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W. G. NELSON, M.P., DEAD

The First Break Occurs in the Membership of the House, at Almonte This Morning.

Death Causes a Vacancy in the Representation of the North Riding of East Kootenay.

Almonte, Ont., Jan. 6.—W. G. Nelson, M. P. for East Kootenay, B. C., died at his residence, Ramsay township, four miles from Almonte, aged 36 years.

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GORDON MEMORIAL COLLEGE. Laying the Foundation Stone of the School at Khartoum.

Cairo, Jan. 6.—The British diplomatic agent in Egypt, Viscount Cromer, laid the foundation stone at Khartoum yesterday of the Gordon Memorial College.

CLEVELAND ON ANNEXATION. He Suggests Slaughtering Filipinos Who Oppose American Plans.

Princeton, N.J., Jan. 5.—Ex-President Cleveland, in conversation with a representative of the Associated Press on the question of annexation, said today: "Assuming that my ideas on the subject are antiquated and unsuited to these progressive times, it is a matter of regret that the refusal of certain natives of our new possessions to acquiesce in the beneficent plan of annexation is now being met by the use of force."

PREMIER AND SENATE. Dr. Barinot on the Proposed Reform of the Senate.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 6.—Dr. Bourinot, leader of the opposition, characterized Laurier's plan for the reform of the senate as crude. He goes on to say that what would suit him would be to disband the senate and go to the country on any measure rejected by the senate.

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DEWNEY EXPECTS TROUBLE. The American Expedition at Iloilo Will Be Supported by the Baltimore and Two Gunboats.

War Department Thinks That a Naval and Military Display May Bring the Natives to Time.

PANIC AT A FIRE. New York, Jan. 6.—Cut off by smoke and flames from their only means of escape, a score of persons, stricken with panic, clamored wildly for help at the front windows of the big tenement building, 285 East 87th street, early this morning.

STRANGE ATTEMPT AT MURDER. New York, Jan. 6.—One piercing scream from a woman prevented her own murder and probably the suicide of a man who had planned her death in a Beecher street hotel early this morning.

DEATH OF BISHOP SULLIVAN. Toronto, Ont., Jan. 6.—Bishop Sullivan died at 5:10 a. m. Although Dr. Sullivan had been ill for some time, and had not been in robust health since the closing years of his Episcopal labors in Huron diocese, his death was by no means expected.

AMERICAN NEWS. Herkimer, N. Y., Jan. 6.—A passenger engine running light on the Adirondack & St. Lawrence railroad went through a trestle at the residence of the Northern New York Central roads in this village.

SHOCKING RAILWAY ACCIDENT. Two Men Run Down and Killed at Ottawa East.

CANADIAN BREVITIES. Ottawa, Jan. 5.—The next session of the Supreme Court will commence on February 21, the first day of the term being January 31, and for depositing factums February 4.

CANADIAN TRADE. Toronto, Jan. 6.—An evening telegram cable, dated London, Jan. 7, says: "The statistics of imports from Canada for the month of December, just published, give the following: The total value of all imports enumerated in the annual report was £17,360,233. The total value of exports from Great Britain to Canada was £4,251,479; wheat, 108,406; value, £1,774,790; sheep and lambs, £2,702, value, £63,286; cattle, 5,018,030 cwt.; value, £1,948,147; wheat and flour, 1,908,800 cwt.; value, £1,038,277; pigs, 1,013,690 cwt.; value, £395,225; hams, 117,181 cwt.; value, £233,272; butter, 156,865 cwt.; value, £600,835; cheese, 1,432,131 cwt.; value, £2,934,725; eggs, 745,355 gross hundreds; value, £251,710; horses, 6,350; value, £177,694.

DINGLEY'S CONDITION. Washington, Jan. 7.—Representative Dingley was a little weaker this morning. He succeeded, however, in gaining considerable rest during the night, and this morning was able to take some nourishment. The worst fear now is that in his enfeebled condition his heart might fail him.

A QUEBECER'S CONFIDENCE IN DR. CHASE'S CATARRH CURE—GIVES RELIEF AT ONCE. He Says, Danville, P.Q., April 9th, 1898. Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto. Dear Sirs—Enclosed find \$1 for 1/2 dozen Chase's Catarrh Cure. Please send them at once. Every patient using it says "it is an excellent cure." Masson, Gen'l Merchant, Danville, P.Q.

COLD SNAP AT NELSON. Nelson, B.C., Jan. 6.—Owing to the extremely cold weather prevailing here during the past few days, the ice in the northern coast fisheries, which have long been a source of friction between the American and Canadian authorities.

FROM VANCOUVER. Ex-Premier Turner's Notions Regarding Provincial Political Affairs.

Strained Relations Exist Between the British and French Governments Regarding the Madagascar Treaty.

Lord Salisbury Protests Against Restrictions on Coasting Trade and France Withdraws the Decree.

London, Jan. 7.—The official correspondence between the British and French foreign offices regarding the Madagascar disputes issued last night shows that very strained relations still exist over what Lord Salisbury terms in his letter to M. Delcasse, the French minister for foreign affairs, "a violation of the British commercial treaty with the Queen of Madagascar in 1865."

SEVERE FIGHTING IN WEST AFRICA. Belgian Troops Defeated—Two Hundred Men Killed.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND QUESTION. New York, Jan. 5.—A dispatch to the Herald from Paris says: There seems to be a growing conviction here that the Newfoundlander's Evening Herald has contributed an article to the Current Contemporary Review wherein the British view of the case is given and reprisals are threatened if satisfaction be not obtained.

PEACE RESTORED AT HAVANA. Havana, Jan. 7.—General Ludlow, the military commander of the district of Havana, has issued the following proclamation to the citizens: "It is known that large quantities of arms and ammunitions are stored at numerous places in the city, and it is the duty of the military authorities to see that these are removed to the arsenals."

A BIG COAL DEAL. New York, Jan. 5.—It was officially announced today by the officers of the New York, Ontario & Western railway company that the deal for the purchase of the coal properties of the Lackawanna Iron & Steel Co., in and about Scranton, Pa., formerly the Lackawanna Iron & Coal Co., estimated to contain 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 tons of anthracite coal, had been purchased by the Western Railway Company, and that the transportation of the output would be secured to that company.

AMERICAN ITEMS. New York, Jan. 5.—Lizard Frieres has engaged \$1,000,000 in gold through London for importation to the United States. New York, Jan. 5.—The Hon. Richard Dobbell arrived today on the Majestic.

WHEN YOU HAVE A BAD COLD. You want the best medicine that can be obtained, and that is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

THE GRIPPE IN MONTREAL. Montreal, Jan. 6.—The grippe is now epidemic in Montreal. Doctors have issued certificates for the same ground were issued to both parties. As the evidence showed that Donnelly had, though not designedly, secured the certificates upon misstatement of material facts, the minister holds that it is void. He directs that a new certificate be issued to Nelson, and that Donnelly and his agent be allowed \$8,000 for work done in good faith upon the claim.

ED. FARRER'S OPINION. Montreal, Jan. 6.—A correspondent learns today that Ed. Farrer, a journalist, who has been at Washington since the sitting of the commission, has had a talk with an intimate friend here that there is no possible chance for Canada to get an acceptable treaty from the Americans.

THE CROWN'S NEXT REPORT. Ottawa, Jan. 7.—K. C. Clute, Q. C., of Toronto, commissioner of the Crown's Nest Pass road enquiry, arrived here today to hand in his report to the government.

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SPEAKER FORSTER.

This is the era of the young man. Even in British Columbia it is now no disgrace to be a young man; even here the demand for young men to fill positions of the highest honor and trust is growing stronger.

A GOOD WORKING MAJORITY.

Six is a very respectable majority for a government to carry on business. It is an excellent number to begin with; for no one supposes the government majority will not be substantially increased before the session is a fortnight over.

Yesterday's proceedings showed beyond question the clear-headedness and the firmness of the government; they will never be balked or hindered by such an opposition as they have facing them.

Defections from the opposition ranks may be looking for the session. We are quite satisfied with the manner in which the government vindicated themselves yesterday, and are content to await further developments.

A SAMPLE ORATION.

Lieutenant-Colonel James Baker, M. P. for South East Kootenay, has been chosen as leader of the opposition, pro tempore. When John Herbert Turner, M. P. for Victoria, returns from England, Lieutenant-Colonel James Baker, M. P. for Southeast Kootenay, will again take his place in the ranks, and it is to be hoped for the political health of the alleged opposition, will stay there till required to air his peculiar views.

His speech on the address yesterday was one of the weakest things in new season's speeches we ever did listen to. It was full of reckless assertion, windy redomation, cheap appeal to the Anglo-Saxon idea, guess-work and self-destructive argument. It is a long time since we saw any speaker get such a nasty "cropper" as Colonel Baker sustained at the hands of the attorney-general.

Colonel Baker was talking about what he called the introduction of "the spoils system," and said many useful officials had been dismissed to make way for the pets of the party in power. He could name a score or two of them.

"Name one," cried Hou, Mr. Martin. "Ah, well, er, you see, aw," stammered the gallant leader of the alleged opposition, thoroughly taken aback.

"Name one" again came the retort. "In desperation the colonel, who looked both unhappy and uncomfortable, pointed dramatically towards the place where the provincial library is, and somewhat shakily said: 'There was Mr. Gosnell, a most useful official; he was ruthlessly turned out and—'

"And who was put in his place?" interrupted the attorney-general. The colonel was absolutely stumped. He coughed, stammered, tried to say something, but it was lost in the laughter, cheers and applause from house and galleries. When that had subsided the colonel cried: "Oh, you'll find it perfectly accurate in what I say. I can give you many instances."

"Name one" again came the fatal retort; and the house again laughed derisively at Colonel James Baker, M. P. He seemed glad to sit down a little

later and leave the talking to the rank and file. The appeal of the temporary leader of the opposition to Anglo-Saxon sentiment the argument being that the government were violating that sentiment by their acts, was almost as nauseating as it was funny, and instead of the prostration being greeted with applause it was concluded amid jeering laughter, even from the non-partisan gentlemen's own colleagues. Colonel Baker's allusion to the "bosses" was slangy; it would have come with more unctious from some member who had not so great a reputation to lose for using the English language with refinement and care, as Colonel Baker, has to.

If we are to take Colonel Baker's address yesterday as a criterion of the debating ability on the alleged opposition side, and as an augury of the session's fortunes, the alleged opposition will be better employed the most of the session in the legislative recesses than in the library among the comic weeklies, than enduring the whips and scorns of government argument. Opposition, forsooth!

Mr. J. E. Doyen, of Quatsino, writes the Colonist that he gave no interview to the Times about coal properties in West Vancouver Island. Mr. Doyen is unnecessarily alarmed and excited; the Times had no interview with him, and never published any interview with him. His name was merely mentioned in connection with that of Mr. C. L. Thombor, a school teacher, who came last Saturday from the west coast on the Queen City. Mr. Doyen being in Mr. Thombor's company at the time. We hope this explanation will soothe Mr. Doyen's rural sensibilities.

Mr. R. E. Gosnell, we learn, is meeting with gratifying success in his work as general secretary for British Columbia of the University Association, a very large number of enquiries having reached him for particulars. We have examined the prospectus and course of study, and can heartily recommend the same to the attention of every young man and young woman who desires mental culture that will fit him or her better for the battle of life.

The sudden death of W. G. Neilson, M. P. for Northeast Kootenay, will be sincerely regretted by every person who had a personal acquaintance with the deceased. He was an honorable, intelligent and energetic business man—a fine type of the young Canadian. The sympathy of every friend will be given unreservedly to his widow and children.

NEW INVENTIONS.

Below will be found a list of new patents recently granted by the Canadian government. The patents being secured through Messrs. Marion & Marion, solicitors at 100, St. James Street, Montreal, and reported by them for the benefit of our readers:

- 61,957—O. B. Juras, La Baie du Febvre, P. Q., cash register and advertising system.
61,958—Callix Vaneot, Montreal, P. Q., shoe.
61,959—Norman McLeod, Merrickville, Ont., adjustable shoe-pattern.
62,057—Louis Gervais, Farnetville, P. Q., machine for producing the seam.
62,085—Samson M. Cutter, Montreal, P. Q., cash register and advertising system.
62,097—Joseph Grace, Montreal, P. Q., step ladder.
62,115—Alex. Lefebvre & T. H. Boyle, Montreal, P. Q., medical compound.
61,444—J. W. Brethour & G. Watt, Sidney, B. C., door fastener.

THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

The Board Dispose of Routine Business Only at This Afternoon's Meeting.

A meeting of the police commissioners was held in the mayor's parlor this afternoon, all the members being present. After the minutes had been read the report of the chief for the past month was tabled, in which the chief stated that the last orders issued by the board were being carried out. It was also reported that the approximate amount of money stolen during the year was \$4,595, and of this \$3,224 had been recovered, or 70 per cent. of the aggregate amount. The report was adopted.

The resignation of Constable Anderson, to take effect on the 10th of January, was read and accepted; request being generally expressed that the city was losing a valuable man, one of the best of the Vancouver police force. The mayor recommended that the appointment of a successor be left until after the election, when the police commissioners, who were to be appointed, would be personally examined by the board before a selection is made.

The law court will sit on Monday. The following appeals are set down: Centre Star vs. Iron Mask (for leave to appeal to privy council); Gaston vs. Stewart; Nest Egg vs. Canadian Road Drill Co.; Hornly vs. N. W. Southern type of font; Whitman, Shioe Co. vs. Muskett; Clabon vs. Scott; re B. C. Ironworks (in liquidation); McGillivray vs. Lowenberg Harris & Co. vs. Dunsmuir; Jenckes vs. Dardanelles E. & N. Railway Co. vs. New Vancouver Coal Co.; re O. K. Mining Co.; re The Mining Co.

Mr. Justice Drake is to-day hearing the case of Richards vs. Carmody. About two years ago the plaintiff alleges that he, Carmody and Chase, obtained an option on 100,000 acres of the Dunsmuir lands, and by a verbal agreement the defendant was to go east to find a purchaser and the three should divide the commission in case a sale was made. The defendant says this agreement to share in any commission was only in reference to a sale under the option, and that the defendant's name was referred to any dealings at all with the land; Carmody went east but made no sale, and after the option expired he came back and subsequently a sale was made through his efforts, and the Victoria Lumber Company acquired the lands. The defendant says this agreement was for commission in bringing about the sale, and in the action he recovered \$2,000, and for a one-third share of that amount, Mr. Richards now sues Mr. Carmody. J. P. Walls for plaintiff, A. E. McPhillips for defendant.

F. P. Longman, of Frisco, is at the Do Common Law, of Frisco, with Dr. B. Kenner, who has purchased ten dogs from Winnipeg. The most of their outfit has been purchased in this town. They leave by the City of Seattle, to-morrow.

Mines and Mining.

For the six months ending December 31, the Sloan country shipped upwards of 18,000 tons of ore, valued at close to \$2,000,000.

The last Chance shipped 50 tons of ore during last week. Geo. Perry has about a dozen men working on the Monitor at Thompson's. A second carload of ore has been shipped during the week.

The Vancouver Consolidated Co. of Roseland, has purchased the Eureka, Mineral Hill and Summit claims, in the vicinity of the Sloan's Stand, from the late W. W. Ellis, of Toronto, who has purchased an interest in the property. There has been some good ore obtained from the main shaft.

Supt. Comin in abundance of iron ore on Lemon creek, owned by D. K. Macdonald, of Spokane, reports the cross cutting of the vein in the east, 250 feet. It shows five feet of well-mineralized quartz, with good gold and silver values.

Mines in the Fort Steele District. The mines in and around Fort Steele have, says the Fort Steele Prospector, attracted the attention of mining men from all over the world.

From information received the delay in the machinery for the Ben O'r stamp mill has been delayed at the foundry. The machinery for the Ben O'r stamp mill has been delayed at the foundry. The machinery for the Ben O'r stamp mill has been delayed at the foundry.

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Roseland Mining Stock. There are some interesting features concerning the Roseland mining stock market during the year just closing.

The first of the year the Roseland shares were 90 cents. Six months ago they were \$2.90 and to-day \$5.05.

The Roseland shares for the same period was 36 and 85 cents and \$1.

Virginia has advanced for the first six months of the year 1898, 1200 men, on the average of \$100 per month, the mines disburse \$120,000 every pay day, or \$1,440,000 per year.

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the face of the drift is becoming more and more mineralized, and it is expected that a good sized chute of ore will be met within the next few days.

Exactly 1,043 men are employed in 28 of the more important properties over the camp. Other properties will employ about 200 men more, which will make the total number of men about 1,200.

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AN INGERSOL CASE.

How Mr. Francis Stewart Baffled a Relentless Enemy.

Stricken by Kidney Disease—He Had Treatment From the Most Skillful Doctors—All Failed to Help Him—Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Him.

Ingersol, Jan. 6.—Some time ago Mr. Francis Stewart, one of the well-to-do makers of this town, had the misfortune to fall and injure his kidneys severely.

Soon after the accident symptoms of Kidney Disease made their appearance, and Mr. Stewart at once placed himself under the care of a competent physician.

Time passed; the medical men were constant in their attendance, and money was expended in their care. But no benefit resulted. On the contrary Mr. Stewart's condition grew steadily worse.

The symptoms became more and more pronounced, and the patient's sufferings were, at last, almost unbearable.

Mr. Stewart tells the result of this action in the following words: "I had taken only a few doses of Dodd's Kidney Pills when I began to feel better. My urine grew more natural in color, and became normal in quantity."

"I persevered in the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and in a few days I was well—had not an ache or pain, though the doctors had utterly failed to relieve me."

This is a fair example of the wonderful cures that Dodd's Kidney Pills have been making in this district during the past few years.

It is an absolute fact that Kidney Disease, of every type, from Bright's Disease, Diabetez and Rheumatism, to Female Complaints, have been almost entirely banished from this section by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Dodd's Kidney Pills cost only fifty cents a box, \$2.50 for six boxes, can be got at all drug stores, or by sending the price to the Dodd's Medicine Co., Limited, Toronto.

LIKE A SAVAGE.

Lurking in ambush to treacherously destroy his foe.

Greenwood. The Nelson and Kootenay Copper Syndicate have had an opinion on Magnolia and Copperopolis mineral claims for the past 30 days and now the bond has been signed and the first payment made.

The exact price has not transpired, but is in the neighborhood of \$15,000. These claims, which belong to George Bitter, form an extension of the Big Copper, the show mine of Copper camp, about seven miles west of Greenwood City.

There is an enormous field of hematite, of copper, and of iron, in a porphyry, and lime formation, and enough work has been done to ensure a crown grant when called for. The ore carries 10 per cent. of copper, small values in gold, and a little silver.

Roseland. The electrical machinery and a half of the compressor for the Iron are on the ground ready for the start.

The Roseland Warehouse & Transfer Company got the last of the plant to the mine. The new foundations need to be put in place, but it is hoped that the first half of the compressor will be put in place as soon as it reaches the mine.



It's easy to haul a big load on a big hill if you grease the wheels with MICA Axle Grease.

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Rectification of Crown Grant.

Whereas, on the 3rd day of February, 1898, a Crown grant was issued to one William Ross, District of British Columbia, a subdivision of Section 42, Lake District, and the said grant was therein erroneously described as William Ross, and not as William Ross, and not as William Ross, and not as William Ross.

Notice is therefore hereby given in pursuance of Section 80 of the said Act, that it is the intention to amend the defective Crown grant, and to issue a corrected one in its stead three months from the date hereof, unless good cause is shown to the contrary.

Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, Victoria, B.C., 3rd Nov., 1898.

ATLIN NOTES.

A Budget of News Items From the New Mining District.

There is now an opera house in Atlin 48x78 feet, with a respectable stage and scenery. The regular rate for packing from Lake Bennett to Atlin is 16 cents per pound.

The Indians are doing a thriving business catching fish from Lake Atlin and selling them to the white citizens of Atlin.

Geo. L. Rice, of Juneau, is represented in Atlin by David Hastie, who is putting up a two-story hotel for him.

The Atlin News is a weekly paper, will soon be published in Atlin. The plant is already en route and a building site secured.

Two new steamers are being built in Atlin city for service on Lake Atlin only. They are designed to run across to Takli Arm.

LOST ARMS AND LEGS.

Captain of the Rock Island Rescues An Unfortunate Prospector From a Pitfall.

A pitiful tale of hardship, resulting in the amputation of the arms and legs of a forty-mile prospector, named Madison, was brought out by returned Yukon miners yesterday.

General Lawton said his company was made up of the flower of the army. The United States had the best of Europe, and it is important to have the finest type of American blood represented in our army.

TRAIN ROBBERY.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 9.—The press-Gazette has collected data showing that the crime of train robbery has increased during the past year. The effect of the federal law upon train robbers is evident.

AMERICAN ITEM.

Salado, Col., Jan. 9.—A Rio Grand freight train, loaded with cattle, jumped the track near Salado, and the engine and cars were wrecked.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—The division of Representative Dingeldey has been elected to the office of member of the House of Representatives.

WANTS THE ISLAND.

Melbourne, Victoria, Jan. 9.—Received here from the Tonga Islands, N.Z., say that the consul has arrived there from London, and has given notice that Germany Sava, the most fertile of the group, unless the Tonga government can be persuaded to sell the island to a German company. The government, repudiates the request, but the consul insists that the island was contrary to law. It is appealing to Great Britain, the States and France.

TURMOIL CAUSED BY L.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—In the ten Augustine friars who recently arrived from the Philippines, it is believed that the natives of the islands are rich in resources that would be an immense gain to the nation.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 7.—The American-Canadian commission did not meet today, having adjourned yesterday. Monday. The committee on bonding and transportation held a brief session in the forenoon.

VANCOUVER NEWS.

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 6.—Today Mr. R. E. Kenner was brought into Vancouver with a broken leg, which was probably the result of a fall from a height of several feet. He is being cared for by his companions. The injured man is thought to cover 15 miles, and caught the train.

CHINESE ATTEMPT MURDER

White Man Hacked With Chinese Knives and Felled by a Bludgeon in a Gaming House.

Pook Long & Co.'s Gaming House the Scene of a Brutal Attempt at Robbery and Murder.

A Case Which Will Throw Light on the Secret Gambling Hells of Chinatown.

During the latter part of last summer a condition of affairs obtained in the Chinese quarter of this city the gravity of which was known only to the police and to the newspaper men whose business took them into the quarter.

As long as the Chinamen confined their quarrels to themselves it is not likely much notice would have been taken of the matter, for they have a happy faculty of preserving secrecy regarding the occurrences in that quarter; not one quarter of the rows which take place among them are reported to the police officers.

Unfortunately for the merchants engaged in the trade, the fan-tan and chuck-a-luck games which were in progress among them proved too much for white men, whose curiosity was aroused by the chances for gain which these tables presented.

William Russell was one of the Caucasians who found the attractions of Pook Long & Co. a general table too strong to be resisted. Again and again he visited the establishment and found that his profits were on all the same.

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tervals around the walls to set off the ebony painted fronts and complete the furnishing. That is the store of Pook Long & Co., merchants.

Mr. Jas. Purteile, a well known farmer living near Crofton, Ont., says: "For several years I have been a sufferer from nervousness and general debility. I believe my troubles originated in over-work, aggravated by a severe cold."

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WAS BEATEN BY CHINAMEN. The charge against Ah Ching for attempting to murder Wm. Russell, reference to which was made in the Times last night, was heard in the police court today.

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THE LEGISLATURE

The First Session of the Eighth Commences With the Promises of a Successful Legislation.

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After the reading of the address of the Lieutenant-Governor duties which fell to his lot were discharged with the usual characteristic dignity and the ceremonial around the entrance at the galleries were rewarded more than a sight of the uniform and of the attendant's honor.

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After the reading of the speech from the throne, a copy of which was published in last evening's Times, and the customary acknowledgment thereof, which Provincial Secretary Hume gracefully acquitted himself of, prayers were offered by His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia.

Some formal motions were made by Premier Selmin providing for the printing of the reports of the house, the proceeding against any member who might have gained his seat by bribery and corruption, and the appointment of the ordinary standing committee.

Mr. Joseph Martin made his maiden speech in the house, moving the first reading of a bill to provide for the hearing of certain election petitions after the meeting of the house, which bill was given its first reading and laid over for the second reading to-day.

Following is a full text of the bill. Whereas election petitions have been filed against the honorable members for North Yale and East Lillooet; And whereas said election petitions have both been set down for trial during the month of January, when the house of assembly will be in session; And whereas it is against public policy that said honorable members of the house of assembly should be attending to their duties in this province while such proceedings are pending against them; And whereas it is impossible for the honorable member for East Lillooet to know until said election petition is disposed of, whether he is qualified to be a candidate at the election at which he is to be elected or not, and it is against public policy that he should be deprived of representation pending the decision of said election petition; It is enacted that the election petitions may still be filed against two honorable members of the said house. Therefore, Her Majesty, by Her Majesty's authority, doth enact that the following provisions of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacted as follows:

Every election petition shall be tried during the present sitting of the legislative assembly of this province, and all election petitions pending at the present sitting of said legislative assembly shall be adjourned until a day at least two weeks after the opening of the present session of said legislative assembly.

Mr. J. D. Prentice, who was deputed for the purpose of the East Lillooet district at the last general election may, until after the determination of the election petition pending against him, sit and vote in the legislative assembly for the province of British Columbia without incurring the penalties prescribed by section 33 of the Constitution act.

The government expressed their desire to push business along by moving the Premier Selmin that the house adjourned to stand adjourned until tomorrow. Col. Baker, acting leader of the opposition, opposed the motion on the ground that Premier Turner, "the ex-finance minister, who had at his finger tips all the figures relating to the province's finances," was not expected to arrive in Victoria before the evening of the present sitting of the house.

Mr. Turner had received ample notice of the assembling of the legislature and that the time of the present sitting was as valuable as was Mr. Turner's to himself. Of course the motion to adjourn until tomorrow, and the notice to the house to meet at 4:35 p.m., and the notices of motion.

The following notices are given: By Mr. Helmcken—To move for an address to the Lieutenant-Governor in connection with the proposed amendment to take into consideration the desirability of increasing the per capita tax on Chinese residents of this province. It is also in the opinion of this house three-quarters of all moneys received in British Columbia port duties, such tax is increased, should be paid to this province, as the chief injury sustained by the province, and not the Dominion.

By Mr. Helmcken—To ask: Has any communication been received by the provincial government from the Dominion government relative to the proposed amendment by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan to the Imperial Government against the act known as the Labor Regulations and similar character? If so, what is the nature of such protest? By Mr. Helmcken—To ask: What reply (if any) has been received from the Dominion government touching the resolution of this house, passed on the 3rd day of May, 1898, relative to the removal of the Indians from the Songhees reservation? What is the present position of the question?

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Next Drawing: Saturday, Dec. 31.

Regulation Act, 1898? If so, what is the nature of such report?

By Mr. Kellie—To introduce a bill to incorporate the Big Bend Transportation Co., Ltd. How They Are Seated.

The following diagram of the seats occupied by the various members will be of use to those who visit the galleries and are not personally acquainted with the representatives:



Where They Are Seated.

- List of members and their seating locations: Hon. C. A. Semlin, Hotel Driford; Hon. Joseph Martin, Vernon hotel; Hon. J. D. Prentice, Hotel Driford; Hon. R. E. McKechnie, M.D., Hotel Driford; M. J. Kellie, New England; Hon. Thomas Astor, Hotel Driford; Charles W. Munro, Dominion hotel; A. W. Smith, Hotel Driford; Robert B. Gwynne, Hotel Driford; Ralph Smith, Dawson hotel; J. H. Turner, Craigflower road; J. P. Booth, Esquimalt road; J. D. Prentice, George road; R. D. Helmcken, Belleville street; Richard Hall, Belleville street; Hon. J. Fred. Hume, Hotel Driford; Hon. J. D. Prentice, Hotel Driford; Thomas Kidd, Hotel Driford; C. E. Deane, Esquimalt road; Hon. J. D. Prentice, Esquimalt street; W. R. Nelson, Hotel Driford; W. R. Nelson, Hotel Driford; A. F. McPhillips, Hotel Driford; J. P. Booth, Windsor hotel; Captain Irving, Menzies street; D. W. Higgins, Cadboro Bay road.

AMONG THE LEGISLATORS

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AMONG THE MEMBERS.

One of the most extraordinary things connected with the calling together of the legislature of the province is the fact that hundreds who never at any other time take an interest in the government of the country feel themselves called upon to be present on the first day of the session. Yesterday the doors of the house and the galleries were thronged with people, although there was little in the proceedings to interest them.

THE KAISER'S HEALTH.

Berlin, Jan. 6.—The health of Emperor William of Germany, who has been suffering from influenza for some days past, is now satisfactory. More cases of sick headache biliousness, constipation, can be cured in less time, with less medicine, and with fewer, by using Carter's Little Pills, than by any other means.

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Commencing with a graceful allusion to the honor done his country by the speaker referred to the changed conditions since the last session, and emphasized the fact that the change was due to the alteration which had taken place in the minds of those upon whom duty of a minister of a government devolved.

When Mr. Smith handled the question of the coal mines, he was proud to say that for the last year it had been the largest for some years past, and he had no doubt that there would be a considerable increase for 1899-1900. The late government really had nothing to do with this increase, as the coal had been dug into or looked after in the matter at all could doubt. As a matter of fact conditions and circumstances would show that the late government had done but little, but it was true that the coal miners were of the opinion that their condition could and should have been ameliorated.

As a miner, he would refer to the \$5 free miners' license on the E. & N. railway between the great cut between the honest, poor prospector and the capitalist.

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The newly established Bank of B. N. A. Ashcroft, is already doing a fair business.

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An immense landslide occurred last Monday night at half past twelve on the bridge on the Thompson, which completely blocked the river for several hours and raised the water above the mark of the big slide of 1894. It was decided to cause any damage, but near enough for the student of geology to post himself on the nature of alluvial deposits.

George Lasher's little daughter, who had her knee injured last summer, had her limb amputated above the knee a few weeks ago. She is at present in the hospital at Kamloops.

George Finney, who owns a coal prospecting claim, a short distance from the entrance of Marble canyon, is working away on the shaft keeping it clear of ice. Mr. Finney is at present in correspondence with parties who take hold of the property and work it. The shaft is now down about 150 feet and looks very encouraging.

At a meeting of the directors of the Okanagan and Spallumcheen Agricultural Society the prize list, which had been thoroughly revised by the committee, was adopted, and it was decided to have it issued this year early in the spring. The dates for the show were fixed and the exhibition was set for this year on September 26, 27 and 28. It is satisfactory to know that the financial standing of the society is in a very good shape, the building paid for and all outstanding liabilities wiped off except the debt on the land, which still remains unpaid.

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