







FREIGHT RATES.

Mr. W. B. Lanigan, general C. P. R. freight agent in the city today and the complaint of the local merchants against the freight rates charged by the C. P. R. on goods coming in and going out of Nelson will be placed before him, with the hope that a prompt and reasonable adjustment will be made.

For four years an endeavor has been made to get justice in the matter of freight rates for the Kootenay, and it is not surprising that the people have become tired of the seemingly endless delay in reaching a settlement.

As already stated the freight rates question is a complicated one, but the reductions asked for by the merchants are fairly clear and if Mr. Lanigan cannot speak definitely as to what the company is prepared to do, no further time should be wasted in more conferences with the representatives of the C. P. R.

After going to endless trouble over the matter Mr. Starkey and his committee have at last been notified that the board of railway commissioners have finally decided to hold a sitting here some time in February, so that quite aside from any understanding that may be reached with Mr. Lanigan, the Nelson case is assured a hearing early in the coming year.

If the railway company sincerely desire to get this vexed question settled satisfactorily all concerned the conference today should be productive of good results, and it is to be hoped that marked progress toward a settlement will be made, as it is always infinitely better to arrive at conclusions in such matters amicably, between the parties concerned, than to fight out the whole affair before the railway commission.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Hindus in British Columbia have turned down the offer to send them to British Honduras, where the monthly wage paid for labor is the princely sum of twelve dollars per man. Teja Singh has evolved the plan of settling his fellow countrymen in this province on ranches near Vancouver and as most of the Hindus take kindly to agriculture the plan may succeed, particularly as their leader in B. C. appears to have plenty of funds with which to finance the scheme.

Ontario liberal newspaper which have the grace to blush a little over the revelations in the Cassels enquiry try to dodge the matter by suggesting that "patronage lists" exist in the administration of provincial affairs and kindly suggest that such an abuse would be detected in provincial secretary Hanrahan's department if an enquiry were instituted. The Toronto News takes up the challenge and declares that fortunately the provincial secretary is able to produce a spotless record in the expenditure of public money.

Many Canadian newspapers, irrespective of the political side they support,

are condemning unparaphrasing the "saw-offs" arranged in protested election cases. If the saw-off is a proper thing, says the Toronto World, why not have his negotiations conducted in public? And why confine these immunity habits to lawbreakers who defy parliament by infractions of the Election act? To be consistent we should not object to the man who is charged with theft, arranging a friendly "saw-off" with his neighbor in the dock, who is charged with arson.

GREAT WORK BEING DONE

PUBLIC MEN TALK OF IMPORTANCE OF Y. M. C. A.

THERE ARE EFFORTS TO FORM NELSON BRANCH

Approxos of the efforts being made towards establishing a branch of the Y. M. C. A. in Nelson it is interesting to note what has been and is being done by the association.

The following is from the official organ for December: "There is no dodging the fact that the year has been full of trouble for the finance committees. Budgets have been cut, the force reduced, and extension limited, but the year has been well run, and things are easing up. In this time not a railroad has cut off its appropriation to the railroad departments; even those in the hands of receivers. Men have cut their living expenses and kept up their pledges. Some great business campaigns have been well won. A canvas for \$2000 a year for three years for current expenses at the small town of Galt, Ont., in three days reached \$3200. There is a good fighting chance all along the line where there is honest work done."

Business men throughout the world are finding it a good investment to have a flourishing Young Men's Christian association in their towns and cities. In Australia, with the advent of better times, the work of the association has recently had a great impetus and large sums have been contributed for the purpose of furthering the work and building offices and rooms. In New Zealand the same story is reported, whilst South Africa, notwithstanding its black business depression, has raised a fund for a field secretary and has called one of America's brightest young men in the association for the work. On this continent more than \$12,000,000 was given to the Young Men's Christian association for buildings and for extension work in the fields in North America and foreign countries and the men who have given are the most enthusiastic advocates of the organization. At the annual dinner given by contributors, leaders and the international committee recently, many of those present were business presidents and heads of great enterprises. They listened to a review of the association's movements, given by the secretaries of its various departments, which affected the lives of a million men and boys. General Horace Porter, one of the guests of the evening and representing Hon. Elihu Root, said:

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CORPORATION CONTROL

FULL PUBLICITY IS DEMANDED BY ROOSEVELT

HOW THE TRUSTS MAY BE KEPT IN ORDER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The president's message was communicated to congress immediately after the convening of that body. The message in part reads as follows: "As regards the great corporations engaged in interstate business and especially the railroads, I can only repeat what I have already said and again said in my messages to the congress. I believe that under the interstate commerce act, as amended, the United States has complete and adequate power to control all agencies of interstate commerce, and I believe that the national government alone can exercise this right with wisdom and effectiveness so both to secure justice to the public and to do justice to the great corporations which are the most important factors in modern business."

I believe that it is worse than folly to attempt to prohibit all combinations as is done by the Sherman anti-trust law. Because such law can be enforced only imperfectly and unequally, and its enforcement works almost as much hardship as good. I strongly advocate that instead of an unwise effort to prohibit all combinations, there should be permitted a law which shall expressly permit combinations which are in the interest of the public, but shall at the same time give to some agency of the national government full power of control and supervision over the business of the country. One of the chief features of this control should be securing entire publicity in all matters which the public has a right to know, and furthermore, the power not by judicial but by executive action, to prevent or stop to every form of improper favoritism or other wrongdoing.

The railroads of the country should be put completely under the Interstate Commerce Commission and removed from the domain of the anti-trust law. The power of the commission should be made thoroughgoing, so that it could exercise complete supervision and control over the issue of securities as well as over the rates and the fixing of rates. As regards rates, at least, this power should be summary. The power to investigate the financial operations and accounts of the railroads has been one of the most valuable features in recent legislation. Power to make combinations and traffic agreements should be explicitly conferred upon the commission being first gained and the combination of agencies in North America and foreign countries and the men who have given are the most enthusiastic advocates of the organization. At the annual dinner given by contributors, leaders and the international committee recently, many of those present were business presidents and heads of great enterprises. They listened to a review of the association's movements, given by the secretaries of its various departments, which affected the lives of a million men and boys. General Horace Porter, one of the guests of the evening and representing Hon. Elihu Root, said:

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FOR POOR CHILDREN

Salvation Army in Nelson Giving Christmas Tree.

The local corps of the Salvation Army under the command of adjutant Gosling, are just now very busily preparing for their entertainment and Christmas tree which are to be given on the evening of the 25th for the benefit of poor children who do not have other means of enjoying the good things their more fortunate brothers and sisters consider as their due at the happy Yuletide season. With this idea in view, adjutant Gosling has already obtained the names of some 200 poor children and from there will go to British Columbia, returning through the States where games will also be played. Earl Winterston has the distinction of being the youngest member of the British house of parliament, being barely 22 years of age. He is now off to South Africa to hunt big game, as he says he understands there will be something doing on that continent next spring as far as big game is concerned.

THE SPORTING WORLD

AMATEURS AT REVELSTOKE ARE READY FOR THE SEASON

MORE GOSSIP ABOUT THE BURNS-JOHNSON FIGHT

REVELSTOKE, Dec. 11.—A very well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Ski and Snow Shoe club took place at the city hall, although the council had the hall engaged for a special meeting, the mayor kindly gave up the room to the snow shoes. A number of new names were added to the list of members, now totalling 30, and over half paid up membership fees.

A large number of curlers attended the general meeting of the Revelstoke Curling Club. Among the items of business was the appointment of W. A. Foote and C. M. Field as a committee to secure data and particulars re the building of a curling rink and to see what ground could be procured. The committee will, in all probability report the result of their investigations this evening. A. E. Rose was appointed as an ice committee. A resolution was passed that no member of the club is allowed to invite a local man to curl. From all appearances curling will be one of the leading sports this winter, as a large number of names are on the list who have signified their intention of playing.

A meeting of the executive of the cricket club was held in the office of C. M. Field. It was decided that a smoker social for all cricketers be held in the conservative association rooms in the Burns block on Tuesday, Dec. 29, at which the prizes for the best bowling and batting averages for the season will be distributed. The annual meeting and election of officers will take place on Jan. 25, 1909, and a grand smoker will be held in Selkirk hall on Feb. 17. The general outlook for next season was discussed and the meeting terminated.

Six-days' Bike Race.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—An endurance and speed test of 142 hours at Madison Square garden commenced last Monday, but was reduced to one half its number tonight, when eight teams were peddling around the saucer-shaped track for all the money and glory there was left for them. During the day there was plenty of excitement, caused by spills of sleepy competitors. There were several times when slight accidents might have marred the race, but quick work on the part of the cyclists avoided serious mishaps. Every move of each contestant was watched with suspicion by the others, and Ruti, MacFarland and Demara were always ready for specials which made the minutes pass lightly to the thousands looking on.

Burns and Johnson.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The winner of the Burns-Johnson heavyweight championship fight in Australia, on Dec. 26, will have to meet either Stanley Ketchel or Al Kaufman or lose the respect and support of American sporting men. Billy Deane, manager of Kaufman, has called to the referee at Sydney a challenge in which he says that the big Californian will tackle either Burns or Johnson, in the event of a decisive result, in a forty-five round or finish fight for the world's championship. Deane states that he is willing to split the purse on the basis of 80 per cent. to the winner and 20 per cent. to the loser, and that if this is not satisfactory Kaufman will fight, winner take all, with a side bet of from \$2500 to \$5000.

Kaufman says that Burns will win, but that in case the latter is beaten he will agree to take Johnson on, though he is averse to meeting a negro. Meanwhile promoter Coffroth of San Francisco says he will hang up a purse for Ketchel to meet the winner of the battle in the Antipodes, if Ketchel will agree not to draw the color line.

Ketchel says that he is getting too heavy to remain in the middleweight class, and that he has practically decided to fight as a heavyweight in future. He says he hopes that Burns wins, but that if Johnson is victorious he will tackle the big colored pugilist, although that does not mean that he will not draw the color line in other cases. It is just possible that whether Burns or Johnson wins, the champion will order Ketchel and Kaufman to fight for the right to indulge in a battle before trying for the title. That will enable the champion to do a little touring for easy money before he is put to a real test.

Winnipeg Polo Club.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 11.—The earl of Winterston has written the secretary of the Winnipeg Polo club that he will bring out a British team next year. The ponies will be shipped direct from England to Winnipeg when a series of games will be played. After the Winnipeg series the team will likely visit various Alberta towns, having "policies" and from there will go to British Columbia, returning through the States where games will also be played. Earl Winterston has the distinction of being the youngest member of the British house of parliament, being barely 22 years of age. He is now off to South Africa to hunt big game, as he says he understands there will be something doing on that continent next spring as far as big game is concerned.

WANT GOVERNMENT AID

FRED. STARKEY AND SEATTLE FAIR EXHIBIT PROVINCE AND DOMINION SHOULD COLLECT ORE

That the provincial and Dominion governments should provide the cost of setting together a representative display of British Columbia ores for the Seattle exposition is the view of Fred. A. Starkey, president of the Nelson board of trade, whom R. W. Brock, acting director of the Dominion Geological survey department, has asked to take the matter up. Mr. Starkey will do his best to secure grants to be used in getting together a collection of ore, and that will be a credit to the province and at the same time illustrative of its resources.

Discussing the matter yesterday, Mr. Starkey said that the work of collecting this ore should be taken up systematically. There was no use trusting to the boards of trade, willing though their officers might be to do all in their power to assist in the work. The Nelson board of trade, for example, however, had not the resources to spend on getting together an exhibit, such as should be sent from this section. In his opinion a practical man should be appointed to visit the various mines and there to pick the best samples to send. This man's salary as well as all expenses incidental to the work should be paid out of grants from the two governments, especially as the ore was to be placed in the national museum at Ottawa as a permanent exhibit after the Seattle fair was over.

As far as the sending of an exhibit to Seattle was concerned he considered it of vital importance that the very best showing possible should be made. The Seattle fair would be visited by thousands from all parts of the country and it would mean much for this province's development to show these people what British Columbia's natural resources are.

DOMINION MAY RESUME

COPPER COMPANY EXPECTED TO START UP

WORK IS BEING RUSHED ON THE REPUBLIC MINE (Special to The Daily News) GRAND FORKS, Dec. 5.—P. F. Rooda formerly manager of the Dominion Copper company, but who has lately been acting in the capacity of liquidator of the company, has left for New York to attend a meeting of the directors of the old company in that city. It is stated that at this meeting the matter of the reorganization of the company will be taken up and some understanding arrived at whereby the mines and smelter of the company can again commence active operations. It will be good news to the boundary when the company's properties are again in full working order as they own some of the largest mines in the district, as well as the smelter at Boundary Falls, and will employ, when working a full force somewhere in the neighborhood of 1000 men.

The last car of ore from the Republic mine shipped to the Granby smelter in this city averaged \$66.28 per ton, giving a total value to the car lot of \$2611.36. Ore similar to this is being broken down at the mine daily by a force of fourteen men, which force will be increased the first of next week. Attached to this morning's express from Spokane was a Pullman car, containing the officers of the new company and friends who will make a trip to the mine for the purpose of inspecting the property, remaining at Republic until Monday. The party will be joined here by mayor Frupp of this city, who is a director of the company, and who will accompany the party to the mine. Also accompanying the party from Spokane is J. C. Garretton, the manager of the Fairbanks-Morse company, who while at the mine will book an order for a large compressor plant and other machinery which is to be installed as soon as possible, thereby placing the mine in a position to handle a large tonnage per day.

SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—The cabinet council this afternoon discussed the discussion on the seasonal program. It was decided that, sir Richard Cartwright should lead in the senate, thus disposing of the rumor that he is to retire. As to the day of the opening of parliament, nothing was decided, but it will be about the middle of January, probably the 13th or 15th, the former date seeming most favored.

SECOND BRICK

Last night Barney Crilly, fireman at the Nugget mine, brought in to Nelson the second gold brick turned out on the first 30-day run of the mine on its four stamp mill. This brick weighs 310 ounces. Troy and will be worth \$2000 or over, as a column of weeks ago a \$4,000 brick was brought in from the same mine. Therefore, within thirty days this four stamp mill has turned out gold worth \$9,000. All this from second class ore and that has been treated on a four stamp mill.

In addition to this the company has on hand 4,000 sacks of high grade ore worth at least \$5 a sack which has been produced within the last three weeks in development work. When it is recalled to mind that on August 1st last the Nugget mine, which is some 14 miles from Selkirk station, was only connected up with rough trail and that, since then, it has been a regular stream of 1000 feet long bull, a 4 stamp mill installed, two gold bricks valued at \$20,000 turned out from 400 tons of second class ore, and that there yet remain \$20,000 worth of first class stockpile to be shipped as soon as the necessary permits, the above is easily the most important mining even of the Kootenays.

NELSON NEWS OF THE DAY

Joseph Patrick has been elected member of the board of trade. S. S. Taylor, K. C. has left for Spokane on business and will be in all likelihood so on to the coast. Martin Farrell, M. P. and Mrs. Farrell arrived from a visit to the coast last night and are registered at the Britannia. A. T. Pemberton of the Nelson Review came in on the Crow last night and was a welcome visitor to the Daily News office. Miss Aston, of the Kootenay Lake general hospital, is leaving on Friday to take the position of matron of the Trunk hospital.

Provincial constable Wilson brought in John Henderson last night who was sentenced to one month imprisonment by E. H. Maloney at Grand Forks, B. C. Provincial constable Bulger brought in James MacNeil last night who was sentenced to one month imprisonment by Judge Wilson of Penticton. In the absence of Rev. A. N. Frith, who will be conducting a special service at Cranbrook, William Macmenton, of Victoria, will officiate at the Baptist church here on Sunday.

The carpenter work in connection with the waiting room and club rooms at the new station will be finished today, and the final painting on the roof commenced immediately. Wm. Irvine, R. J. Steel and A. H. Emory are the members of the school board for the coming year. The period expires on Dec. 31st. They have been selected by the voters at the election held on Nov. 17th. The evening service a special sermon to young men will be given on "High Athletics."

Rev. Estey of the Yale Columbia Lumber plant has presented the board of trustees with a fine stick 80 feet in length for a flag pole for the board's building. The stick is being trimmed and will be in place by Xmas day. Young people's day will be observed in the Methodist church on Sunday, Rev. R. H. Howland will preach at both the forenoon and evening services. At the evening service a special sermon to young men will be given on "High Athletics."

At the annual meeting of the University club, which takes place in the public school building, on 12th tonight, officers for the coming year will be elected. Dr. E. C. Arthur will read a paper on "Necessity for Vaccination." All graduates and persons interested are invited to attend.

Rev. F. H. Grayson and Rev. R. Newton Powell have consented to deliver lectures for charity at the Empire next week. The names of other speakers will be announced later. The play will have under the auspices of the Nelson anti-slavery club charity organizations.

A meeting held last night by the International Brotherhood of Bricklayers, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, J. J. McFarlane; vice-president, J. J. McFarlane; secretary, J. O'Donnell; senior steward, J. Deacon; junior steward, D. Laughlin; union trustee, N. Mallett; junior trustee, W. A. Johnstone; medical officer, G. Hart. This lodge is now firmly established on account of being well backed up with special features which will be published shortly.

The organization and election of officers of the Nelson camp of the Modern Woodmen of America took place last night. The men of America took place last night. Officers elected were as follows: Consul, D. T. Hebble; past consul, J. A. Taylor; secretary, J. E. Taylor; clerk, G. Danglefield; escort, J. Hart; diet watchman, J. Davis; steward, J. Jeffrey; chief foreman, H. Frink; board of managers, H. H. Pitts, H. Frink and J. Borden. An most enjoyable time was spent by the members who went home well pleased with the election and the evening evening given. Chief foreman Frink is to be elected by the lodge. The lodge is to be about the middle of January, probably the 13th or 15th, the former date seeming most favored.