurors to sit on the case.

The Chief Justice said that as he was a ratepayer in Victoria, unless all counsel on both sides agreed, he would choose some one else to preside. No objection was raised.

The plaintiff, Mrs. Gordon, was the first witness and explained that she had no other means of support except the \$6,300 insurance for herself and two boys, which was inadequate. Mr. Gore, commissioner of lands and works, swore as to the bridge being all right before it was taken into the city limits in 1893, it being then five years old. Smaller cars than those present ran over it previous to that period. The bridge was capable of standing the strain it was then subjected to. The weight of a bridge was from five to twenty years. The beams in this bridge were worn, tending to cause them to rot.

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Mr. Cassidy claimed that control was proved by by-law and statute legislation, which were ultra vires. The Chief Justice said he could not consider them so in a motion for non-suit. He would allow Mr. Cassidy to renew the arguments on the motion for judgment.

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He would not give it now for the city. The Chief Justice sustained the witness. The railway, though, could not be Counsel for the railway, however, declined.

Theodore West, bridge contractor, had noticed Prince Arthur bridge out of place before the accident. He wrote to the city engineer in 1891 re dangerous condition of bridge. The top chord being in different sections, if one section broke the whole would go down. The disaster was caused by a floor beam or hanger breaking.

Mr. W. Grant stated that in 1894 he noticed the mudfills were rotten and the trestle work was giving way and the bridge settling down. He notified the council and the matter was attended to. Ten months before the accident he again notified the city council of the great vibration of the bridge.

Mr. Patterson said he could not make any regulations until the tariff bill passed, and Mr. Fielding admitted that the clause governing the admission of mining machinery was still vague and indefinite and thought it possible a specified list might be agreed upon saying exactly what machinery should be dutiable and what free. The government were now considering the matter.

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TARIFF DISCUSSION.

Mr. Fielding Admits That the Clause
Admitting Mining Machinery
Is Vague.

Premier Says Direct Taxation Must
Follow If Prohibition Should
Be Carried.

OTTAWA, May 13.—(Special)—This has been British Columbia's day in the house. Prior brought up the question of what constituted mining and smelting machinery which should enter duty free. He pointed out that until the matter was clearly defined great uncertainty must result.

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USED THE BAYONET.

Greeks Attack the Turks at Gri-
boro With Great Dash
and Spirit.

King George's Troops Are Making
Desperate Efforts to Capture
Preveza.

ATHENS, May 14 (6 o'clock).—Desperate fighting has been in progress all day near Griboro, on the road to Filippiada. Two brigades of Greeks with many guns, two companies of sappers and a squad of cavalry attacked the Turks, who are almost without artillery. The Greeks forced the first Turkish line of defence, but met with a stubborn resistance at the second. In several places the infantry were so close to the cannon that the bayonets could be used. Already 500 of the Greeks are hors de combat. The battle continues as this dispatch is being sent.

The fighting at Griboro has ceased, and the Greeks have occupied various heights in the neighborhood. Twenty-five officers and four hundred men are hors de combat. The battle will be resumed to-morrow. Since 4 o'clock this afternoon the gun-battle has been attacking Nicopolis from inside the Gulf of Arta, with a simultaneous attack proceeding from the land. The Turkish batteries replied vigorously, and finally resisted the attack. The coming of darkness stopped the engagement. All the Greek efforts are now concentrated on capturing Nicopolis, which is a few miles before advancing to Pentephalia.

At the evening session the marine estimates were passed. Col. Prior bringing up the necessity for more light Mr. Davies promised to consider the request for a light on Fiddler's reef.

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WALL PAPERS, GLASS, PAINTS, ETC.

BUNGLED ELECTIONS.

MONTREAL, May 14.—(Special)—Votes in several of the constituencies of Quebec are so close that the actual Liberal majority in the house is still in dispute. The Premier's majority over Charles Marcell, in Gaspé county, is 8. A recount will be asked for and Marcell's friends claim he will be counted in.

MORE CLOSED DOORS.

MONTREAL, May 14.—(Special)—Fortier's tobacco factory closed down today. Mr. Fortier says that until the new tariff is definitely settled, it will be impossible for him to do business. He complains of increased excise duty on cigarettes, and states there are thirty million cigarettes on the market, which are now manufactured under the old rates of duty. Until these are disposed of he will be unable to manufacture any under new rates. He has been employing 150 girls.

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NINETY EARTHQUAKES.

LONDON, May 14.—A special dispatch from Melbourne, Australia, says that fewer than ninety earthquakes were felt there last three days. The subterranean disturbances were especially severe at Kingston, where buildings were damaged and the inhabitants are living in tents for safety.

VERY ANTI-BRITISH.

BRUXELLES, May 15.—The correspondent in this city of the Associated Press is reliably informed that during the past week a definite understanding was perfected by which the cabinets of Germany, France and Russia will soon reach a solution of the Egyptian and Transvaal questions, and this will be done systematically in an anti-British sense. So soon as the Greco-Turkish trouble is definitely settled, the matter will be jointly taken up unless Great Britain in the meanwhile precipitates matters, in which case she will encounter the open hostility of three

CONTINENTAL POWERS.

The ultimate object of the agreement is to force the evacuation of Egypt, the nullification of the convention of 1882 and to put the Transvaal upon a perfectly independent basis. France, in the settlement of peace conditions with Greece, will persistently side with Russia and Germany, in spite of a strong current of public opinion to the contrary.

COWARDLY CONDUCT.

LONDON, May 15.—The inquiry into the fire at the charity bazaar, Paris, on May 4, has been followed with the most keen interest at the French capital. This has been especially the case with the evidence throughout, throwing light upon the cowardly conduct of many of the men. The examining judge, M. Bertules, minutely investigated the circumstances, and it is asserted that the names of several men guilty of brutal cowardice are known and that they will never again be admitted into Paris society. One consequence of the Paris fire is the closing of a number of theatres and cafe-chantants. The Palais National is also closed. A majority of the Parisian theatres are deadly firetraps, and even the stalls of the opera house are not safe owing to the gress from them being obstructed by additional seats.

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To locate, buy, sell, lease, own, pledge, and mortgage...

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To operate in any and all of the aforesaid capacities...

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The Sidney Gold Mining and Development Company, (Foreign).

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NOTICE.

We, the undersigned, sixty days after date...

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THE CITY.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, May 12.

A BRIEF telegram received last evening...

W. H. JACKMAN has been elected president of the Victoria Philological Association...

Mr. E. Wilson has been unanimously chosen as manager for the Victoria District Fruit Growers' Association...

Very largely attended and impressive were the services conducted by the Order of the Sons of St. George yesterday in connection with the burial of their late brother...

An Associated Press dispatch of yesterday from New York says...

Whether or not George Brown, of Metcosh, will recover from the effects of the wound he received more than two months ago...

The Easter vestry meeting of St. James' church was held last evening...

To do any and all of the aforesaid capacities in the Province of British Columbia...

The capital stock of the said Company is one million dollars, divided into one million shares...

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of March, 1927.

W. G. NELSON, of Cowichan district, was united in marriage...

AN AUNT'S ADVICE.

BROUGHT A YOUNG LADY OUT OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH.

A Remarkable Case That Vividly Shows the Wonderful Health-Restoring Power of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

WEST COAST MINES.

"Anderson Lake will be the biggest mining camp on the Coast," was the remark of T. F. Child...

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The demands from Kootenay for new roads would, if complied with, involve an outlay of \$80,000, and the season for road making there can hardly be said to have begun. Kootenay is only one of many localities which want roads, and it would be a very difficult matter for the government, if it had the money to expend, to know where to begin. Moreover, as we pointed out in a former reference of this matter, it is not possible for anyone to say what proposed roads can properly be regarded as works for general public advantage, and what can only be considered as for the benefit of a few individuals. Manifestly the former should have the preference, when it comes to expending public money; but it is equally clear that a road to a group of mines or to a townsite may be both necessary and valuable, although the first effect of its construction might be to enhance the value of some particular private property or facilitate the carrying out of some private enterprise. There is upon the statute book a law authorizing toll roads, and just as we all agreed as to the wisdom of permitting the establishment of toll, ferries until the necessities of the case warrant the erection of free bridges, so the toll road in many cases may be very properly allowed to precede the public highway. We think that if the government shall see its way clear to act upon the statute referred to, and sanction the making of toll roads under proper restrictions as to charges and reasonable conditions on which they may be taken over by the Province if experience shall show them to be for the general public advantage, it would be a good thing for the mining sections. We have been told by several persons who are interested in mines situated at some distance from public highways, that they would be glad to avail themselves of the privilege of making roads to them, if they had the right to exact a reasonable charge from others who used the roads. We have been told of numerous cases where the owners of promising mines have declared their readiness to pay reasonable tolls if anyone could be induced to make roads to them. There is a feeling of opposition to the principle of toll roads, but it is not so long ago that Ontario had them by the score. In fact they have in most countries been the stepping stones to a great system of public highways, and we can see no good reason why British Columbia should not adopt the plan. It is nearly, if not quite, two months since the *Colonist* suggested that the making of toll roads might with advantage be authorized, and we have yet to hear the first objection. We think it may be taken for granted that the people of the Province would sustain its government in authorizing such roads in a certain class of locations, subject to supervision as to charges and with the right to assume possession of them on fair conditions.

"DEPRESSION" IN ROSSLAND.

The *Rosland Record* speaks of a business depression in that city and says it is due in part to a fear that the next session of the legislature may witness the passage of the Alien Mining law. We do not think there is any foundation for such a fear, and still less do we believe that the legislature will be elected next year will favor any such mischievous legislation. The statement that business depression exists in Rosland is worthy of great consideration, and it is just as well to examine a little into the several causes which have led up to it. We think the principal cause will be found to be that the speculative feature of Trail Creek mining is largely at an end, and that therefore the progress of that section will depend upon the development of mining properties on a legitimate business basis. In the meantime it is "between hay and grass" for Rosland business men. The days of feverish excitement when every man who reached the town was a potential millionaire in his mind, have passed. No one now thinks he can go to Rosland, strike a good job of work before he gets from the train to his hotel, and go out the following Sunday and discover a new Le Roi. The realities of mining development are better understood than they were a year ago, and though there are more men at work than ever, though the output of ore is larger than ever, and the future of the section more certain, there is less excitement. The men with a few hundreds or a few thousands of their own or other people's money are less in evidence than they were. They have either spent what they had and have not had time to realize upon their investments, or they have gone to localities where the speculative opportunities are better. Another reason for what the *Record* calls a depression may be the fact that the owners of prospects and partly developed properties are holding them at too high figures. "Quick sales and small profits" would be as good a rule in mining speculations as in anything else. If the discoverer or purchaser of promising properties would lay to mind the old adage that "there are as good fish in the sea as ever were caught," and when they are offered a decent price take it and go after something else, they

would do more business and in the long run make more money. It is infinitely better for all concerned that mining properties should be in the hands of strong people who can develop them rather than that they should be held by those who cannot afford to do so in the hope that a fortune may be made out of one year's operations. What British Columbia needs is more developed mines. An increase in the dividend paying properties will add to the value of every present and future prospect, and there is only one way to get property developed, and that is to put it into the hands of some one who has the necessary capital. If the people of Kootenay and elsewhere will disabuse themselves of the idea that they can by holding out for stiff prices make investments which will find the so-called depression pass away as quickly as it came, and a condition of things which will be healthier and more permanent than anything the district has yet experienced.

THE RESULT IN QUEBEC.

It is impossible at this distance to interpret the Quebec election with any certainty as to the conclusions arrived at, and the comments of the newspapers published on the scene are too much tinged with partisanship to be very trustworthy guides. The thing which will strike people first of all is that the Conservative overthrow came close upon the heels of an agitation against the Liberals, with which the French people were supposed to be in the closest sympathy. In many parts of the Dominion persons, who are by no means favorable to sectarian education, backed their political success upon what they believed were the just claims of the Quebec clergy in educational matters. It is true that the occasion of the conflict arose in Manitoba, but it was supposed that it was Quebec's battle. Well, Quebec, first last June and now this week, has chosen to give her political support to the party that was supposed to be antagonizing the views of that province on educational matters. We hardly think there will be many political martyrs hereafter in the other provinces to the cause of sectarian education.

Another matter which must not be overlooked in this connection is that the election took place during the visit of Mr. Merry del Val, who came to Canada expressly to examine into the relations between the church in Quebec and political matters. Mr. Laurier may not have been exactly *persona non grata* at the Vatican, but he was not credited there with being its very hearty sympathizer with the plans and ideas of the Canadian-French hierarchy. To the papal representative it afforded the remarkable object lesson of a popular verdict in favor of the party of which Mr. Laurier is the leader, a verdict which has the effect of dismissing from office a public, a provincial ministry that had been conspicuously honest and reasonably efficient. The lesson will not be thrown away upon Mr. del Val and his ecclesiastical superiors.

But these considerations, though highly interesting and important, do not cast very much light upon the significance of the election. If it were confined to the French constituencies one might regard it as due, as has been suspected, to a feeling of race pride, which exhibits itself in standing by a party which has made a Frenchman its leader; but this does not explain the action of the few English constituencies. The Ottawa Citizens, which has been Conservative ever since it was printed, and Conservative in the bluest sense, thinks it means, when taken in connection with Nova Scotia's election, that the people are tired of the Conservative party. This is too sweeping a proposition. If the Citizen had said that these elections signify that the people are tired of the old issues it would have been more nearly correct. We think this explanation is pretty close to the truth. There are old political issues in Canada, which "are a good thing for the country when they are consigned to the limbo of forgetfulness. A new Canada is awakening and if the Conservative party hopes to win in the future laurels equal to those which have crowned it in the past, it must come before the people with new watchwords, it must challenge their attention by new aspirations, it must leave the dead past with its dead.

The William Head quarantine matter has got into parliament. Col. Prior acted very properly in bringing the matter up, which it is to be hoped will now be thoroughly ventilated. We observe that Dr. Duncan's name appears to have been brought into the discussion. This was inevitable, but the Department of Agriculture will make a great mistake if it supposes the complaints concerning the quarantine have any connection with that gentleman's dismissal from office. Nine people out of ten do not care who is quarantine officer at William Head, but everyone ought to be desirous of seeing only such regulations enforced there as are really necessary, and that the enforcement is made at little onerous as possible upon the subjects of it. We think also that the facts that have been printed and the expert opinions that have been given on this subject in the columns of the *Colonist*, are of sufficient weight to lead the government to take

up the whole question of quarantine, to see if needless obstacles are not being placed in the way of commerce. On this point there ought to be complete accord between the British Columbia members and we enter our protest against the matter being allowed to appear as though it were the outcome of a local squabble over a paltry office.

The Winnipeg *North-Westerner* thinks that the whole Northwest, including British Columbia, will be greatly benefited by the change in the Canadian Pacific management, which puts Mr. Whyte in control of the Western division. In a long editorial on that gentleman's qualifications for his important position, it says: "There is no doubt that the changes which have been made are in anticipation of the largely increased mileage the C.P.R. will shortly have under its control in the Pacific division. It is a distinct advantage to the mining districts of British Columbia that their transportation interests shall be in charge of one so thoroughly alive to the importance of their rapid development as is Mr. Whyte. Whatever intelligent energy can do towards upholding the great trade which those regions are susceptible of yielding, it is quite certain will now be done by the C.P.R."

The *Times* thinks that it has made a great point when it says that the *Colonist* "assumed that the public generally look upon the Lieutenant-Governor's action as due to advice by his ministers," the reference being to the reservation of the Oriental labor bill. In Great Britain the figure is \$18 a head. If Canada had Great Britain's rate of taxation, instead of a revenue of \$36,000,000 it would have a revenue of \$65,000,000. A GOOD EXAMPLE. The liberality of the government of British Columbia should be an object lesson to the law-makers of the United States.—Nelson Miner.

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HALL MINES SMELTER.

The Hall Mines smelter shut down last Saturday night for repairs, and will probably not blow in again for two or three weeks. The furnace is being completely overhauled and re-bricked, and the tramway is having two new cables put up in place of the old ones. The new 200-ton blast furnace is nearly finished, and in anticipation of its early completion a vast amount of custom ore is being contracted for, and a large amount has been received from the War Eagle at Rosland. The new calcining and refining furnaces have been housed, and fire were started in the former last Sunday. On Wednesday this furnace was charged with matte, and already there is a quantity of it ready for the refining furnace. The first treatment takes away the greater part of the sulphur, and the last eliminates the iron and the balance of the sulphur. The whole arrangement of the new furnaces is excellent, and from the crushing room talk about the automatic rollers of crushed matte are conveyed over the furnaces to bins and on a lower level other cars are loaded from these bins and discharged directly into the calcining furnaces. From the time the fire was started there has been no hitch or break in the working and when both blast furnaces are running the roaster and reverberatory will probably be operated steadily.—Nelson Miner.

Mamma—Why don't you study your lessons, as Tommy Jones does? Johnny—If I studied like Tommy Jones does I'd be afraid of getting brain trouble, like he has. Mamma—Has he any brain trouble? Johnny—That's what he says he likes to go to school.—Fack

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

PREPARING FOR TRAFFIC.

The C.P.R. evidently has great faith in the immediate future of the West. This is demonstrated by the fact that extensive additions are being made to their locomotive stock, chiefly for the trade of the West. They are about to have two heavy consolidated locomotives built for the mountain sections, three compound freight locomotives for the Pacific division, six ten-wheel passenger locomotives for the western division, and other half-dozen for the eastern division, and four more locomotives for use wherever required. Doubtless the Crow's Nest road will utilize a number of these new engines.—Alberta Plaindealer.

CHEAPER METHODS NEEDED.

Any man who takes the position that the possibilities of the Rosland camp are to be measured by the conditions of the rest of the world, and that ore is smelted on the basis of a transportation charge of not less than \$6 a ton, to say nothing of other high charges of a purely arbitrary character, is outside the field of calm and reasonable discussion.—Rosland Miner.

THAT PREFERENTIAL CLAUSE.

The technical view of it is being taken, and public opinion in this country is settling down to the conclusion that because the tariff resolutions do not specify in words that Great Britain shall be given preferential rates, the German and Belgian treaties and the favored nation clause of other treaties will not affect the situation.—Manitoba Free Press.

REVENUES FREED.

Those papers which are comparing the condition of British finances with that of Canada, the latter's disadvantages, forget one very important item. In Canada the total revenue from taxation, post office, government railways, etc., amount to about \$7,25 a head. In Great Britain the figure is \$18 a head. If Canada had Great Britain's rate of taxation, instead of a revenue of \$36,000,000 it would have a revenue of \$65,000,000.—Montreal Gazette.

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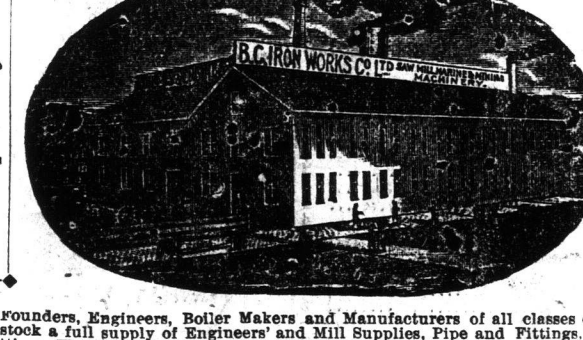
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NEWS OF THE

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Rosland's First Twenty Thousand Mining Stock

VANCOUVER, May 16.—A. Beaur, who has returned from Valley, reports that the prospect on Douglas where many valuable veins have been found. C. H. Macfarlane, Australia, to attend the parliament of the business of the C.P.R. have done nothing last night. In a discussion before a committee of the company, the transfer passengers of the city limit and vice versa for new line to the post office, down Pe along Georgia to the Vancouver, May Hon. Dr. Montague mining business through the Kootenay Supr. Veatch, of the Savonas, states the quicksilver will be Mr. Leckie, of Company, whose prony will have their 15th of June. To the at all events, they mine sufficiently to building a 14-mile site at the headwater and erecting a mill. property, which is feet in depth, assay quantities, and has gone below \$100 to The Golden Cache erection and in a vein at work.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Harrison Lake Mines Will Have a Mill Working in Another Month.

Roseland's First City Loan For Twenty Thousand Dollars—Mining Stocks in Japan.

Vancouver, May 13.—(Special)—W. A. Bear, who has returned from Nicola Valley, reports that ranchers are leaving their ploughs in that section to prospect on Douglas and Nicola lakes, where many valuable specimens of ore have been found.

C. H. Macfarlane has arrived from Australia to attend to the assaying department of the business of his brother, Mr. J. A. Macfarlane, F.C.S.

The C.P.R. have decreased their rate on shingles and lumber ten cents per 100 pounds eastward.

In a discussion between the railway committee of the council and the tram company last night the latter agreed to transfer passengers on the Western line to the city limits to the local line and vice versa for the one fare.

The new line to the park will be passed the post office, down Pender to Georgia and along Georgia to the park.

Vancouver, May 14.—(Special)—The Hon. Dr. Montague is in the city on mining business and will take a trip through the Kootenay country.

The Athabasca, of Nelson, is now worked for 400 feet of shafting, mining, etc., and the company state that a mill will be at once erected.

The Elderado company have sent Mr. R. A. Lambert to sink a bed rock shaft on the lower end of Cayoosh creek leased by them.

The Elderado people think that by sinking in the solid rock by the side of the stream and drifting out underneath it will most likely be found that a strata of clay overlies the gold bearing gravel in the bed of the creek.

WESTMINSTER, May 13.—(Special)—The grand jury have reported that the asylum for the insane is overcrowded and that the attendants should wear uniforms.

The elections at the K. of P. convention selected as follows: J. E. Evans, grand chancellor, Vancouver; James Dowd, vice-chancellor, Victoria; R. Rivers, grand prelate, Nanaimo; E. P. Leeson, grand master of exchequer, Victoria; J. W. Grant, grand master at arms, Roseland; P. Scharschmidt, grand inner guard, Comox; J. N. Evans, grand outer guard; J. Ackerman, supreme representative, Midway Westminister.

The Supreme Chancellor visited Vancouver to-day and paid an official visit to the lodges this evening.

The Tanager murder case was in progress all day. The case will not go to the jury before Friday night.

NANAIMO, Mr. L. H. Hill has just returned from his claim on Texada island and has brought down with him a number of very fine joint specimens from the claim of which he is joint owner with Messrs. McLeod and Young.

CHINA TO RUSSIA. PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 12.—In an interview to-day received Oscar G. Murray, of the Baltimore & Ohio, announced that the line had affected an alliance with the Great Northern Steamship Company, the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific roads and the Pacific steamers connecting with these lines, and with steamer lines from Baltimore to the continent of Europe, completing the British Columbia line to say of his defeat, except that he is glad, if he was

THE QUEBEC CABINET.

Marchand Likely to Form a Ministry and Then Make Way for Robidoux.

Premier, Flynn Will Forward His Resignation to Spencer Wood Without Delay.

TORONTO, May 13.—(Special)—The World's Montreal correspondent says it is quite likely that Marchand will be called to the ministry, but that most people say Robidoux will in a short time replace Marchand, who will be elevated to the Dominion Senate.

Hon. Messrs. Nantel and Atwater left for Quebec yesterday afternoon, and it is understood that the resignation of the premier and his colleagues will be sent to Spencer Wood without much delay.

Mr. Atwater will return to his law practice and Mr. Nantel to the position of editor in chief of Le Monde newspaper. Flynn, Hackett and Pelletier will likewise resume the practice of law.

Chapais, who represented the government in the Upper House, will resume his old position as editor of Le Courrier in Canada. The premier and president of council, F. G. Marchand; attorney-general, J. E. Robidoux or Horace Archambault; provincial treasurer, R. Bickard; commissioner of agriculture, Gladu (if elected). It is also stated that Chas. Marcell will be speaker of the legislative assembly.

British Columbia mining stocks are coming into demand even in far-off Japan. The Walters Company have sold 5,000 shares in that country during the past month, and are preparing to establish an agency there.

The money by-law providing for the borrowing of \$30,000 for "works of improvement" is to be paid back in debentures to run ten years, was adopted. The loan will date from June 1, and the interest on the debentures, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, is to be paid semi-annually, on June 1 and December 1 respectively.

FAIRVIEW. Some men who recently came over from Boundary creek have discovered a new free milling quartz camp on the top of the mountain to the east of Keremeos creek.

The lodges are from two to five miles and nearly all the ore pans, some very good results being obtained by this method in some instances. The quartz is completely treated in the mill in the texture that found in this camp.

In the copper belt another new strike has been made, as a party now not known, discovered a few days ago a ledge of good copper sulphide ore from which assays running as high as 50 per cent copper and nearly all the ore pans, some very good results being obtained by this method in some instances.

GREENWOOD. A petition is being circulated among the inhabitants of Greenwood City, the object being to ascertain as to whether a majority of the property-holders desire incorporation. There are about one hundred property-holders, a majority of them reside in the city.

KETTLE RIVER. Away up the Main Kettle river large ledges of copper sulphide ore are known to exist, and much attention will be paid this summer to their exploration.

Those familiar with the country say that the following has also been asked to take the matter up with the ministers. The appointments threaten to cause dissension in the Liberal ranks.

POORMAN PURCHASED. ROSLAND, May 12.—Hector McRae, of Ottawa, has purchased the Poorman mine near Nelson, the most famous free milling gold mine in Kootenay.

SMOKERS WILL SORROW. HAMILTON, May 13.—(Special)—Pending action by the government on the request of the tobacco men for an alteration of the tariff, Geo. E. Tucker & Son have decided to close down their factory. This action will affect about 500 hands, the weekly salary being nearly \$4,000.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY.

Unfair Opposition—Personal Attacks on the Hon. G. B. Martin Condemned.

A Yale Liberal Expresses Himself as Strongly Opposed to Such Tactics.

To THIS EDITOR:—Now that the battle-smoke has floated away, it appears that the attack on the land office was a notable incident of the late session.

Nobody should complain of this, for it is necessary that a department that controls three-fourths of the business of the government should be criticized.

Vigilant criticism of the land office every session on the part of the opposition tends to keep matters straight, even though nothing wrong is discovered.

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CONGO ATROCITIES.

Terrible Charges Made by a Missionary of the Treatment of Natives.

Their Hands Cut Off, Their Villages Burned and People Murdered.

LONDON, May 13.—A representative of the Associated Press to-day had an interview with the Rev. Mr. Spiblow, of the American Baptist mission in the Upper Congo, who has just returned to London.

He said: "When I left in February matters in the Upper Congo were bad as ever with the commission which the King of Belgium appointed to enquire into the atrocities committed."

The victims being natives, the commission has had almost no result. The officials are indisposed to act on missionary evidence, and only a few cases of barbarity were punished.

The iniquitous rubber traffic continues. When the natives are unable to obtain rubber, the state troops burn the villages, murder the natives, and cut off their hands, which are afterwards smoked and sent to the state officials.

Part of the natives of the Equatorville district are in a state of open warfare. It is understood that the statements of the Rev. Mr. Spiblow will be made the subject shortly of a question in the House of Commons.

POSTAL CONGRESS. WASHINGTON, May 13.—The movement to secure the adoption of a universal postal stamp by the postal congress has collapsed. There were too many difficulties in the way of adopting such a stamp, and the general committee after considering the subject briefly abandoned it as impracticable.

UNCLE SAM'S DOCKS. WASHINGTON, May 13.—The second timber drydock at the New York navy yard, known as dock No. 2, has developed signs of great weakness.

THEY LYNCH WOMEN. HEUSTLER, Ala., May 13.—At day-break the bodies of Mollie Smith and Mandy Franks, two negro girls, were found swinging from ropes on trees on the side of the road leading from Jeff, Ala., to Huntsville.

THE "DIANA" SAITS. St. JOHN'S, Nfld., May 13.—The sailing steamer Diana sailed this morning for Halifax to embark on the Dominion government expedition for Hudson's bay, to investigate the period during which Hudson's straits are navigable for grain-laden steamers in summer.

WINNIPEG'S NEW SHELL. WINNIPEG, May 15.—(Special)—The new racing shell for the Winnipeg crew has been ordered and the boys are now practicing daily for England.

THE WORLD'S CHAMPION. OKLAHOMA, May 14.—Orilla is to lose her champion carter to Rat Portage where he has purchased the Russell horse.

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