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Arrowhead, B.C.—Your sample is a of very fine grade steel, galena, a small quantity of zinc blende added. It is by no means a rare mine. Have it assayed for silver and

MOUS CANADIAN DEAD

WILLIAM HINGSTON EXPIRES SUDDENLY

SICIAN OF WORLD-WIDE REPUTATION.

Nelson, Feb. 19.—Sir William Hingston, one of Canada's best known physicians and philanthropists, died suddenly morning, aged 78. He was in good health up to yesterday.

Dr. William Hingston was born at Hinchbrook, county of Huntingdon, P. Q., June 29, 1829. He was the son of the late lieutenant-colonel Hingston, formerly of H. M. 100th regiment, afterwards commanded the militia of Beauharnois. He was educated at the Montreal college and studied medicine at McGill University, graduating at the latter in 1851. He then lived in Edinburgh, where he took his son's diploma as L. R. C. S. E. He subsequently received diplomas from the medical societies of Austria, Prussia, Bavaria, France, England and United States. He was D. C. L. of McGill University, and LL.D. of McGill University. He began practice in 1855, devoting his time to surgery. He had held the office of president of the Canadian Medical Association, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the province of Quebec, and had been vice-president of the British association for the advancement of science. He was mayor of Montreal during 1876 and 1877, having been elected the first time by a majority of one and the second time unanimously. During his mayoralty he organized the local and provincial boards of health which have since rendered valuable services. He was for a director and for a time president of the Montreal City Council. He was married in 1875 to Margaret McPherson, daughter of the late Hon. D. Macdonald, then lieutenant-governor of Ontario. He was knighted in May, 1875, for distinguished services to the province and was appointed to the senate January, 1896. He was a conservative in politics.

OF P. ANNIVERSARY

ST SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION HELD LAST NIGHT.

WILLIAM IRVINE WINS NOVEL COMPETITION.

The 44th anniversary of the founding of the order of the Knights of Pythias, a festivity celebrated by the local lodge at evening by one of the most successful at Homes ever held here.

There was an unusually large attendance and the successful way the program was carried out reflected the greatest credit on the committee. E. W. Widdowson, chairman; J. J. Walker, A. Thomas, J. Steel, and H. E. Douglas, were the whist drive opened the proceedings and at the conclusion the fortunate prize winners were announced.

Ladies—First prize, Mrs. S. A. Wye, a glass perfume bottle mounted on silver. Gentlemen—First prize, W. O. Stern, a silver pen with sterling silver holder and set.

The other winners were Miss McPherson and Ernest Myers. Then followed the announced most vexatious competition of this season. The matter had been kept secret and finally a great deal of curiosity was caused. The ladies were provided with lot papers and requested to vote for the most popular man present. Great interest was taken in the proceedings and finally the successful candidate's name was announced amidst intense excitement, the grand champion of British Columbia, William Irvine. Mr. Irvine was almost overcome at the unexpected honor but promptly returned his thanks and appreciation in a neat little speech. In order to prevent a possible riot, the names of the many unsuccessful candidates were suppressed and the committee in charge of the voting.

The prize presented to Mr. Irvine was a very handsome K. of P. jewel. Then the floor was cleared and after most tempting supper had been done ample justice to, dancing, to the strains of Irwin's full orchestra, was indulged in until an early hour this morning.

MISHAP AT COAL CREEK

(Special to The Daily News)

Fernie, Feb. 19.—A Russian miner, employed in the Coal Creek mine, had his hand badly injured while working this morning. He was fixing a prop, when a fall of rock caught his hand and nearly severed the thumb, which will have to be amputated.

POLICE OFFICER SUICIDES

Nelson, Feb. 19.—Constable William Shipp, of the R.N.W.M.P., committed suicide on Sunday on Dominion creek by shooting himself in the head. A verdict of insanity, due to hard drinking, was returned by the coroner's jury. He is a native of Ireland and had been in the force.

IS THE RUN OFFICIAL?

City Council is Dubious About Taking Over Plant

Says Mr. Hume is Not Perfect—Question Left to a Special Committee

A special meeting of the city council was held last evening on the call of his worship the mayor, to discuss the desirability of taking over the municipal power and light plant at Bonington Falls, from the machinery contractors, the Allis-Chalmers-Bullock Ltd.

Ald. Rose was the only absentee and there were present H. R. Kirkpatrick, travelling representative of the A.C.B. Co., J. O. Gillice, the local agent, H. C. Bullis, the company's hydraulic engineer, in charge of the plant, W. P. Dickinson, the city's electrical engineer, city engineer McCulloch, and W. A. Macdonald, city solicitor. It transpired that there was a difference of opinion as to the present run of the plant, the city authorities maintaining that the plant was incomplete and that the trial 30 days' test could not commence until the plant was fully completed and running satisfactorily to the city's engineers. The representatives of the machinery contractors pleaded that while the machinery was not complete in all details it was practically so, that the details wanting were minor ones, and that pending their completion the city should pay the final payment on February 26, the contractors giving bonds to complete the details. With the exception of the governor, which was not worked at the time, what Mr. Dickinson termed "some small minor details," the plant has run satisfactorily for 22 days.

After a prolonged discussion the council decided to refer the matter to a special committee which will meet this morning at 10.30.

There was an informal discussion before the mayor called the council to order, just a sort of preliminary sparring to ascertain where the contending parties really stood.

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To the mind of the council, the 30 days' test will be up on the 26th inst. I think the machinery has run satisfactorily so far, with the exception of the governor. We expect to get the governor in order before the contract is run up to the capacity of the generator for a time. As to further details about the governor I must refer you to Mr. Bullis who was with the expert during the test."

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To Ald. Hume, Mr. Gillice said the plant was up to specification with some slight exceptions. The chief exception was the working of the piston, council. The mayor said he learned from Mr. Pfau, the company's expert, that above a certain point the governor would not work automatically.

Mr. Dickinson said he understood the governor had not run continuously at all. Mr. Pfau had not been able to get the governor to work. It was a necessary part of the plant, regulating by hand, as suggested, would not work at all as a permanent arrangement.

To Ald. Irving and Annable, Mr. Dickinson said he had known of some attempts made by Mr. Pfau to regulate the governor, but they did not steady the governor, as anticipated they would.

Ald. McMorris asked for the specifications regarding the governor, and Ald. Seious read the clause in the contract governing the taking over of the machinery from the contractors.

In reply to the mayor Mr. Gillice said he thought the city should make the final payment on the 26th, notwithstanding the fact that some further changes would have to be made.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said the detail wanting was a minor matter and payment should not be withheld on account of it. The plant was performing its duty, giving light and power. They were not asking payment for the governor, but for that item could stand until the governor was adjusted. The \$13,000 should be paid on the 26th as the city had \$5000 on hand in escrow.

To Ald. Hume, Mr. Kirkpatrick said he had heard a rumor in the morning that the council would not accept the present 30 days' test. He had asked for the meeting to ascertain what was the real situation.

In reply to Ald. Seious, Mr. Dickinson said he could not report finally until he had made a full investigation. It might be necessary to shut down the plant to make the final investigation. There were some minor matters that must be attended to, but generally the plant was running satisfactorily, outside of the question of the governor and the minor matters referred to.

Ald. Seious thought the whole matter was irregular. The time for the test was not up. What might happen on the 26th was a different matter.

Mr. Kirkpatrick asked if the present run was considered an official test by the council.

Ald. Seious—it was a surprise to me that the present run was an official one. The mayor—I have no hesitation in saying that I do not consider the run an official one. I should consider that the run should continue until all the machinery is in proper order.

Mr. Kirkpatrick—Well, we might as well shut down at once if that is so. The mayor asked if Mr. Kirkpatrick spoke as the official representative of the Allis-Chalmers-Bullock Ltd.

His worship added that a telegram had been sent to the head office at Montreal stating that the plant was not running satisfactorily in every detail.

The choice in the contract governing the final payment reads as follows:

"Subject to the condition that the machinery installed with the other equipment shall have been operated for 30 days before the final payment is made, and that the machinery and equipment shall operate to the satisfaction of the purchaser or his engineer."

Ald. Hume thought Mr. Dickinson should be inspecting the test. In the present case, the machinery was not nearly over and the city's electrical engineer was not in a position to say what the situation was.

Mr. Dickinson explained that no attempt was being made to operate the governor. He said he was not at the plant. Mr. Kirkpatrick said the city was entitled to have the governor and to have it in working order. The company was quite willing to give satisfactory bonds to the city for the details wanting. It was costing the company \$800 to run the plant.

Ald. Seious suggested that if the present run was to be regarded as the official run, some arrangement might be made by which an additional \$5000 should be retained until the governor was in running order and that the city should pay its ordinary payroll until the plant was completed, the contractors giving bonds to complete the details. With the exception of the governor, which was not worked at the time, what Mr. Dickinson termed "some small minor details," the plant has run satisfactorily for 22 days.

The contractors' representatives then withdrew temporarily and the council discussed the situation in caucus.

After a long discussion the council agreed to refer the matter in the hands of a committee composed of Ald. Seious, Irving and Annable, the mayor being an ex-officio member. This committee will meet the representatives of the machinery contractors this morning at 10.30, and the council will meet at 10.30.

At 10.30 the council adjourned.

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CONTRACT MAINTAINED

CITY DECLINES TO TAKE OVER POWER PLANT.

PRESENT TEST ACCEPTED WITH CERTAIN RESERVATIONS

Pursuant to the agreement reached at Monday night's special city council meeting, the mayor, Mr. Hume, and Aldermen Seious, Annable and Irving, held a lengthy conference with the representatives of the Allis-Chalmers-Bullock Ltd., at the city hall yesterday morning, with reference to the carrying out of the contract for the power plant at Bonington Falls, from the machinery contractors.

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LUMBER COMBINE

Witnesses Summoned to Give Evidence at Ottawa

George P. Wells, of This City, Secretary of Mountain Lumberman's Association Among Those to Testify

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Hon. Thomas Greenway was elected chairman of the committee to investigate the alleged western lumber combine today and it was decided to issue summonses to the following witnesses to appear on March 13: E. G. Ambrose, A. J. McGuire, Pincher Creek, Alta.; S. O'Brien, Strathcona; Fred W. Green, Moosejaw; Edward Pearson, Maple Creek; R. H. Alexander, Vancouver, secretary B. C. Lumber and Shingle Association; George P. Wells, Nelson, secretary Mountain Lumberman's association; D. C. Cameron, D. E. Sprague, Winnipeg; J. S. Fletcher, secretary Alberta Farmers' association and the secretary of the Grain Growers' association of Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Other witnesses will be summoned later on, the committee being desirous of hearing everyone who can throw light on the existence of the combine.

The chairman stated as a preliminary proof of a combine that he had found by experience that no consumer could buy cash or doors direct from manufacturers but could only obtain them through middlemen.

Lethbridge, Feb. 19.—That lumber prices will continue to soar, is the prediction of A. Macdonald, one of the best known architects in the district. He stated that he has been informed by a manufacturer "that common boards, which five years ago were \$10 at the mill and are now \$25, will go to \$30 this summer. Shipyard, which five years ago was \$11 the mill, is now \$19 and heavy dimension lumber, which was \$12 is now \$28. Another general increase will make building a serious matter."

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Highbury, his Birmingham residence, but when the weather is fine he drives in a carriage in the grounds of his estate or on unfrequented roads in the vicinity. He seeks to avoid the public gaze. He never stays outside the house more than 45 minutes at a time. He sometimes spends considerable time in his orchard house, as the temperature in these buildings suits him, or he will be wheeled in an invalid's chair about the grounds. He occasionally takes a short walk supported by his stout stick, and the arm of his wife, but the invalid chair is always at hand.

The scarcity of fuel all over the Kootenays has caused a partial close down at several of the smelters during the past week and the C.P.R. has notified the Boundary mines that the management is unable to haul ore for some time. Yesterday it was announced that although the run remains very unsatisfactory some relief is expected early this coming week.

The announcement, published last Sunday that United States customs authorities had decided that the zinc ore of B.C. was no longer liable to duty and in fact should never have been taxed, has been very well received by mining men and a revival in zinc bearing properties is looked for as a result.

Appended will be found the ore shipments and smelter receipts for detail for the past week and year to date.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS

MINE Week Year

Granby 3,340 48,321

Mother Lode 1,800 19,068

Sunset 450 5,525

Emma 132 1,106

Other mines 12,964 15,919

Total 10,222 120,939

RAILROAD SHIPMENTS

Centre Star 1,136 9,170

La Plata 1,233 18,622

Le Roi No. 2 446 2,390

Le Roi No. 2, milled 1,440 2,830

Total 4,455 35,012

SLOCAN-KOOTENAY SHIPMENTS

Emerald 35 358

Sullivan 400 4,300

La Plata, milled 435 2,975

Second Relief, milled 145 1,015

St. Eugene 185 1,295

St. Eugene 71 969

Lorna Doone 22 326

Hunter V. 149 806

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ABOUT TO LEAVE MICHEL

DR. McSORLEY TO PRACTISE ON THE COAST

DEATH OF AGED LUMBER-JACK—EX-TREASURER OF OTTAWA

Michel, Feb. 26.—Dr. McSorley, for many years company physician here, has decided to leave Michel and expects to leave here about April 1, and will locate at some point on the coast, probably at Prince Rupert. The doctor's career in Michel has been a very successful one. As a surgeon he has no equal in this part of B.C., many cases for operation having been brought here for his treatment from other points. From a financial standpoint Michel is a very poor field for a doctor, not that there is plenty of work, each man working in the camp pays \$1 per month for doctor's fees. Out of this he is compelled to maintain the hospital with two nurses, furnish all medicines needed in the camp and pay rent for his building, aggregating \$100 a month, leaving as a balance on the right side of the ledger, a sum less than is earned by any ordinary salesman or storekeeper. The local miners' union has taken steps with a view to raise the amount paid towards maintaining the hospital with the hope that Dr. McSorley will remain here.

John Averill, an aged lumber-jack, died in Michel hospital Monday morning of old age. He was brought here from Sparrow about a month ago, but he gradually sank, until the end came. This deceased came to the Pass some seven years ago from Ottawa. He was well educated and was a man of good social standing in the capital. However the excessive use of liquor caused his downfall and finally drove him from friends and social standing to exile in the far west. He was for several years treasurer of Ottawa. The funeral was held here today from the morgue at the hospital. Interment was made at Michel cemetery, Rev. Mr. Kinney officiating.

MANLY OFF TO VICTORIA

AN OLD TIME RESIDENT OF GRAND FORKS SEEKS NEW PASTURES

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Grand Forks, Feb. 26.—Lloyd A. Manly of this city, is winding up his business affairs with the intention of moving to Victoria, and expects to leave early next month. He will dispose of his wholesale liquor business here and sell the premises where it is carried on. Only last summer Mr. Manly built a handsome residence on the east side of the city. Pending the sale of the property Mr. Manly's family remains here. Asked as to his intentions, Mr. Manly said: "I expect to move my office to Victoria at once as I find that point will be more convenient in every way as a distributing point, and also in connection with other operations I may carry on. At present I have an option on a business in that city, which I shall most likely take up, though I am bound to add that in some respects it is the wrong time to leave for I firmly believe that an advance movement will be witnessed here this year which will mean much to the city and district."

L. A. Manly is one of a family of five brothers who have long been associated with this district. He was followed by his brother Dr. Manly, now of Republic, into the Kettle valley in the early 90's. After settling on the land east of the present townsite, he later on, in conjunction with his brother, John, secured interests in the land on which this city now stands, and placed the townsite of Grand Forks on the market. L. A. Manly became mayor of this city in 1899 and again in 1900. He was president of the board of trade on one or two occasions and president of the Grand Forks racing and athletic association. For some time past Mr. Manly has carried on a wholesale liquor business and is also president of the provincial Licensed Vintners' association, whose head office will now be in Victoria.

E. Duford, proprietor of the Queen's hotel, and long a resident of this place, died on Tuesday morning from pneumonia. Mr. Duford had been suffering for a number of days from the illness and his death was a shock to his many friends here. The deceased was of French extraction and was 67 years old.

The covered rink of the athletic association

IS NEEDLESSLY ALARMED

THE PRESBYTERIAN AFRAID MORMONS OF ALBERTA WILL WORK EVIL

POLYGAMY DOUBT, RAISED, QUITS UNFAIRLY TO ALBERTA

Toronto, Feb. 26.—This week's issue of the Presbyterian, says the trenchant criticism by the Hon. minister of the interior, of remarks made by Prof. Kilpatrick and Dr. Somerville to the effect that Mormons in Alberta are not a desirable class of settlers, may be good politics from his point of view, but it does not touch the real question at issue.

"People may be thrifty and industrious but if an essential feature of their religion brings them into direct opposition to the law of the land, which is based on divine teaching, their presence presents all the material for a grave problem. The feature of polygamy has never been formally eliminated from their creed. It is simply a right held in abeyance because the force of public opinion cannot be changed. No good man will deny liberty of conscience to any, but that liberty must not come into conflict with an institution upon which the welfare and permanency of the family and the state depend. With all the record of their past and with the recent revelations in connection with the Smoot enquiry, in the United States, it is not too sensitive to criticism and we must be on our guard, lest we be found to be warming into an Canadian soil a power that will work to our own destruction."

THEY MEAN BUSINESS

WHOLESALESMEN WILL APPEAL TO RAILWAY COMMISSION

THE QUESTION OF LOWER FREIGHT RATES COMES UP

President Fred Starkey announced last night to the members of the Wholesalers' association in attendance at the special meeting called in the board of trade rooms, that the object of the gathering was to further consider the question of obtaining a reduction of freight rates to Nelson and to the Kootenay generally. It was open to the meeting to say whether or not the members were to join in the petition for the reduction of freight rates. Mr. Starkey added that the data asked for by the railway commission had been supplied and he wished the members to express their views before the board of the Railway Commission and the fact that they were not to be taken into consideration when specially asked to do so. If the merchants of the city were unwilling to tackle the question of rates, he, the speaker, would take the matter over and would be charged to ask that body to take the necessary action to bring the real situation before the railway commission.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

TRUSTEES ASK THE COUNCIL TO SUBMIT BYLAW

THE ESTIMATED COST IS PLACED AT \$20,000

The regular monthly meeting of the school board was held last evening in the office of the secretary. There were present: William Irvine, chairman, Dr. B. C. Arthur, R. J. Steel and A. D. Emory.

The finance committee submitted accounts for the month amounting to about \$400. The chief items were fuel, \$12.50; equipment of fraternity hall, \$9.15; stationary, \$10. The payroll for the month amounted to \$109. On motion checks were ordered to be made out and signed for payment of the accounts and the payroll. A discussion ensued on the application of one of the teachers for a raise in salary. It was pointed out by the chairman that the estimates for the year were already in the hands of the city council. Personally he favored an increase where it could be legitimately made. The teachers earned every cent that was paid them. The secretary brought up the question of a new public school building. He favored erecting a new building on the site of the building now being used, and asking the city council to obtain legislation giving them the power to raise the necessary fund.

A 12 roomed building would be required. The cost of building had increased considerably since the matter was discussed two years ago. Roughly the building would probably cost \$20,000. The chairman said he had informally discussed the matter with some members of the city council. He thought the board should place its case formally before the council.

The motion moved seconded by R. J. Steel that the board request the council in writing to submit a by-law to the ratepayers authorizing the raising of \$50,000 for a new school building. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Arthur will notify the council forthwith as to have the letter before that body when it meets on Monday next. The meeting then adjourned.

SMELTER FOR COBALT ORES

South Dakota Smeltersmen Interested in The Undertaking

Montreal, Feb. 25.—Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, has received a visit from H. Moggi, manager of a big smelter at Rapid City, S. D., who is considering the establishment of a million dollar smelter in Canada to deal with cobalt and nickel ores. Several sites for this smelter are proposed, but the one which seems to favor most is at Parry Sound, to which the Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern railroads now have entry, and which, early in the coming summer, will be served by the short straight line which the C. P. R. is now building through that district.

SHORT ON CO-OPERATION

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Professor Short of Queen's university, sketched the story of government co-operation in Europe before a special committee of parliament today. He said that special lines of industry existed in which this co-operation was needed to supplement other forms of industry. Canada's field was more definite and restricted but the scheme was none the less necessary here. Short did not commend the feature of Monk's bill to encourage the organization of co-operative banks. Under the proposed scheme the entire capital would be payable on demand and nothing would be left to carry on the business.

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EDMONTON TO DAWSON

MILITARY HIGHWAY TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE SPRING

WILL CONNECT YUKON WITH HEART OF CANADA

(Special to The Daily News)

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 26.—As soon as weather permits in the spring a party of Royal Northwest Mounted Police will leave here to supervise the construction of the all-Canadian military highway between this city and the Yukon. Captain McDonald, now at Hazelton, will start north from that point. He will have charge of trail blazers, bridge builders and road makers. They will have hundreds of miles to cover through an unhabited country, the few trails that are there being in the early rush for the Klondike. To connect the Yukon with the heart of Canada a course will be blazed and graded and pack routes cut through one of the wildest territories on earth. At Fort Graham captain Camlin is wintering, ready to commence work in the spring. This party did considerable work last year but owing to the pressure of the season before the board of the Railway Commission and the fact that they were not to be taken into consideration when specially asked to do so. If the merchants of the city were unwilling to tackle the question of rates, he, the speaker, would take the matter over and would be charged to ask that body to take the necessary action to bring the real situation before the railway commission.

Mr. Beaton submitted a long list of rates charged in this district. Mr. Beaton, in explaining the report he had made out, exhaustively dealing with the whole question of existing rates, said that many people thought that any improvement in charges that might be brought about, would make no difference in the long run to the consumer, but this was quite a mistake. If the matter was left to the railway companies, the rates would be increased and the merchants of the city would be forced to pay more for their goods.

ONG. T. P. CONSTRUCTION

SEVERAL THOUSAND RUSSIANS MAY BE EMPLOYED

VERGIN RETURNS FROM A MISSION TO RUSSIA

Montreal, Feb. 25.—Peter Vergin, the leader of the Canadian Doukhobors, returned to Montreal yesterday, after spending the winter on a tour through Russia. Vergin said he had been commissioned by the Grand Trunk Pacific railroad company to try to secure a few thousand laborers for construction work on that railway and was for this purpose he had visited the Russian minister of the interior, in order to see whether the government would allow them to come out. That official appeared rather taken with the idea and with that end in view the president and the secretary be and are hereby requested to communicate with the proper authorities in the matter impressing upon them the necessity of establishing such an institution.

The meeting then adjourned and a meeting of the directors was held at which sundry accounts were presented and gone over and ordered to be paid.

ENDORSE LEMIEUX BILL

TORONTO DISTRICT LABOR COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVE

AMENDMENT TO ONE PROVISION ASKED FOR

Toronto, Feb. 26.—The District Labor council have unanimously endorsed the general principles of the Lemieux labor bill, the vital principle of which is compulsory investigation of labor disputes under government authority. The various clauses were discussed, and the one to which the only objection was taken was the following: "It shall be unlawful for any employer to declare or call a lockout, or for any employee to strike or refuse to work on account of any dispute, prior to a reference of such dispute to a board of conciliation or during the pendency of any proceedings in relation to such dispute before a board of arbitration, because the bill as it stands deprives the men of the right to strike in the meantime. 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