



KETTLE RIVER RAILWAY.

In discussing the Kettle River Railway matter the Colonist takes a very pessimistic view of the situation...

"We tell those in authority that the prospect of Mr. Corbin's road tapping the trade of the province from the south and of the trade which should come from the north being threatened with permanent diversion to United States cities is filling our people with a feeling very much akin to despair."

The foregoing is as precious a bit of nonsense and inexact information as anything we ever saw. Let us quote from some of the inland papers to show how utterly astray, or worse, the Colonist is in the matter.

"The cry is raised that if railway communication is established with the States the trade of the Boundary Creek and Kettle River districts would naturally percolate into American channels, and the ores of the district would be smelted upon an alien soil."

"This is fairly emphatic, but take this from another prominent up-country paper, unimpeached by the C.P.R., the Rossland Evening Record:

"Another line into the Boundary country would not injure that country or Canada in any way, shape or manner."

"In regard to the resolution of the provincial government against the charter, the Rossland Record says:

"We would recommend that this vote be cut and pasted in your hat for future use. Don't forget your friends when election comes up."

"Now, we shall quote from a government paper which was unable to stomach the government's resolution, the Western News:

"The situation is a serious one for the people of the Boundary country as those of East Yale. The latter portion of the district has suffered greatly for lack of railway communication."

"There can be no valid reason why a man asking neither a subsidy nor land grant should be refused the privilege of building a railway. The possibility of the country are such that a competing line of railway is wanted, and it will be an unfortunate occurrence if the whole district is to be left to the mercy of the C.P.R. and to wait until the great corporation begins to move."

"Do those random extracts, which we could multiply indefinitely from the upper country press, sound like 'something akin to despair'?"

WANTED—REDISTRIBUTION. In continuation of the remarks on this subject yesterday, the following are some general principles which ought to be found in any measure of redistribution.

First—The number of members necessary to constitute the legislature. This number ought not to be dependent upon the caprice of any government or party, nor should it be altered, enlarged or diminished, except after obtaining full knowledge of the population and voting strength.

Second—The legislature at present consists of thirty-three members; far too many for the small population in 1890 when the Act first came into operation. A liberal estimate of the white population then would be 65,000; in 1891 the total was 65,327, or one member for every 1,970 of the population.

Next—A redistribution measure ought to be self-acting; that is to say, certain principles should be laid down similar to the federal Constitution of Canada. By

that arrangement Quebec was made the pivotal province, and the representation of the other provinces is based upon the factor of population of Quebec, British Columbia alone obtaining a minimum qualification of six members.

Further, there should be a determining proportionate factor of population laid down by statute as between the cities and districts. The factor may be in the proportion of 2 to 1, or say 3 to 1, or in any other proportion, only it should be a factor having practically the force of a veto.

Having now laid down the principles, we hope later to show how these principles may be applied in the representation of British Columbia.

OUR FRIENDS THE JAPANESE. All well-informed Canadians must deplore the rash and hasty act of certain of our legislators in bringing in a bill in the Dominion house to class the people of Japan with the degraded and uncivilized hordes of China, and we hope that this will be the last occasion upon which Canada will tolerate such an insult to a nation the Dominion has every reason to hope will soon be one of our strongest commercial comrades.

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Pure Blood. Every thought, word and action takes vitality from the blood; every nerve, muscle, bone, organ and tissue depends on the blood for its quality and condition.

Dr. Pierce's. In the old days of the Christian marriage it was not unusual for the young man to be a member of the church, and the young woman to be a member of the church.

TWENTY-SIX. Jack Carr Mak Michaels. The Longest and Most by Man in the A Those Alo. Authentic News as to the Output of Gold—Mr. Carr is the man in the States have been hanging about the possibilities of a sudden change, and an access of a slender chance, and an access of a slender chance, and an access of a slender chance.



OUR OTTAWA LETTER

An Interesting State of Affairs Exists Among the Officials at Ottawa.

Conservative Officials Working Strongly in the Interests of the Tories.

The Opinions of Leading Newspaper Correspondents at the Federal Capital.

Ottawa, March 26—When the Liberals came into power their friends warned the ministers against putting too much confidence in their chief officers at Ottawa. The way in which Mr. Mackenzie was betrayed by members of the civil service was pointed to as a very good reason why the new ministers ought to pay every attention to those in whom they would place confidence. Some of the ministers took this advice and some did not. Those who did not are to-day in a sorry state of affairs. It took two caucus meetings of the party, with all the ministers present, to get a number of government officials taking advantage of their too confidential position. Letters for the ministers alone are opened by the deputies, who copy all down and a copy of the copy is given to the ministers. It is not that the deputy or some prominent Conservative by order of council, notwithstanding that parliament had previously rejected the proposition.

It was shown in another case in which the deputy head of a department had succeeded by his influence with the government to get a salary of \$10,000 a year. This, then is how the matter stands at present and time alone will tell what results will follow.

SLABTOWN. NEWS FROM ANDREE Jack Carr, the Ex-U. S. Mail Carrier, Arrives at Departure Bay With Advice. He Left the Intrepid Explorer at St. Michael's, but Will Not Tell His Story.

Jack Carr, ex-United States mail carrier, arrived at Departure Bay today from St. Michael's via Dawson. He brings advice from Herr Andree, the balloonist, but will not tell the contents of them, and in fact was offering his "story" for sale to the highest bidder. Carr came down on the steamer Centennial.

A dispatch from Departure Bay to the Times says: "Jack Carr, ex-United States mail carrier, will not tell without consideration. This is what I know from him: He left St. Michael's Thanksgiving day with mails and letters, also messages from Andree the balloonist. He left Dawson March 2nd. Has 2,000 letters for the United States army. He knows the position of every post on the Yukon below Dawson, and has copies of two papers published at St. Michael's."

The Month of April a Coloring and Re-creating Time. Diamond Dyes Make Old Things Look As Well As New.

This is the great spring month for the diamond dyes. Old faded and dingy looking dresses, costumes, skirts, blouses, jackets, caps, shawls, and suits for men and boys are usually looked over with a view of fitting them for another season's wear.

LAW INTELLIGENCE. A Nice Point in Fire Insurance Law Decided by Mr. Justice Drake.

Mr. Justice Drake to-day gave judgment for the defendants in Mrs. J. T. Pierre's action against the Western Assurance Company. Mrs. Pierre is the owner of a house and furniture on the Carey road, and insured it in the London and Canadian Fire Insurance Company for \$500. She obtained a further policy from the Western Assurance Company for \$1,000, and the policy contained a provision on its face: "Should the insured subsequently be insured by another insurance company, the policy shall be void, unless consent to subsequent insurance was indicated in the policy."

GIVINK TICK. His watch case was made water-tight. When it turned out to be a good job. Since every little while he puts "His tinker into 'soak'."

Constipation. Causes fully half the sickness in the world. It retains the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, etc. Headache, indigestion, etc. Hood's Pills cure constipation and all its results, easily and thoroughly. 25c. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

THE KLODKIKE TRIP.

Is Incomplete Without a Supply of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

One of the Pioneers of the Frozen North Tells How They Saved His Life—Hardships Endured Make It Absolutely Necessary to Fortify the System Against the Inroads of Disease.

In the rush towards the golden fields of the Klondike, there are thousands who are ill-fitted to stand the strain of hardship and exposure, which are inseparable from that trip. Illness, disease and death is almost certain to claim many of the ill-prepared adventurers. The following letter from one who has undertaken the hardships of the trip, will prove interesting to those who intend going into the desolate but gold-laden north:

Dear Sirs:—My object in writing this letter is to give a word of advice to those who contemplate going to the Yukon gold fields. For ten years I have followed the occupation of prospecting, mining, and trading, and have been subjected to the hardships of the trip, which are almost certain to claim many of the ill-prepared adventurers. The following letter from one who has undertaken the hardships of the trip, will prove interesting to those who intend going into the desolate but gold-laden north:

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ALDERMANIC BOARD

Sewer Rental By-Law in Committee. The Mayor Compromises on a Reduced Rate.

Broad and Fort Street Paving Will Cost About Eighteen Thousand Dollars.

All the aldermen were present at the regular weekly meeting of the aldermanic board last evening, the audience being limited to the usual two or three persons interested in the acceptance of tenders, or having a desire to learn what treatment would be accorded to some petition for a new sidewalk.

The mayor reported that he had notified the Salvation management that they could continue their occupancy of the portion of the City Market building now used by them as a shelter, until such time as it may be required by the city.

Hon. J. H. Turner, Hon. G. B. Martin, Hon. D. A. Helge, Hon. A. G. Smith, Hon. J. H. Turner, Hon. G. B. Martin, Hon. D. A. Helge, Hon. A. G. Smith, Hon. J. H. Turner, Hon. G. B. Martin, Hon. D. A. Helge, Hon. A. G. Smith.

A communication was read from Ottawa, stating that the recommendations of the board will refer to the rifle range had been handed to the proper department.

Mr. Campbell Reddie acknowledged receipt of a communication in regard to the sewage reservation, and stated no satisfaction had been given to the item between the two governments.

The market clerk reported collections for March from market dues \$109.75; stall dues \$28.00; and license fees \$477.21.

A. C. Howe applied to purchase the ten acres of land now occupied by him at the head of Fox Valley, and his letter was referred to the water commissioners, and have your garments and goods colored richly and permanently, avoid all such imitations.

The fire wardens reported that the Light House fire alarm bell had been repaired, and the five new hydrants and 500 feet of hose, the erection of fire alarm boxes at the corner of Carr and Simpson streets and Burnside road and Douglas road, and the erection of a fire alarm box in east end were laid over for one week.

Ald. Humber called attention to the cost of keeping up the Old Men's Home, and His Honor the Mayor stated that the manager, reported a saving of \$94 in the cost of provisions during the past three months.

Ald. Humber seconded this, and Ald. McCallion said when he signed the report he did not intend to see the report. Ald. Williams thought it would be a small piece of business to object to this item, and that those who would benefit by the sidewalk contributed largely to the cost.

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COPPER RIVER.

Development Work on Rich Quartz Claims Being Pushed.

From Mr. J. F. Kersey, purser of the steamer Albatross, which arrived at Departure Bay yesterday, it is learned that no less than two thousand persons were mining and prospecting on the Copper River.

The quartz shown the purser was fabulous in amount, and the prospecting was being done on a large scale. The shipping facilities are not the best, but the construction of docks has commenced with vigor, and the building of stores and warehouses is making rapid progress.

The sanitary condition of the town is excellent, the water is pure and the food is good. The only death that has been reported, the only death that has been reported, the only death that has been reported, the only death that has been reported.

Another death was of an accidental nature. A miner, whose name could not be obtained, was killed while out of his sleeping bag on the 24th of March, when a revolver fell from his pocket, fired, and he was killed.

A REASONABLE HOPE. "Yes," said Mr. Gillipps, "I think my panel has a bright future ahead of him. How's that?" "He's just got the agency for one of the best kinds of stove polish I ever saw."

SNOW AT NEW YORK. New York, April 7.—A snow storm accompanied by a high wind and falling temperature began in this city about 4 o'clock this morning, and continued up to 10:30 a.m. This is the heaviest snowfall in the city since the 1st of March.

Police went out on duty in a number of the men. They were brought back by friends and taken to the hospital. Three of the men died shortly after they reached Dawson. Two others were so badly frozen that they died in the hospital.

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FATAL STAMPEDE

Five Men Lose Their Lives in a Rush to Stake Claims at Swedish Creek.

By the arrival at Seattle of the steamer Queen on Friday night news was brought of a terrible death that overtook five men in a rush from Dawson to Swedish Creek.

Mr. W. C. White, one of the arrivals, gave the following account of the fatal stampede: "Everyone in Dawson was very much excited when the news reached there on Friday night that several men had been killed on Swedish Creek. The creek flows into the Yukon about seven miles above Dawson, and several stampedes had already taken place."

The story that started the big stampede reached Dawson on February 16, and every one who could get away started for the creek. The weather at that time was the coldest of the year. The thermometer stood at 20 below zero.

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FLOOD IN HONOLULU.

Suburbs and Some of the Water of the City Were Under Water.

Heroic Efforts of a British Soldier Saved a Japanese—Two Murders Hanged.

A large section of the suburbs of Honolulu and a portion of that city were under water for several days last week as a result of a number of heavy rains.

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PRESS OF JAPAN

Big White Liner Arrives at the Quarantine Station Late Last Night

In Prior, the London News War Correspondent, on His Way Home.

There was nothing startling in the report from the Orient by the press of Japan, which, after what rough but otherwise uneventful passage over the Pacific, arrived at the quarantine station late yesterday noon.

Ship had rather a large passenger list being 70 in the saloon, 10 in the intermediate and 618 steerage. From the 134 Chinese are for Victoria, and the Japanese, of whom several will remain in this city.

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Mrs. Marsden Died From Wounds Inflicted by a Lighted Lamp Thrown at Her.

Coroner's Jury's Finding—Martha Wolf Committed for Trial Charged With Murder.

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Witness said he did not know until two o'clock on Sunday afternoon that his wife was not expected to recover.

After considering the evidence for about fifteen minutes the jury returned a verdict to the effect that "the deceased died from exhaustion due to burns caused by a lighted lamp having been thrown at her by Martha Wolf," ignoring the instructions of the coroner that they should specify whether the crime was murder or manslaughter.

PRELIMINARY HEARING. In the police court this morning Martha Wolf was formally charged with the murder of Mrs. Marsden, the police having amended the charge from "causing the death of a woman" to "murder." A number of the witnesses wished to attend the funeral, the hearing was adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. J. E. Walls, counsel for the defence, had objection to the account of the affair appearing in the Colonist, the reporter, in his opinion, having pre-judged the case.

ALLEGED MURDER. Preliminary Hearing of the Charge Against Martha Wolf. Seldom has more interest been aroused in any case than was shown this afternoon, when the preliminary hearing of the charge against Martha Wolf, charged with the murder of Mrs. Charles Marsden, was commenced in the city police court.

The court room was crowded, and for the first time in Victoria there were nearly as many women, old and young, in the audience as there were men. The defendant was visibly affected, tears being continually in her eyes, and her face was pale and drawn.

She was accompanied by her father, Magistrate Macrae presided; Chief Shepard acted for the prosecution and Mr. J. E. Walls for the defence.

The first witness examined was Dr. J. D. Heilmcken, who gave evidence as to the injuries received by the deceased, Mrs. Marsden. His evidence was practically the same as at the inquest. He said he expected the deceased to die within the first day, but after that, and until within six hours of her death, he had some hope of her recovery.

Under a government of majority of 48. It was a party vote with two exceptions, Messrs. Robinson and Poupore, Conservatives, who voted with the government. The second reading was declared carried on the same division, and the house then adjourned.

The Yukon Railway Bill. The debate on the Yukon bill was resumed in the senate and again adjourned. Sir Mackenzie Bowell spoke against the motion for a second reading, and in the course of his remarks that he did not believe there would be a rebellion in the Klondike, but if there was it would be due to the government policy of preventing the construction of railways into that territory from the United States.

The printing committee has authorized the Queen's printer to give no further credit to senators, members or members of the Northwest Territories, or like, that of the previous witness, was that death was due to exhaustion caused by the burns. He submitted a sketch taken at the time of the post-mortem, showing the extent of the surface of the burns. This went into evidence as exhibit A.

DOMINION HOUSE. The New Franchise Bill Read a Second Time—The Northwest Territories. The bill was read a second time and passed by a majority of 48.

TELEVISION ROAD CAREFULLY EXAMINED INTO BY THE OPPOSITION MEMBERS. Mr. Thompson has declined to stay another year as Methodist minister here.

GOLDEN. The marriage has taken place of Mr. James Wood and Miss Hattie Sutherland.

ASHcroft. A despatch says this town is crowded with Klondikers. There is scarcely standing room in the hotels, and many are compelled to sleep in tents. Business is brisk, and traders here are doing well. The weather has moderated and the snow is disappearing rapidly.

ROSSLAND. A man named Mackay, a resident here, was blown to pieces by the explosion of some dynamite which was placed on a stove to thaw.

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POLLYTUCKS UP COUNTRY. Deer Mister Heeditt—It is sum time since I last wrote to mi favrit paper, the Times, but the pollicite haitshamster as bene pritty free from hagitshun un-dill-worters recently. The government s'p'orters 'eld a meetin' last week and decided on a plan of haitshun for these convenshun on the 16th instinet. The mare, a most intelligent and stratward man as wud skod to cell his vote, was selected president. Sum peepie says the mare, that's m. P. gordon, promised to hite for march if he could. But of course that can't e true becose 'e 'asn't voted for 'im yet. Bill, that's mi mait, says "I don't see how that can be just you see." It dus luk fishie this 'ere presedent biness, now don't it? The meetin' was a grate success and deligatits and honers were chaunged to some lots of 'em warn't there, and are good hoppershtun men, but the don't count much; the government side to 'ave lots of names and it didn't matter how they got as long as they got sum and plenty. Then the hoppershtun 'ad a meetin' and they selected the king, sum peepie calls 'im Jimmy Mcintosh. I hope they are cheechakos and don't know the country nor its weigths, as chareman. Del make a first chareman as h'ob'ed. I understand we he says most of the time.

The hole whid is on tipto up beegins, speektshun, and the kweshun on every body's lips is "Oo will be selected at the government convenshun? Sum see Martin, sum see Marrer, sum see Sorrell, sum see J. D. Dym, sum see O'Brien, sum see the Bowery politshun, who keeps a sallute! M. P. gordon, the nice, hollagous and Manihare, oo is a noww'ly elected pollicite, can supply them dark 'orse. Sum see there's a dark 'orse, Bill, mi mait, thinks so. 'E thinks it's not Marrer. See i to 'im, "Bill," see i, "see i, 'The King,' see i, 'see i, quite serene like. "Wat for," see i, "wi, 'he can't stand." "Now cum," see i, "he can't stand. Many of the time. But the mane object 'ave is his horrorety. "Bill, yore daff," see i. "Let's go and see the Bowery Boy, see Bill, 'Nest lake is an interesting piece of railroad work. A bend is made of about five miles to secure the necessary grade. The cost of the bend is estimated at 2.35 per cent, but by making this detour the required grade of one per cent was secured. In places the detour is two hundred feet apart, one being greatly elevated above the other.

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VERNON. Mr. Thompson has declined to stay another year as Methodist minister here.

GOLDEN. The marriage has taken place of Mr. James Wood and Miss Hattie Sutherland.

ASHcroft. A despatch says this town is crowded with Klondikers. There is scarcely standing room in the hotels, and many are compelled to sleep in tents. Business is brisk, and traders here are doing well. The weather has moderated and the snow is disappearing rapidly.

ROSSLAND. A man named Mackay, a resident here, was blown to pieces by the explosion of some dynamite which was placed on a stove to thaw.

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