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THE OUTPUT IS LARGE AMONG THE MINES

ONE THOUSAND TONS OF ORE SHIPPED DAILY LAST WEEK.

RECORD THAT SHOULD REASSURE PESSIMISTS AS TO CAMPS' PROSPERITY.

More than a thousand tons of ore were shipped daily from the Rossland camp during the week ending last night, a record that should go far toward restoring the equanimity of those citizens whose fears were aroused by the events of the week with respect to the reduction of the working force at the Le Roi mine.

In addition to the fact that the output was maintained at a standard of which the camp should be proud, a new shipper was added to the list of producers by the loading of several cars for the Giant mine. The ore was sent to Trail, and, according to the management, is in the form of an experiment to determine the values of the various ore bodies. The mine is not yet on a permanent shipping basis.

The output for the week ending May 3 and for the year to date is as follows:

THE OUTPUT.			
	Week	Year	
Le Roi	94,127	2,150	
Le Roi No. 2	1,500	300	
Cascade		300	
Bonanza		30	
Velvet		250	
Centre Star	100	3,110	
Rossland G. W.	300	2,250	
Giant	100	100	
War Eagle		90	
Spitzee	20	20	
	7172	122,287	

Possibly the event of the week was the developments at the Le Roi mine, where a number of men were laid off as already stated in the Miner. The reduction was not on anything like the scale that rumor placed it, and the crew remaining numbers something over 400 men, so that the mine will continue to have a substantial payroll. It is conceded now that the denouement might have been much more serious from the standpoint of the city generally than was the case. It will be noted that the shipments from the property for the week have not been very seriously affected as yet. At the other big mines work is progressing steadily on the usual lines and good headway is being made.

DEATH OF BRET HARTE.
Died Suddenly in London From Affection of the Heart.

LONDON, May 6.—F. Bret Harte, the American author, died here last night. He was born at Albany, N. Y., on August 25, 1839. He died suddenly at the Red House, Camberly, near Aldershot, from hemorrhage caused by an affection of the heart. Mr. Harte had been living in England for years. Most of his time was spent in the country, and when in London he was almost equally secluded, having few visitors at his rooms at Lancaster Gate and only going to the houses of a limited number of very intimate friends.

Several months ago, when a false report of his death was circulated in America, a reporter of the Associated Press called at his rooms. Mr. Harte then appeared to be perfectly well. He laughed heartily at the report being given, and said, "Except for a little cold," said Mr. Harte, "I have no ailments or complaints; while I am getting to be a pretty old man (pointing to his snow white hair), there is life in the old dog yet." And then he said in a clear, so large that it would have done credit to any of his Poker Flat friends. He was hoping, he also said, to do some more work, but he confessed he was growing lazier.

LONDON, May 7.—Bret Harte will be buried next Thursday at Frintley, in Surrey.

FIVE CHINESE ESCAPE.
Steamship Company Will Have to Pay \$500 Head Money.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 6.—The five Chinese who were being deported on the steamer Iyo Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, and who escaped from the steamer while she was here on her way to Yokohama, were not recaptured and the steamer left without them. The company is therefore responsible to the Dominion government to the extent of \$500, the head tax on the five. The Chinese cook is believed to have let them out of their prison, he having left the door open after serving them their meals.

The steamer Kinshua Maru, which is in quarantine, has on board the captain and eight European officers, two Chinese and 74 Japanese in the crew, 15 European and two Japanese saloon passengers, three Europeans, 78 Chinese and 78 Japanese in the steerage. The passengers and crew will have to remain in quarantine for 21 days, but the steamer will be released as soon as she has been fumigated and the crew arrives to take her across the Sound. The crew of the Yante, also in quarantine, are expected out on Saturday.

METAL MARKETS.
LONDON, May 6.—Lead £11, 12s. 6d. NEW YORK, May 6.—Bar silver 51; Mexican dollars 41; copper firm, 12.00@12.10; lead quiet, 4 1-8.

IMPORTANT PROGRAM OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNED FOR WINNIPEG MINE.

RAILROAD MAGNATES PROMPTLY UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES.

Reports respecting the Winnipeg mine point to marked advances in connection with the operation of the property. Richard Plewman, managing director of the Winnipeg, has returned from a visit to the property and states that since shipments were resumed on April 19 about 250 tons of ore has been sent out from the concentrating vein at the 300 foot level and that there is in the stopes a pile of broken ore fully 30 feet in height that has accumulated owing to the limited hoisting and shipping appliances.

On Saturday last R. Marpole, general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific, and party were at the mine in the course of their visit through the Boundary. The inadequate siding accommodation was pointed out by the managing director, and increased facilities of a temporary nature were at once ordered, while the promise was given that such further steps would be taken as were rendered necessary to handle the output of the mine.

The management of the Winnipeg has ordered two large iron buckets and a new cable for the main shaft. The elevated tramway from the shafthouse to the railroad track is to be extended to facilitate the loading of ore. It is expected that these improvements will be completed by the end of the present month and that the output from the Winnipeg will be substantially increased from that time.

FROM THE VELVET.

The management of the Velvet mine has purchased a large boiler with which to supplement the power plant at the mine. The present equipment is apparently not deemed sufficient to accomplish the most desirable results since the development of the property has reached the levels at which work is now being prosecuted. It is understood that the returns from the ore shipped to the Hall smelter during the winter were of an encouraging nature and that the purchase of the new plant is to be taken as an indication of the confidence which the company has in its property.

A PEACE MOVEMENT

COMMANDOS HAVE RECEIVED BURGHER DELEGATES IN AN AMICABLE SPIRIT.

OPPOSITION TO PEACE IS SHOWN FROM GENERAL DELAREY'S FORCE.

PRETORIA, May 6.—The peace situation is developing satisfactorily. According to reliable information, which reached here, several of the nearer commandos have received the burgher delegates in an amicable spirit. It is understood that Commandant Beyers has announced his willingness to abide by the decision reached by the Transvaal government. Considerable opposition to the peace movement, however, is growing up among the irreconcilables of General Delarey's force.

IN VIEW OF MORGAN TRUST.
News Awaited of Progress of Canadian Fast Mail.

MONTREAL, May 6.—The Star's London correspondent cables: "In view of the Morgan trust news is anxiously awaited on the progress of the Canadian Fast Mail negotiations. Hon. Balfour's statement in the House of Commons yesterday shows that the British ministers are keenly alive to the necessity of strong Imperial action to checkmate the trust. The belief is expressed in influential circles that Canada never had a better chance of securing the fullest co-operation of the British government in the creation of a jointly subsidized service, but high authority has said that Canada merely wastes her breath by suggesting anything short of the best that New York can boast. Some authority also declared that there is no time to be lost, for if Canada does not mean business with the Canadian service the Anglo-American capitalists may be expected to seize the chance with the subsidized British-New York service outside of the trust."

PURE INVENTION.
Denies That Captain Dreyfus Had Confessed His Guilt.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Hugues Leroux, the distinguished Frenchman, in a dispatch to the Associated Press denies that while in Chicago a few days since he stated that Captain Dreyfus had confessed his guilt. Mr. Leroux says that he did not make any reference to Dreyfus in the lecture referred to, and the interview, widely published throughout the country, was a pure invention.

FOUNTAIN PROPOSED

LATEST SCHEME FOR DISPOSITION OF FATHER PAT FUND.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN AND STATUE SUGGESTED FOR COLUMBIA AVENUE.

A drinking fountain done in native granite, surmounted by a bronze statue of the late Rev. Henry Irwin, is the latest suggestion for the disposition of the "Father Pat" Memorial fund. The matter of setting the points as to the disposition of this fund will shortly come up for settlement, as practically all the subscriptions are in and the committee is arranging to secure the outstanding lists as rapidly as possible.

John Dean gives the Miner some details of the fountain scheme which will be brought to the attention of the committee for its approval or otherwise. The idea is to erect at the south intersection of Washington street and Columbia avenue the fountain, to be constructed of granite mined within the corporation as was the material used in the postoffice building. This proposed site, to go into details, will be in the centre of Washington street on the south side of Columbia avenue, a few feet to the north of the south street line of Columbia avenue and just about the point where the roadway divides, the track to the left looking south leading down the Washington street hill and that to the right leading south along the Allan hotel building. It is proposed to have a drinking fountain on the south side of the pedestal, in such position as to be near the sidewalk, where persons approaching would be protected from traffic, while troughs for horses and dogs would be placed on either of the other faces of the erection. It is thought that an appropriation of \$500 would be sufficient to ascertain the cost, and these will be laid before the committee when the matter comes up for discussion.

The claim set forth in support of the latest proposition is that it would afford a means of expending the Memorial fund in a direction that would give the city something of an ornamental and practical value, and that visitors to the city, who had subscribed to the fund, would be enabled to see where their contributions had gone. Again, it is argued that the statue, with the questions it would bring to the lips of every newcomer and visitor, would do more to perpetuate the memory of the late "Father Pat" than any scheme yet suggested.

It is understood that the members of the committee who favor the monument idea do not propose to permit the ambulance scheme to drop out of sight, and that this will be taken up after the "Father Pat" memorial is disposed of. The objection to purchasing an ambulance out of the memorial fund is that while its practical utility is unquestioned the memorial monies should be used for some purpose that will be in the public eye continually. Literature has been procured from the builders of ambulance wagons, and several of the designs illustrated appear to be suitable for the necessities of this city. When the time is deemed to be ripe, the plans of the projectors of the ambulance proposition will be announced.

WORK OF TORNADO.
The Shaango Tin Plate Works Almost Wrecked.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., May 6.—The Shaango Tin Plate Works in this city, the largest tin plate plant in the world, was almost wrecked by a tornado today. Every stack was wrenched from its foundations and hurled in pieces through the roof of the works. The roof was torn off. The damage done will almost reach \$100,000.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 6.—A sudden squall struck the water front about 11 o'clock tonight and did damage to the extent of several thousand dollars. The high wind prevailed for only about five minutes. Tugmen say the wind reached a velocity of 100 miles an hour. One of the movable steel legs of the new Dakota elevator was blown into the river. It cost \$10,000.

CLOUD BURST.
Six Lives Were Lost—Fifteen Houses Carried Away.

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 6.—Six lives were lost evening in the cloudburst that at Ross on the Oklahoma railroad. Fifteen houses were carried away. Foss, with a population of 800, built mostly on high ground but extends into the valley. The cloudburst raised Turkey creek to a depth of ten feet and the floods swept down on the village with such suddenness that the people in the valley could not reach high ground.

PRESIDENT-ELECT PALMA.
Thousands of People Flocked to Wharf to Meet Him.

HAVANA, May 6.—President-elect Palma arrived today at Cienfuegos on board the steamer Julia. Thousands of people flocked to the wharf to welcome him.

BRAND NEW SYSTEM OBTAINED RESULTS

QUARANTINE TO BE ADMINISTERED ALONG NEW LINES COMMENCING TODAY.

TWO INSPECTORS WILL RUN ON INWARD BOUND TRAINS—OFFICIALS NAMED.

An important alteration in the method of maintaining the smallpox quarantine against the State of Washington and adjoining states was inaugurated Monday by Dr. A. C. Sinclair, Dominion quarantine officer for the Rossland district. Instead of one inspector at Northport, Dr. Sinclair will have an inspector on each of the Rossland and Nelson trains. Angus M. McLeod and John Stinson have been appointed inspectors under the new order of things, and their appointments take effect today.

For many months Dr. Sinclair has pressed the federal authorities to permit him to exercise wider latitude in dealing with the quarantine, and his representations have at last had effect. A single inspector at Northport was the best service obtainable with the funds appropriated heretofore for quarantine purposes, and the system had its drawbacks. The new plan is expected to attain perfect results.

In future the quarantine officers will leave Rossland and Nelson daily on the outgoing trains, returning on the inward bound train. Every passenger will be required to undergo an examination for vaccination marks or to submit to the operation forthwith. Where satisfactory proof of recent vaccination is produced a ticket to this effect is issued by the inspector, and a ticket of different hue is issued where the passenger undergoes the operation. At the international boundary line these tickets are collected, and every person about the train who fails to produce one or other of the cards will not be permitted to enter on Canadian soil. The inspectors are constables by virtue of their commissions from the federal government, and have the necessary authority to enforce their instructions as to preventing the ingress of persons who refuse to comply with the regulations of the services of Dr. Travis at Northport, and, of course, no longer necessary.

It is the intention of Dr. Sinclair to personally supervise the working of the new system for some weeks, at least until the new men are thoroughly familiar with their duties. The quarantine has in the past been successful when it is considered that the funds available for the purpose were decidedly limited, and it seems likely that with the improved facilities at his disposal, Dr. Sinclair will be enabled to improve on the good results he has already secured.

The customs officers at Sheep Creek and Waneta will, as in the past, enforce the quarantine regulations upon parties entering the country by roads and trails.

DISCHARGED EVERY GERMAN.
Will Employ None but Americans in His Racing Stables.

BERLIN, May 6.—Herr Bleichroder, the Rosebery of the German turf, has discharged every German who has anything to do with his racing stables, and from trainer to stable boys he has replaced them with Americans, among whom are several colored men. Herr Bleichroder told his turf acquaintances that he was convinced that Americans knew how to get the best out of racing horses, and that he intended to employ men of no other nationality in his stables.

Only two American jockeys are continuously employed on the German turf. These are Eddy Ross, who is retained by Herr Bleichroder, and Nat Hill, who is retained by Herr Weinberg of Frankfort. Ross and Hill have started off the season so successfully, however, that no matter what kind of a horse they ride this horse is immediately marked up as a favorite.

The Spur, the leading racing paper of Berlin, has published an article, being a column, which is devoted to the glorification of American riding as an art. The Spur avers that in the future both American jockeys and trainers will rule the German turf.

REPORTS AT GRAIN EXCHANGE.
Received From Correspondents From All Parts of Manitoba.

WINNIPEG, Man., May 6.—Reports received at the Grain Exchange from about 50 correspondents residing in all parts of Manitoba and the Northwest show that the following is the average of the condition of the crop prospects up to May 1: Land ready for crop last fall, 40 per cent.; land to be plowed this spring, 55 per cent.; acreage of wheat compared with last season, 105 per cent.; acreage of barley compared with last season, 110 per cent.; acreage of flax compared with last season, 169 per cent.; wheat land seeded May 5, 155 per cent.; estimated quantity of wheat in farmers' hands, eight million bushels, of which about four million will be required for seed.

ROYAL YACHT GROUNDED.
Royal Family Have Been Safely Landed at Chalkis.

ATHENS, May 6.—The Amphitrite, the royal yacht, with the royal family on board, ran aground in the Euripos channel while proceeding to Chalkis last night, while the royal party were proceeding to celebrate the king's natal day. The royal family have been safely landed at Chalkis, Euboea island, 35 miles from here. The Amphitrite has not yet been floated.

PROMPT ACTION OF BAR ASSOCIATION HAD EFFECT ON ATTORNEY GENERAL.

TWO REGISTRARS WILL BE RE-TAINED AT ROSSLAND COURT HOUSE.

The Rossland courthouse will have two registrars in future as in the past. At least the attorney general has undertaken to see that the existing arrangement is not upset in view of the strong remonstrance emanating from the Rossland Bar Association.

When the copies of the estimates for the year arrived here and it was seen that the government apparently did not propose to have registrars for the supreme and county courts here, the Bar Association took prompt steps by wiring and forwarding resolutions to demonstrate to the government that such a step would seriously inconvenience and hamper the prosecution of legal business. The resolution covering the point has been reproduced in the Miner.

Fortunately for the association interested, A. F. MacNeill, K. C., was at the capital on business with the full court, and the matter was placed in his hands. Mr. MacNeill interviewed the attorney general, and his mission was pleasantly received. The minister stated that he would undertake to see that provision should be made in the supplementary estimates for the funds necessary to maintain the office service as it now stands. This is satisfactory to the local practitioners, and is believed to settle that question finally.

The attitude of the attorney general will appeal to all as businesslike. In Rossland the attention of one or other of the registrars is frequently taken up for an entire day in attending on chamber sittings, sessions of court and examinations. During the hours when the officials are thus engaged it is impossible for them to be in their respective offices, and were one man expected to take charge of county and supreme court business lawyers would frequently be unable to transact the most necessary business. With two registrars one is always on hand to transact business with the public, and the importance of maintaining the offices on this basis is seen at a glance.

CITY CAN'T COLLECT

FEDERAL AUTHORITIES DENY RESPONSIBILITY FOR SMALL-POX CASES.

REASON POINTED OUT WHY DOMINION OFFICERS ARE NOT CULPABLE.

The Federal authorities have repudiated the claim set up by the city of Rossland for compensation in respect to smallpox cases, alleged to have come into this city through the negligence of the Federal quarantine agents at Northport.

There can be no doubt of the attitude of the government on the question in view of the appended letter from Dr. Montzambert, director-general of public health, read at last night's session of the city council:

"I am instructed by the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture, to say that a careful examination of the case cited in the said letter makes it evident that none of them are cases that have crossed the frontier after smallpox had appeared.

"I need hardly point out to you that with a disease like smallpox, with a period of incubation which averages some fourteen days, it is a matter of impossibility to keep out persons in this period of incubation without the holding up of all passengers for at least fourteen days under observation at the frontier, which would be a quite unjustifiable interference with travel and traffic.

"There may or may not rest upon this department the responsibility for actual cases of the disease which escape its officers on the frontier. Cases, however, which develop within the province are held to pass into the jurisdiction of the province or of the municipality in which such cases occur.

"As stated above, the cases which make the basis of your present appeal all come under the latter category. The Minister, therefore, does not feel that he is responsible in any way for the expense which this recent outbreak has caused the city of Rossland."

ROBERTS' RETIREMENT.
The Duke of Connaught Will Succeed Him.

NEW YORK, May 6.—In military circles the question of Earl Roberts' retirement from the post of commander-in-chief immediately after the coronation is freely discussed, says a Herald dispatch from London.

It is looked upon as a certainty that the duke of Connaught will succeed him and will not return to Ireland. The fact that Earl Roberts has recently purchased a big estate in the country is considered proof of this statement.

QUEBEC TO PRETORIA

LIEUTENANT HART-McHARG'S WORK NOW BEFORE THE PUBLIC.

A VOLUME THAT MAY BE PROFIT BY ALL.

The first installment of Lieutenant Hart-McHarg's book, "From Quebec to Pretoria With the Royal Canadian Regiment," has arrived in Rossland, and it goes without saying that the popularity of the author has led to a large sale of the work. Later, the merit of the volume will swell the sales handsomely.

Outwardly the book bears a handsome cover design, the crest of the Royal Canadian Regiment in gold being the central decoration. Within the covers is a mine of information on a topic that will increase in interest as years pass. This information is concisely conveyed, the narrative style being employed in preference to the statistical, while the author's personal observations are interwoven in a manner which holds the attention of the reader and enlists his interest and sympathy with the gallant performances of the regiment that was Canada's first contribution to the defence of the Empire.

The volume starts out admirably, inasmuch as it contains as a frontispiece an excellent portrait of the author in his uniform as an officer of the Rocky Mountain Rangers, Kootenay's own militia corps which has so loyally borne its share in contributing men to serve in the ranks of the various Canadian contingents. After briefly reviewing the causes and opening chapters of the war with a view to introducing his topic, Mr. Hart-McHarg describes the scenes of wild enthusiasm attending the departure of the corps in Africa as viewed from the standpoint of an actual participant in every event of importance in the war service of the regiment. The series of appendices giving the names of the killed and wounded throughout the campaign concludes the volume.

After perusing Mr. Hart-McHarg's work, "From Quebec to Pretoria," it must be admitted that the history of the Royal Canadian Regiment has never been adequately handled heretofore. The war correspondents who accompanied the regiment wrote glowing reports of the manner in which the corps bore the hardships to which they were necessarily exposed and to its gallant behavior under fire. The press devoted double-headed paragraphs to the warm expressions of commendation that emanated from British officers of high rank from Lord Roberts down, and this was natural, for the correspondents instinctively seized upon the matter that would create enthusiasm among the readers of their respective papers. But the press representatives did not tell the whole story, or if they did the minor lights were lost sight of in the general blaze of glory which was shed about the Royal Canadians as a result of their performances at Paardeburg and elsewhere.

It remained for Mr. Hart-McHarg to chronicle in cool and collected sentences, carefully considered in the interim of two years time, some of the trials and hardships which the Canadian volunteers underwent as the result of the remarkable ideas of administration evidenced by the officers in command of the corps. Lack of consideration for the comfort and well-being of the ranks seem to be the mildest term that can be applied to many of the features of the policy enforced by the Royal Canadian officers. In one chapter the case of a private named Wilkin, whom the Miner presumes to be the Kaalo volunteer, is stated, and if a perusal of this passage does not make the reader's blood boil with indignation, the Miner's reviewer must be differently constituted from the average man or woman. Nor does Colonel Otter's conduct under active service conditions escape criticism from the trenchant pen of the author of "From Quebec to Pretoria," and it is worth noting that the kindly references to Colonel Otter's splendid bearing in London on the way home reveals Mr. Hart-McHarg completely from the suspicion of personal venom.

Mr. Hart-McHarg's volume is replete with interesting passages that will engross the attention of the reader. It is impossible within the space available here to even outline the many attractive features of the work, but it is sufficient to state that the author, in publishing "From Quebec to Pretoria," contributed something of value to Canadian contemporary literature. That the work will enjoy the success it merits is the sincere hope of Lieutenant Hart-McHarg's host of Rossland friends.

IRISH UP IN ARMS.
DUBLIN, May 6.—The Irish are up in arms over the apparent intention of the British government to raise war funds at the expense of Irish school children and their teachers.

The annual congress of teachers lately held at Cork much time was devoted to a discussion of the fact that teachers' incomes for the current year had been decreased \$270,000 by the Irish national educational estimates. A resolution was adopted urging the Irish parliamentary representatives to resist this act of injustice by every legitimate means.

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FAVOR OF PEACE

Botha and Other
Leaders Attend
Meetings.

In Utrecht and Vry-
heid Districts Expired
Yesterday.

ON, April 29.—Wiring from
under date of Sunday, April
representative of the Daily
says that General Botha,
and Boer leaders, attended meet-
ings in Utrecht and Vryheid com-
last week. At these meetings
opinions in favor of peace were
expressed.

truce in the Utrecht and
districts, the correspondent
will expire tomorrow.

PRINCESS RADZIWILL.
at a "Woman Can Show That
She Can Bite."

TOWN, April 29.—At the trial
Princess Radziwill, charged with
a quantity of correspondence
in court at today's hearing.
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TRAIL'S MEMORIAL.
First memorial to Rev. Father
assume tangible form has as-
Trail in the shape of a \$500
all for the tower of St. An-
church. The memorial is the
the efforts of the ladies and
the church, both of which
headed the subscription lists
stantial sums. The bell will
in the tower in a few days,
the inscription:

Mem. Rev. H. Irwin, M. A.
"Father Pat."
O. B., Jan. 12, 1902.

WORK ELECTED MAYOR.
Special to the Miner.)

DENVER, B. C., April 28.—
can City election held today
vacancy in the office of
owing to the resignation of F.
shaw, A. York defeated J.
77 votes.

PHILIPPINE PRISONERS

Testimony Before the Senate Committee on the "Water Cure."

A Witness Who Saw at Least a Dozen Natives Treated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3.—L. E. Hallock of Boston, formerly a sergeant and then a private in Company "I," Twenty-sixth Volunteer Infantry, testified today before the Senate Committee on the Philippines concerning the practice of the "water cure" in the Philippines. Mr. Hallock told of the infliction of the water cure upon a dozen natives at the town of Leon, Province of Panay.

He said they were captured and tortured in order to secure information of the murder of Private O'Herne of Company "I," who had been not only killed, but roasted and otherwise tortured before death. Capt. Glenn in charge of a scouting party, had first secured a confession of participation in this crime from one native, who implicated 12 others. These two were taken to Leon, the witness said, where his Company was ordered under command of Capt. Grogg and there, on the 21st and 23rd of August, 1902, the "cure" was administered. Members of Company "I," he said, were ordered to do this by a sergeant named Manning, who is now in Boston. Hallock said that he witnessed the torture but he did not take part in it.

"Did Capt. Grogg of the torture?" Senator Rawlins asked. "All the command knew it, and I don't see how he could have helped knowing it."

"What was the effect of the punishment?"

"The stomach would swell up and in some cases I witnessed blood coming from the mouth."

When asked what became of the Philippine prisoners to whom the "cure" was administered, he replied that they were placed in a village of 3000 or 4000 men were confined. The 12 prisoners were kept for four or five months and then they tried to escape. The effort was successful on the part of some of them, but the fleeing prisoners were shot and killed.

"Were all the prisoners who did not escape killed?"

"I think so, with one exception; I think one was given his freedom."

Mr. Hallock also stated that he had been present when a village of 3000 or 4000 had been burned, and that the occupants of the houses had not had time to carry out their furniture.

Senator Lodge brought out the details of the murder of Private O'Herne. The witness said that in June, 1900, O'Herne with two other men of his company, was sent to Iloilo for mail and on their return on June 30th, they were ambushed by 100 natives, and O'Herne's companions were captured. O'Herne made a dash to get away and after escaping from the attacking party fell in with other natives supposed to be friendly, but instead of proving to be so they had devoted the entire next day to his torture and death, beginning at daylight by cutting him with bolos and then roasting him all day by a slow fire, not finishing up until night.

All these details had, the witness said, been gathered from the confessions of the men to whom they had given the "cure." Answering other questions he said that he had not known any one to die under the "water cure." The prisoners were supplied with rice and coffee, with an occasional meal of hardtack. He said they were all fat. He also said that he understood the orders were to treat the natives well.

The Committee went into executive session and Senator Lodge laid before it the cablegram from General Chaffee concerning Major Gardner, which was afterward read in the Senate. The Committee decided not to request the appearance of Major Gardner pending the investigation in the Philippines.

AUTOMOBILE CIRCLES.

Rivalry Between Rothschild and William K. Vanderbilt, Jr.

PARIS, May 3.—Keen interest is taken in automobile circles here in the rivalry between Henri Rothschild and Wm. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., both of whom operate automobiles of the same type and the same horsepower. It was intended to run a match today in the neighborhood of Chartres, and a rendezvous was fixed for 8 o'clock this morning. Messrs. Rothschild and Vanderbilt both left Paris early in their automobiles. Upon their arrival at Chartres a heavy rain was falling, and the match was postponed, but each tried to outdo the other in an attempt to beat the record for a kilometre. They were joined by the American automobilist Bishop. Several trials were had on the road between Chartres and the village of Bonseval during the morning. Mr. Vanderbilt made the best, covering the kilometre in 33 seconds.

After lunch further attempts to beat the record were made on an excellent piece of level and straight road between Chartres and Ables, with the result that Mr. Vanderbilt made the best time, and establishing a kilometre record for automobiles weighing under a thousand kilograms. The official times were: Vanderbilt, 32 2/5 seconds; Rothschild, 33 3/5.

DIED OF LOCKJAW.

LONDON, Ont., May 3.—John Hunter, 60 years old, is dead of lockjaw. The Canadian Conservatory of Music is the name of the new musical institution to be erected in Ottawa.

GREENWOOD HAPPENINGS.

Two Men Charged With Damaging Cars of C. P. R.

(Special to the Miner.)

GREENWOOD, B. C., May 3.—Provincial Constables J. A. Dinmore and D. J. Darraugh last night brought in from Eholt two men charged with damaging cars, the property of the C. P. R. company. As there was no available justice of the peace at Greenwood to hear the case the accused were this morning taken back to Eholt, to there appear before G. Arthur Rendell, J. P.

James Sutherland and Phil McDonald, both of Greenwood, recently got from C. W. H. Swanson, a bond on his Goldfinch mineral claim situate on Twin creek, and about a half a mile from the business part of Greenwood. It has since transpired that Sutherland last fall found a promising showing on the claim, but did not mention this until he had secured an option to purchase it. The vein is quartz, mineralized with galena and lead, and assays returns show good gold values. It has been stripped for about 400 feet and appears to be well defined between granite walls. It is intended to run a tunnel on the course of the vein, which occurs on the side of a steep hill. Last year this claim was under option to another party, who sent the local smelter a few tons of quartz ore taken from another showing lower down near the creek, but as no more was taken done in the matter nothing has since been heard of the property until now.

R. Smiles and Duncan McIntosh, delegates from a recent public meeting of Greenwood citizens to the provincial government in the interests of the V. & E. Railway company, returned from the coast last evening. A public subscription has been made to provide funds to send an old-time miner and prospector named Sam Morris to California in the hope of the change of climate restoring him to health. He is troubled with a pulmonary complaint.

Some very nice ore has lately been struck in the west drift at the 300 foot level of the No. 7 mine in Central camp. Copper shows freely in the quartz, which at the levels nearer the surface had values only in gold and silver. The coming in of copper promises to add to the value of the ore, which still carries gold and silver as well.

Rev. R. F. Graham, rector of St. Saviour's Church of England, Nelson, will next Sunday exchange duties with Rev. W. A. Robins, of St. Jude's, Greenwood.

RELIEF AT HAND.

Plucky Little Garrison at Ookiep Has Been Closely Invested.

CAPETOWN, May 2.—Reports which have reached here via Port Nolloth, Western Cape Colony, dated April 19, are to the effect that the British columns are now in close touch with the British garrison at Ookiep (about 90 miles inland from Port Nolloth), and that the relief of the British force there is practically completed. The plucky little garrison at Ookiep has been closely invested by the Boers for weeks past, and has put up a defence which can be compared to that of Mafeking. The defenders of Ookiep suffered comparatively few casualties, but they were subjected to constant sniping and had occasional sharp brushes with the Boers. On the night of April 15th 40 Boers rushed the outpost on a kopje held by 20 of the British garrison. The Boers were repulsed and the British had four men wounded.

Heliograph communication has now been established between Ookiep and Klipfontein, 50 miles distant. It has in this way been learned that the women and children at Ookiep had taken refuge in a fortified schoolhouse. Three civilians and one girl have been killed in the town by the long range fire from the Boers, but the population is cheerful and confident.

THE "COLUMBIAN."

Has Finally Passed Into the Hands of the Opposition.

(Special to the Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., May 2.—The "Columbian" of New Westminster has been finally secured by the opposition. Premier Dunsmuir had a heated exchange on the property, but in spite of this Editor Taylor has been carrying on a vigorous fight against the Dunsmuir government. About a week ago the government sent C. A. Gregg, late editor of the Rossland Miner, over to hand over control and the friends of Gifford, the sitting member, promptly raised the funds and paid off the mortgage.

FROM DOUGLAS ISLAND.

Barge Potter Loaded With Concentrates for Tacoma Smelter.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 2.—Tug Pilot arrived here this afternoon having in tow the barge Potter with concentrates from the Tacoma smelter for the Tacoma smelter. The captain of the Pilot reports having sighted large schools of seals along the coast.

Steamer Olympia of the N. P. railroad line passed Carmanah Point tonight bound to Victoria from Oriental ports.

MANIE BOTHA CAPTURED.

He Is a Nephew of the Boer Commandant General.

PRETORIA, May 2.—Colonel Barker reports that on April 30 he captured Commandant Manie Botha, his adjutant and all others near Frankfort, Orange River Colony. This is regarded as important as Manie Botha is a nephew of the Commandant General and General De Wet's ablest lieutenant.

PROBABLY SPACE ENOUGH.

One day last summer two small boys were playing near the country road at Overbrook. A young lady approached them saying:

"Little boy, can you tell me if I can get through this gate to the pike?"

"One of the boys replied:

"Yes; I think so. A load of hay went through five minutes ago."—Philadelphia Times.

CASCADE POWER CO.

WILL SUPPLY THE GRANBY COMPANY WITH 1500 HORSE POWER.

NEW \$10,000 RACE TRACK TO BE COMMENCED NEXT MONDAY.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., May 2.—The Cascade Water Power & Light Company will shortly close a contract with the Granby Co. for the supply of from 1000 to 1500 horse power for running the drills and operating the hoists in the Granby mines at Phoenix. The electrical energy will be transmitted by the double-pole lines recently completed. If the service is satisfactory the Granby Company will ultimately abandon the use of steam power. The energy developed by the Granby Company for the smelter here is sufficient for present purposes and no additional power will be required at Grand Forks until the plant is considerably enlarged.

The work of building the new \$10,000 race track at the Grand Forks Driving Park & Athletic Association will be commenced on Monday. Contracts were awarded today by the board of directors, as follows: Grading, Thos. Price; fencing, Hugh Cannon; lumber, Macgregor Bros. It is stipulated that the entire work must be completed in time for the big race meet here July 1 and 2, when \$5000 will be offered in prizes.

Respecting the policy of the proposed extensions reported to have been adopted by the Kettle Valley lines, W. C. Morris, assistant general manager, makes the following statement: "The report that we intend to build from Republic to Spokane in the near future is premature, to say the least. It is true we have obtained the necessary authority to construct a line through the south half of the Colquhoun reservation, but that does not mean that we will build a line through this year or next year. Our policy also contemplates the building of a line up the North Fork of Kettle river to the coal fields, but we have yet scarcely reached the initial stage of gathering data or making preliminary surveys. Everything will depend upon the conditions that have not yet been reached. It is not true that we are backed by the C. P. R. or that we have acquired a charter for a route up the Spokane River Valley."

J. P. Graves, general manager of the Granby mines, has arrived from Spokane for the purpose of inspecting recent development work in the Granby mines.

The Canadian Rand Drill Co. of Sherbrooke, Que., today closed a contract with the Granby Co. to supply the Granby mines a compressor plant, consisting of two sets each, with capacity of thirty drills. The present plant consists of 20 drills.

WEEKLY CLEARINGS.

Bradstreet's Will Say Industrial Activity Was Never So Great.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The following are some of the weekly clearings as compiled by Bradstreet's for the week ending May 1st, with percentages of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

Montreal, \$20,991,964; increase 25.2.
Toronto, \$17,096,749; increase 39.8.
Windsor, \$3,188,487; increase 72.9.
Halifax, \$1,770,882; increase 17.7.
Vancouver, \$756,558; increase 3.2.
Hamilton, \$774,469; decrease 23.8.
St. John, \$657,498; decrease 6.8.
Quebec, \$1,085,511.
Ottawa, \$1,715,194.

Bradstreet's will say of the Canadian trade, "Cool weather, interest with Eastern Canadian distributive trade and hot forcing weather will be welcomed. The industrial activity, however, was never so great. The best trade reports come from Manitoba and the Northwest, while British Columbia business and collections are slow."

Toronto reports complaints reaching factories of slow deliveries of goods ordered. Cotton goods are very firm there and at Montreal, where orders of goods specially heavy buying is reported from the Northwest. Enormous wheat shipments are moving from Manitoba, which will plant heavily this year.

Immigration is large and railroad and house building is active, and there is an increasing demand for labor. Some large failures in British Columbia have unsettled business, already dulled by the depression in mining. Large shipments of cattle to Dawson are reported. Failures in Canada for April were 10 per cent smaller in number and liabilities were 16 per cent lower. For the week they number 22 as against 26 last week and 17 a year ago. Clearings for April were 4 per cent larger than a year ago and for four months they are 23 per cent heavier. For the week they aggregate \$45,719,084, ten per cent less than last week but 30 per cent larger than in 1901.

DECIDED A DRAW.

Much Dissatisfaction Expressed With the Decision of Siler.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 1.—The twenty-round bout at the West End Athletic Club for the bantam weight championship of the world between Harry Forbes of Chicago, the present holder of the title, and Johnny Regan of Brooklyn, N. Y., was decided a draw by Referee Siler. The decision was unpopular, the majority of the spectators being of the opinion that the New York boy was entitled to the verdict. Jack McKenna, Regan's manager, was so incensed that he had to be restrained by the police from doing bodily harm to Siler. Regan put up an excellent and clever fight, Forbes, on the other hand, failed to land a blow that in any degree distressed Regan.

APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT.

TORONTO, May 3.—E. J. McMillan, a graduate of Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, has been appointed superintendent of Farmers' Institute for Prince Edward Island.

GREENWOOD HAPPENINGS.

Several Rosslanders Visiting the Boundary Town—Mining News.

(Special to the Miner.)

GREENWOOD, B. C., May 1.—A special meeting of the board of license commissioners for the Boundary Creek license district will be held in the government office, Greenwood, on Tuesday morning, May 13, to consider the application of J. W. O'Brien, formerly of Rossland, for a retail license for the new hotel building he has lately erected at Anacooda and which he has named the Hotel Vendome.

Mrs. J. S. Clute, Jr., wife of the mayor of Rossland, is visiting at the home of Judge and Mrs. Leamy, Greenwood. Yesterday a number of lady residents were invited by Mrs. Leamy to meet her guest. Next week Mrs. Clute will return to her home in Rossland, and Mrs. Leamy will accompany her for a short visit to that city.

The members of Boundary Valley Lodge of I. O. O. F. held a ball in the Masonic hall last night. There was a numerous attendance and the function was a most enjoyable one.

Dave Morgan is over from Rossland on a business visit to the Clarendon Hotel, owned by the Greenwood Clarendon company.

R. Flewman, managing director of the Winnipeg Mines, Limited, lately spent a week in the district in connection with making further provision for shipping ore regularly from the Winnipeg mine and for the treatment of the ore. He expects to make more advantageous arrangements with the manager of the B. C. Copper company's smelter here than in the past, and that hereafter an increased output will be steadily maintained. The shoot of ore at the 300-foot level, known as the station or concentrating vein has shown considerable improvement lately, a raise for 40 feet being all in ore, a face of which is being carried that high, making the raise practically a stope. The shipping ore is about six feet in width and of such a character that it is easily broken down.

A. A. Munroe, secretary-treasurer of the Montreal & Boston Copper Company, Limited, is here from Montreal spending a week or two at that company's Sunset mine.

FROM BEAVERDELL.

Major Almsie McGraw Is Appointed Mining Recorder.

(Special to the Miner.)

BEAVERDELL, B. C., April 30.—Major Almsie McGraw, of Camp McKimney, having been appointed deputy mining recorder for this (West Fork) part of the Kettle River mining division, will, during the first week in May, open a sub-recording office at Beaverdevel, which is the most important town in the West Fork district. Last year the office was at Westbridge, at the junction of the West Fork with the main Kettle river, but on the deputy mining recorder there, J. S. Harrison, resigning to take a trip to Eastern Canada, that office was closed. An office at Beaverdevel will be a great convenience to prospectors and others having mining record business to transact, since it will do away with what might otherwise occasion a ride of nearly 50 miles to Greenwood, where is located the office of the mining recorder for the Kettle River mining division.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

Government Announced Railway Bill—Will Cover Both Roads.

(Special to the Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., May 2.—Oliver came out in a bitter speech an hour and a half long this afternoon, bitterly criticizing the government, especially on the railway policy.

The government will announce the railway bill, either this evening or Monday. It is understood to cover both the Coast-Kootenay and Canadian Northern, the contract for the latter being signed yesterday.

Murphy made an exhaustive criticism of the budget.

The labor unions of Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo have deputations here protesting against the government's attempt to kill the Workmen's Compensation Act.

MASS MEETING IN TRAIL.

Resolutions Passed Urging Increase of Tariff on Pig Lead.

(Special to the Miner.)

TRAIL, B. C., May 2.—At a mass meeting of citizens tonight resolutions were passed urging upon the government the importance of increasing the tariff on pig lead and the manufacture of product, and asking for temporary relief from the depression in the silver-lead industry by increasing the bounty to \$10 per ton the first year.

TALKING AGAINST TIME.

Opposition Trying to Prevent Dunsmuir From Attending Coronation.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 2.—The opposition in the provincial legislature have settled down to talk against time to prevent, if possible, Premier Dunsmuir being able to get away in time to attend the coronation ceremonies in London in June. All day and until late tonight the opposition kept up a discussion on minor matters.

A BIG STAMPEDE.

Took Place From Dawson to Hunker Creek Yesterday.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 1.—A Dawson special says the biggest stampede since 1898 commenced at midnight last night when Dr. Milne's concession was thrown open. The claims are valued at from two to ten thousand dollars, and include two miles on Hunker creek.

EASTERN BASEBALL.

National League.

Chicago—Chicago 8; Cincinnati 1.
Pittsburg—Pittsburg 9; St. Louis 5.
American League.

St. Louis—St. Louis 5; Chicago 3.
Rochester—Rochester 9; Montreal 7.
Vancouver—Vancouver 12; Nanaimo 3.

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	per Share	1901	Mar. 21	Apr. 8	Apr. 12	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 18
Alaska Goldfields	1	—	0.89	0.89	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76
Alaska Syndicate	1	—	0.10	0.10	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
Allyn Mining	1	—	0.05	0.05	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
British America Corporation	1	—	0.12	0.12	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
B. C. Development Association	1	—	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
British Columbian Enterprise	1	—	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Consolidated Mines Selection	1	—	1.10	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.10	1.10
Dominion M. D. & A.	1	—	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Enterprise	1	—	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Gladstone	1	—	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Hall Mining and Smelting	1	—	0.60	0.45	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Kootenay	1	—	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Le Roi	1	—	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Le Roi No. 2	1	—	3.25	4.00	4.26	4.13	4.00	3.25
London & B. C. Goldfields	1	—	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
McDonnell's Bonanza (proposed)	1	—	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
New Goldfields of B. C.	1	—	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Queen Bees Proprietary	1	—	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Rockland Great Western	1	—	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Velvet	1	—	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Whitewater	1	—	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Yukon	1	—	1.10	2.00	1.83	1.83	1.83	1.83
Stratton's Indep. (Colorado)	1	—	0.33	0.94	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60

OUTLOOK FOR PEACE IS VERY PROMISING

Two Hundred Boer Delegates Will Attend Conference to be Held May 15.

PRETORIA, May 1.—A general meeting of the Boer leaders will take place at Vereeniging, Transvaal, May 15th.

It is officially asserted that subsequent to the deliberations of the Boers at Vereeniging they will proceed to Pretoria and deliver to Lord Kitchener their decision in regard to the peace terms they are prepared to accept.

PRETORIA, May 1.—Boer meetings continue to be held, chiefly in the Transvaal, to receive the leaders' explanations of the British terms. It is understood that the heated discussions which have occurred have usually shown that the majority are in favor of peace. It is said that about 200 Boer delegates will attend the conference to be held at Vereeniging, Transvaal colony, May 15th, and that all sections of the burghers will be thoroughly represented there. It is expected that a vote by ballot will be taken at this conference. It is reported that General DeWet has frankly declared that the British terms are reasonable, and that it is advisable to accept them, while General Delarey is said to be ready to abide by the decision of the majority.

The outlook for peace therefore is promising.

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FORKS CELEBRATION.

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Mining News of The Pacific Coast

ALASKA.

President Roosevelt has designated Juneau as the location for the Alaska land office and the office of the United States surveyor-general of Alaska, removing it from Sitka.

ARIZONA.

The new Copper Queen smelter at Douglas is to be controlled by a separate corporation, to be known as the Douglas Reduction Works, which suggests the belief that the works will constitute the central reduction plant of the Phelps-Dodge interests in the Southwest. The smelter is to be 235 by 250 feet, the power house 270 by 100 feet, and the boiler house 200 by 40 feet. All these structures will have railroad tracks running within them. The machine shop, blacksmith shop and foundry will be built at once, and are now under way. The ores received by railroad will be handled in a novel manner. They will be mixed in pits, instead of at the furnace mouth as usual. There will be no ore bins, but instead three pits 38 by 100 feet in size, excavated 12 feet deep by steam shovels. The three pits will be parallel to each other, will be lined with concrete and will have a capacity of nearly 100,000 tons of ore. In each of the pits will be a travelling steam shovel that will hoist the mixed ore into cars on trestles 15 feet above. At the smelter the ore supply tracks will be 50 feet in height, and thence the main work of handling the charges will be by gravity.

The Oro Grande mine, near Wickenburg, has let a contract to N. Garcia to sink the three-compartment working shaft. Three shafts are being worked on the new shaft, which will be the permanent working shaft and the mill will be erected between it and the workings farther down the hill. When sufficient depth is attained a large double drum hoist will be installed.

The Buckhorn M. Co., of which G. D. Gray is president, is engaged in building a new wagon road from their mine to Wickenburg, which will be four miles shorter than the old road.

The sale of four groups of mines near Wickenburg to T. E. Otis and associates of New York, for \$1,000,000 is reported. The claims include four developed mines and about forty claims and prospects in the Pinalo Blanco district. The Exposition mine and surrounding claims, together with the claims of W. B. Troy of New York, and the Tribby and White Cloud mines of the San Domingo group, make up the purchase.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the South Blaine Co., forty-six mining claims near the Copper Queen property at Bisbee were sold to G. R. Campbell of Calumet, Mich., for \$1,200,000—\$150,000 in cash and the balance within two years.

CALIFORNIA.

O. L. Jezler, of Redding, has struck a ledge of gold bearing quartz at the bottom of a well he is sinking in that place. The well is to be turned into a mine. It is claimed that there will be at least five new gravel mines in operation near Polson in addition to the Blue Wing and Ravine mines that are now running. There is now a strip of country about two and a half miles in length which is supposed to be on the same channel as the two noted, every acre of which is under bond by mining companies, some of which are operating and others making preparations to.

The Western Iron & Steel Company, capital \$15,000,000, has been incorporated at Phoenix, Ariz. The directors are B. F. Brenning, M. Pollasky, J. H. Bridges, W. G. Bussey, H. W. Hodges, J. C. Stump, J. W. Stanford, S. P. Thomas, A. E. Piarowski. The principal offices are in San Francisco and the iron mines it proposes to exploit are in Madera county. The blast furnaces are to be built on San Francisco bay.

At the Easy Bird mine, near Mokelumne Hill, buildings have been erected and the work of developing the mine has been going ahead. The vein is from 4 to 8 feet in width in good milling ore between well defined walls.

New machinery is arriving at the Fanny Marie mine at Glenocoe. Under ground an upraise of 40 feet has been run on a 3-foot vein of good ore.

J. Maltman and L. A. Ryant are opening up the Pioneer mine at Angelita. The 55-foot shaft is being cleaned out and re- timbered. A horse wheel is used for hoisting, and a 5-inch plunger pump operated by a 16-foot over-shot water wheel of pumping.

The new galloos frame at the Gwin mine, near Paloma, will be of steel and 100 feet high. This will be the first steel galloos frame to be erected along the mother lode, and the highest one, exceeding that of the Oneida at Sutter creek, which is 80 feet high. Besides the eight stamps to be added to the twenty now installed, there will be a sampling mill through which samples from the face of the drift will be daily run.

The fire in the sulphide ore bodies of the Iron Mountain mines, from which the Keewick smelter gets its supply, is again gaining ground. The fire started eighteen months ago. Since active work was begun six weeks ago two levels, important sources of ore supply, have had to be abandoned on account of the fire and the drifts sealed up. The remaining levels are hot, vein. The eastern owners of the Balaklava copper mine at Kennet, are making a thorough examination of the mine property with a view of erecting a smelting plant having a daily capacity of 200 tons. The borings with diamond drills at the mine show, it is stated,

the existence of 10 to 12 per cent ore averaging gold and silver values of \$12 to \$14 per ton in large quantities.

A five inch ledge of 25 per cent ore discovered at the Whitehouse has widened out to 12 feet of about 16 per cent ore carrying \$5 gold a ton. The showing of copper was unexpected, as the miners were looking for gold quartz.

The tunnel of the South Fork M. & Dev. Co., at Chicago mountain, near Igo, now in 1500 feet, is to be extended 1000 feet. B. F. Rogers is superintendent. He states that it is the intention of the company to build a smelter if the rock is encountered in paying quantity.

A matte smelter is to be located near the town of Copley on the railroad about 12 miles north of Redding. J. J. Chambers of Redding owns a piece of mining property adjoining the town, on which an eastern company is proposing to put in a 100-ton copper smelter, to be gradually enlarged to work 500 tons daily.

COLORADO.

On Green Mountain, at Silverton, the development of the Green Mountain M. & C. Co.'s properties, under superintendent Bleifeldt, on the great Osceola vein, shows good grade ore, carrying galena, iron and copper pyrite, with some gold and silver values. This ore body is 15 feet wide and testing shows the average value about 20 to the ton.

E. O. Buskirk and W. Haas have bonded the Crookson and Sunset claims near Silverton to the Western States G. M. Co. at \$12,000. Several other properties have also been bonded to the same company.

The American Placer Mines Company has been incorporated at Twin Lakes, and says they have a considerable quantity of shipping and mill work blocked out, with which they intend to start their reduction works as soon as the new machinery now needed for the enlargement of the plant can be put in.

The American Placer Mines Company has been incorporated at Twin Lakes by A. G. Clark, E. A. Horner and A. L. Welch, with capital of \$10,000 to operate the Young America group of claims, comprising about 10,000 acres near Twin Lakes. A large steam shovel will be installed.

Over 250,000 feet of lumber has been delivered at the Tom Boy Gold M. Co., at Pandora, for the erection of the new mill, boarding and bunk house, timber shed and other buildings that will be constructed at the Tom Boy this summer. The contracts call for over 1,000,000 feet. It is the intention of the company to have the buildings completed before the snow falls next winter.

The Gold Metals M. & C. Co. incorporated to operate in Prospect Basin, near Telluride, is to commence operations at once. The tunnel will be advanced about 60 feet and the Gold Metals vein intersected. The average value of the ore is \$20, principally gold, and is free milling with concentration.

The company owns eleven claims, which can be worked through the tunnel, and has leased a 20-stamp mill, which it is repairing and getting into running order. Electric machine drills will be installed. P. M. Finnis, secretary of the company, is in charge.

E. C. Yidler has bought the remaining two-thirds interest in the Argentinian tunnel of C. Johnson of Georgetown, and S. J. Anderson of Idaho Springs, for \$25,000. He has made arrangements for starting up the work in a short time. The tunnel will cut through the range at Argentine pass depth will be obtained of from 1800 to 2500 feet. The tunnel is being built 100 by 10 in the clear.

Eastern people have leased and bonded the Charter Oak mine at Russell, and have begun repairs preparatory to sinking the main shaft an additional 200 feet. W. H. Quinlan is superintendent.

The Black Hawk people, operating the Fannie mine, on Cyclops hill, near Central City, are getting some high grade silver in sinking the shaft. The Fannie has a good record as a producer of high grade silver ores in the early days. A strike of 7 inches of silver ore has lately been made that assayed 1700 ounces silver to the ton.

The Saratoga mine, at Central City, under the management of Dr. Carpenter, has been made a dividend-paying property by the addition of better machinery and methods of mining. The gross output for the month of March exceeded \$25,000, or at the rate of \$300,000 per year. Dr. Carpenter holds that a properly equipped mine can break ore as cheaply upon company account as can be done by individual lessees, so all work at the Saratoga is done upon company account. There are 105 men on the company payroll at present and the monthly payroll disburses about \$8500 in wages, in addition to which there is about \$9000 per month paid out at Central and Black Hawk for supplies.

J. M. Shrode, secretary of the Benzle Investment Company of Denver, has completed arrangements to buy the Elizabeth lode, situated in Lake district, from W. Smith of Central City. The property has a 90-foot shaft. A. E. Drake will be superintendent and it is anticipated that a plant of machinery will be installed.

J. T. Quigley, representing Galveston, Texas, people, has bought the Whig group of five claims, located in the Gold Brick district, between Pitkin and Ohio City, from Scott and Klein-bush at Pitkin. The new owners wish, it is understood, to do extensive development work.

The Narragansett tunnel at Silver Plume has cut the Alendra lode, which shows well. This is one of the lodes for which the tunnel was started. The tunnel will go through twenty-three claims that have been bought and located by E. Aldrich, the present owner. In the Scott tunnel at Silver Plume, which is being driven into McClelland mountain, by a New York company, represented by W. S. Ross of Grand Junction, 90 feet were made in March by hand. The plant of machinery to be erected at the tunnel is expected, with electric power drills, to advance the tunnel about 200 feet per month. A contract has been let for 1400 feet.

The body of rich ore on the Wisconsin, at Silver Plume, it is stated, still continues to hold out and shows from 12 to 14 feet of mixed ore that runs from 300 to 500 ounces silver. The standard of shipments has been from \$3500 to \$4500 worth of ore turned out by fifteen men each week.

The Republic Con. Co., on Douglas mountain, near Idaho Springs, is drifting on the Ruby vein, opened by a 300-foot crosscut, and is shipping mill dirt of good quality taken without sorting from a nine foot ledge. Manager Burgess is preparing for the introduction of power drills and a broad gauge tunnel from the base of the mountain is projected.

The Sporting Times mine has resumed operations with an increased force of men. The break in the drift is now in a large body of quartz in which considerable bodies of solid ore are visible.

Manager G. R. Dickey of the Tasmiana Copper M. & S. Co. is to increase the working force on the Last Dollar Dickey Boy mines at Winfield. Supt. E. Burgess has done considerable exploration work and has opened two entirely new veins in the company's territory. A tramway will be built from the mine to the smelter, 3500 feet long. The main vein is 30 feet wide and has 8 feet of quartz carrying 70 per cent copper and good values in solid silver.

The new copper reduction plant at Parkdale, erected by the Treadgold Mountain M. & C. Co., of Denver and Springfield, Ill., people, have been completed. The mill is equipped with a 100 H. P. boiler and a 75 H. P. engine to run a dynamo and air compressor, a hot air receiver, a thirty-ton crusher and pulverizer for grinding 75 tons of rock to 60-mesh, or 75 tons of rock to 120-mesh.

The Colorado Mine Operators' Association has perfected organization and elected the following officers: President, A. Winslow, of Telluride; vice-president, J. H. Weddle, of Leadville; secretary-treasurer, E. A. Colburn, of Colorado Springs and Denver. Thirty-eight votes were represented at the meeting from Aspen, Leadville, Lake City, Telluride, Ophir, Silverton, Central City, Cripple Creek, Georgetown and Idaho Springs. The executive committee has framed the by-laws and named the standing committees. The members of the Association declare that their resolution is demanded by the times. All other great interests are organized and it is evident that the mining industry of Colorado required the same solidification. One of the members put it in this form saying: "This matter of hiring our labor from a labor trust and selling out ores to a smelter trust, by which we are between the mill and the mine, so to speak, is getting too oppressive and something must be done to relieve this or mining in Colorado will be extinct in another ten years. Matters can be conducted more advantageously, more profitably and far more satisfactorily to all concerned, and this association will provide the means."

IDAHO.

The lower tunnel on the Mountain Ram claim at Gambirinus, has struck the ledge, 3 1/2 feet wide and all fine ore, some high grade showing a value of \$158 per ton.

At the Goldbug group of mining claims, located near Dixie, owned by J. D. Glover and associates of St. Paul, Minn., the shaft has been sunk 100 feet and 200 feet of drifting done. The ledge is from 25 to 30 feet wide between walls and shows ore going \$15 to the ton. The company has let a contract for sinking the shaft 100 feet deeper and is making arrangements to erect a large mill this summer.

F. S. Hobbs of Lewiston, who has arrived from the Thunder Mountain mine, says that the Dewey company has ordered 100 more stamps and has located another site on Mountain creek, three miles from the mine. The ore will be transported to the new mill by a wire tramway. There are several groups of Pittsburg people now interested in the camp and one of them, he states, is planning the putting in this summer of a 250-stamp mill on Big creek, over 30 miles from the Dewey.

NEVADA.

The Osborne property, near Pioche, now owned by H. Helland of Pioche, is producing ore that yields \$14 in gold to the ton, 40 ounces of silver and 45 per cent lead. The vein is two feet thick. On the Amador property a bond has been taken by Robert & Cleopatra, who have started work.

The O'Mara-Lynch Co. has secured a contract from the Tonopah M. Co., at Tonopah, to sink Lease No. 44 shaft 500 feet from the present depth of 175 feet. The shaft is to be 4 by 6 in the clear, with additional roadway. A large hoist engine will be installed and an electric power plant for air compressors. The new contract, it is stated, will necessitate the employment of 150 men, as the contract calls for the extracting of ore on both sides of the shaft.

On the Halfax group at Tonopah, the shaft is down 120 feet and has struck mineralized porphyry. The machinery for the whim is being put in place and the shaft will be continued down to 250 feet.

The Tonopah Fraction Co., which has no surface indications of a ledge on its claim at Tonopah, are sinking through 240 feet of wash lava and through the alluvial beneath, is reported to have struck in the solid formation a rich lead, resembling the Con. California and Virginia ore of the Comstock. Rhyolite lies on each side of the lead. The rock shows crystallized horn silver in large quantities and is bonanza ore.

A discovery has been made by J. L. Wedekind, near Reno, and 2 1/2 miles to the V. & T. railroad track of a large deposit of a soluble mineral, believed to be alum, carrying 38 per cent sulphuric acid. On the deposit is a spring that flows water highly impregnated with alum.

J. Burke of Steamboat, is operating in the Great Eastern quicksilver mine, a mile and a half north of Steamboat, and is taking out considerable quantities of ore, valuable not only for mercury, but for the gold and silver that are also carried.

WASHINGTON.

On the Silver Dollar mine at Republic, W. M. Crumpler, manager, a two-compartment shaft has been started about 100 feet east of the old shaft. It is to be continued to a depth of 300 feet before drifting from it. A windlass is to be used until steam hoisting machinery can be brought by the railroad.

Last Friday at Republic a case of considerable importance to the mine owners of that camp was decided when the case of the mine owners against the county came up for argument on a demurrer by the mine owners, which was sustained. S. P. Dornier of Spokane, acted as attorney for the mine owners, who represented the Quip, Lone Pine, Black Tail, San Poil, Ben Hur, North Star, Dollar, Dollar, Tom Thumb. The decision was in favor of the mine owners. The decision is an important one, as it establishes the fact that mines cannot be taxed on the selling price of the stock, but that the assessor must try and determine the real value of the mine by its ability to produce, its location and the condition of the property. The eight properties bringing the suit were assessed according to the value of the capital stock, computing it upon the quotation prices of the stock. The mine owners argued that this was not the value of the property of the mine, but of the capital stock. While a few thousand shares of a property may be sold at a figure to make the property it represents of great value, yet were the entire capital stock of the company thrown on the market the price might be hammered down to almost nothing. Every mine or claim will be affected by this ruling.

YUKON TERRITORY.

Dawson reports state that melting snows have provided water sufficient to permit of clean-up operations. The washing out of gold has commenced and will keep up for two months. During the winter the large dumps in the high country of the Klondike have been thrown up on the banks of the creeks, insuring an aggregate amount estimated at \$30,000,000. The Ottawa government has ordered the Klondike authorities to throw open for entry 4000 lapsed and abandoned claims which are withdrawn from the Treadgold concession. The gold commissioner's office is rushed with men recording abandoned claims which they have stacked.

A bill is to be introduced to give Yukon Territory a representative in the Canadian parliament and to increase the effective members of the Yukon Klondike from three to five. A mass meeting in Dawson has asked that concessions made be cancelled and the claims opened for location; that the export duty on gold be abolished, and advocated the establishment of an assay office in Dawson.

The council of the Dominion of Canada have fortunately become convinced that the Treadgold concession would result in the serious injury of mining and commercial development in the Klondike and have revoked the grant, or at least materially modified it. The action is probably due to the personal representation of Governor Ross and Dawson and the Klondike to Ottawa. The immediate effect is the change in policy is a striking proof of the impolicy of the concession. The Treadgold and his associates who have been under the concession have been opened to location to miners. According to reports there are some 4000 claims, and a rush to get them into the claims, being taken at once. They will be more or less developed and worked this season, employing a large number of people. In the possession of Treadgold and his company it is unlikely that a tenth part of them would have been even prospected, and still more unlikely that a tenth number of them would have been employed. It is people who make a country, and people will not go into a country of solely mining resources unless they have the opportunity of profit from those resources. It is clearly to the interest of the Canadian government to keep the places mining localities open to individuals, favoring, if any favor at all be given, the small placer miners, rather than the larger ones of corporations. The country of the Klondike has prospered and grown as a result of this condition. One of its best recommendations to gold mining enterprises by individuals is the high rate of wages the miners have been able to pay labor. With these high rates of wages the mines are less attractive to outside capital, but a placer gold mining country can stand this condition as long as the placers will pay wages. The excuse for the Treadgold concession, the necessity of bringing in water by the expenditure of considerable capital, was simply an excuse. The Klondike mines are rich enough to pay for their output the cost of bringing in water, and the history of other placer mining districts prove that the owners do bring in water when the time comes that it will pay them. In the case of the Klondike it is estimated that \$500,000 will provide an ample supply. The yield of the mines for this season is estimated at about \$300,000,000, so the total cost of a permanent water supply is but a comparatively small proportion of a single season's yield of the mines.

NEW DRILL HALL.

BROCKVILLE, Ont., May 2.—The new drill hall will be opened on Monday by Dr. Borden, the minister of militia.

SEALING SCHOONERS RACES AT MORRIS PARK

SPRING CATCH WILL BE LIGHT BUT PRICES ARE BIG. BUYERS ARE PAYING INDIANS FROM \$10 TO \$15 FOR SKINS.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 8.—While the catch of the Victoria sealing schooners will be light in so far as the spring season is concerned this year there are prospects of big prices being obtained. A few skins taken by the Victoria-owned schooners hunting off the Falkland island have brought \$17 on the London market, the highest price in years. The buyers are paying the Indians from \$10 to \$15 for skins taken off the Vancouver Island coast, but there are few of them, as the weather was too rough for sealing from canoes when the seals were passing the island. Three of the schooners which arrived today had slightly better catches, the Umbrina having 322, Allie I. Algar 323, Enterprise 210, Victoria 143, Ocean Bell 40 and Aurora 30.

EXPORT DUTY ON GOLD. Report that Government Intends Virtually to Reduce Royalties.

According to an agent of one of the local transportation companies, who has received advices from an authoritative source, Governor Ross of Yukon Territory has informed the Canadian government officials at Ottawa that in his opinion the best interests of the Northwest Territory will be subserved by virtually reducing the royalties on gold, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The method he favors, it is said, will be to abolish royalties altogether and charge an export duty of 2 or 3 per cent on the gold sent out of the country. From all that can be learned it is reported the plan finds general favor at Ottawa.

This is one of the most important bits of news coming out of Dawson for some time, in the opinion of those in touch with the Klondike situation. If such a move is decided upon by the Canadian government, the effect will be to distribute the burden of taxation more evenly than in the past. With a low export duty and no royalties, claims which could not be handled at all under previous conditions can be worked with profit and others can be panned again that have already yielded the major share of their golden treasure.

The royalties first charged on the gold taken out was 10 per cent. This was reduced last year to 5 per cent, the rate last year in effect. One probable motive actuating the Yukon officials in advising government officials at Ottawa to change the basis of taxation, according to those best informed, is not mentioned in the advices from the north. It is that collecting the royalty entails a good deal of expense on the government, and even then the payment is avoided entirely in many instances, whereas an export tax could be easily collected.

SLAVE TRADING REVIVED. Powers Expected to Investigate—Summoning a Congress.

LONDON, May 2.—It is reliably reported in London that notes are being exchanged between the great powers respecting a European congress to inquire into the administration of the Congo Free State. Whatever the outcome of the socialist agitation in Belgium for a wider suffrage, no one need be surprised if the frivolous Leopold is called to account before long for tolerating shocking wickedness in the African dominion entrusted to his sway.

Europe organized the Congo Free State principally to resist the slave trade in Central Africa, and the convention which adopted the organic law for the territory expressly reserved to the constituting powers the right to intervene in certain conditions.

If recent reports from the Congo are reliable the ivory and rubber concessionaries have been committing or tolerating frightful atrocities. It is feared that behind the curtain which hides Central Africa from the view of the civilized world, a terrible tragedy is in progress. Alarming rumors of punitive expeditions by Belgian and French colonels have reached Berlin and London. Religious journals here publish advices from missionaries in the region concerned that indicate a re-establishment of the slave trade by white traders under peculiarly cruel conditions.

The evidence is cumulative and strong, and the British religious community is amazed at details of outrages perpetrated by those whose duty it is to repress outrage.

"How has this been going on?" asks Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, a leading Methodist editor, "and will Lord Salisbury take steps to invite the earnest attention of the powers to a crime against civilization?"

King Leopold is directly responsible for the administration of the Congo Free State, and a congress to call him to book may be an event of the early future. The welfare of 30,000,000 blacks is involved.

THE POLO GAMES. English Papers Speak in Praise of American Team's Work.

LONDON, May 4.—All the morning papers, in referring to the victory of the Americans at polo yesterday afternoon, speak in the highest terms of the team's work and appearance, pointing out that the Americans were pitted at the outset against practically the best team in England, but none of them venture a prediction as to the outcome of the games for the International Cup. The "Referee," which is never backward in belittling American athletes, contents itself with quoting the Hurlingham stewards to the effect that they think the cup is still safe.

ARSENAL IN THE LEAD, WINNING THE SUM OF \$8,970.

Fully 30,000 People Are Present—Big Event of Season.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Out of a field of twenty horses, at the end of the first eighth of a mile of the Metropolitan handicap at Morris Park today, Arsenal, son of the sprinter Lampighter, raced to a lead, which he held to the wire and won a victory as its reward of \$8970. He was desperately pressed by Herbert Garbunkle, Chilton and Smoke, and finished under the whip and spur, vigorously applied by Johnny Daly, with scarcely strength enough to have gone another dozen leaps, so killing was the pace of the race.

Water Color, the early morning favorite, was withdrawn and with Jim Went Heno, Mr. Gockaway, Whisky King, Old England, Saturday and Smart Set.

The withdrawal of Water Color and Heno somewhat dulled interest in the contest and the crowd was hardly prepared for a spirited race. Rain and the roughness of the day was apparently without effort in the attendance, for fully 30,000 people were on the course when the handicap candidates were sent away. It was the typical crowd which gathers for the big events of the racing season, and included nearly every prominent patron of the turf in the country.

CATTLE CONFISCATED. Trying to Smuggle 18 Head From American Side.

GREENWOOD, B. C., May 3.—Customs Officer Gordon Thursday seized 18 head of cattle brought across the line from the American side without paying duty. Information reached him that a man had cattle cached near Hoosier's, between Rock Creek and Camp McKinney, and was endeavoring to sell them. Gordon immediately rode from Midway to Hoosier's located and seized the cattle and drove them to Midway. The owner, scolding trouble cleared out and has not since been seen in that neighborhood. It transpired that they were his own cattle, but as he is wanted on the American side for shooting a man he evidently intended to make for other parts with the proceeds of the cattle. Gordon will now sell the confiscated cattle and turn the proceeds into the customs department.

SETTLERS COMING IN. Will Engage in Fruit Growing and Market Gardening.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., May 3.—Miss Julia Danton, a graduate nurse of the Montreal general hospital, contemplates erecting a hospital and private sanitarium here, provided a suitable site can be secured.

The tracklayers on the Kettle Valley Lines reached the depot site in Republic Thursday. The work of extending the spurs to the various mines is being rushed.

Within the past week seven individuals with families have purchased small tracts of land in the Kettle Valley in this vicinity. They will engage in fruit growing and market gardening. Among the points some of the newcomers hail from are Scotland, Minnesota, Manitoba and Alberta.

THE GRANBY SMELTER. Week Ending May 2, 10,312 Tons of Ore Treated.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., May 3.—During the week ended yesterday the Granby smelter treated 10,312 tons of ore. Grand total treated to date, 401,932 tons.

MRS. FYSHE DEAD. TORONTO, Ont., May 3.—Mrs. Fyshe, wife of T. F. Fyshe, general manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada, Montreal, died very suddenly yesterday afternoon, while on a visit to Mrs. H. C. McLeod, wife of general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

TRYING TO BLOW UP FACTORY. BARCELONA, May 3.—Two men were arrested here today in the act of trying to blow up a weaving factory at San Martin de Provencals, 400 hundred employees being at work on the premises at the time the attempt was made.

DAMAGE BY FIRE. TORONTO, Ont., May 2.—The Union Stock Yards Company's buildings at Toronto Junction were badly damaged by fire yesterday. Loss about \$5000.

Cook's Cotton Boot Compound. Specially used monthly by over 10,000 ladies. Safe, efficient. Ladies ask your druggist for Cook's Cotton Boot Compound no other, as all imitations are dangerous. Price, 25c per box; 50c per dozen. 10 degree stronger, \$5 per box. No. 10, mailed on receipt of price and two 2-cent stamps. The Cook Company, Windsor, Ont. No. 1 and No. 2 is sold in Rossland by Goodere Bros. and Rossland Drug Co.

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"FATHER PAT" FUND.

The "Father Pat" fund has reached a total of over \$1200, and has probably nearly found the limit. A few drabs may come straggling along later, but not enough to materially change the sum total. It was the intent at the start to make the fund \$1000, so it will be seen that the desired sum has been more than realized. It is interesting to note the wide range from which contributions have come. Almost every town on the Pacific coast and from many places in the east and abroad money has come to swell the fund.

THUNDER MOUNTAIN RUSH.

Here is a dispatch that comes from Boise, telling of the hardships of a party trying to get into the Thunder Mountain district. This is only one of a like nature appearing at divers times in the press, save that we never see them in the Spokane papers. They are as mum as oysters in that regard. With them everything is lovely and the goose hangs high. They are very fond of printing news of ledges 500 feet wide, all rich ore, and such like. But for the Boise dispatch, dated 27th ult.:

"The rush to the Thunder Mountain gold fields has assumed almost alarming proportions. There are reports of bodies of men snowbound and enduring untold hardships. "James Kinsey volunteered to return from a party of 35 on the south fork of the Salmon. Not one of the others would face the dangers of the trip. For days he floundered through the soft snow, climbing towering mountains and swimming rivers. For six miles he wandered over a field of mud like knee deep. He arrived at Warren almost dead.

"A party with supplies has started for the Salmon. "Kinsey said his party had provisions enough to last about two weeks when he left. There are over 500 men at Singiser, but food cannot be packed in that far on sleds."

"INDIAN OF INDIANS."

The medal bestowed by the Royal Canadian Humane Society on the Indian woman Mellie Hennius at Vancouver last Saturday was richly deserved. Scarcely in a life time do we hear of such an act of heroism. The dispatches told us of the facts leading up to the case—how the woman with her husband and sister and her own three small children were going up the Inlet in a boat, when a sudden squall capsized it. The man and the sister perished, but the brave woman, clasping two of the children in her arms, seizing the other in her teeth, and, after a hard struggle, reached shore. It seems that the employes of a logging camp hard by witnessed the occurrence and came to the rescue just before the brave woman reached the shore. The young children, however, did not long survive after reaching the shore, the ice-cold water probably chilling them to the marrow. The medal was given to the woman last Saturday in the presence of all the Indian officials and a large concourse of people, the mayor of Vancouver making the presentation speech. The grief-stricken woman, with head bowed down, came forward and received the medal.

But we are glad to note in addition to that that a subscription has been started to raise a sum of money to be given her, that she may spend her declining years in comfort. A medal is of small value to a person of her understanding and ways of living, and if heroism is to be rewarded a money donation will appeal quickly in the right direction. This is certainly one of the most wonderful cases on record. The foundation for a story is here laid that some one with the genius of Fenimore Cooper might weave into a tale as popular as any of the Leather Stocking stories. We have read a great deal about the noble red man, but we have indeed a noble red woman in the person of Mellie Hennius. We are pleased to note that the medal came so soon after the performance of the brave act.

While on this subject we desire to refer once more—we say once more, because the case has been mentioned before in the local press—to the case of Indian Joe, the lad about 14 years of age, who jumped into the cold waters of the Columbia river opposite the town of Trall, and at the risk of his own life saved others from drowning. This happened nearly two years ago, and while the people of that burg often speak of Indian Joe, as he is familiarly called, and express their admiration of the brave boy, nothing so far has been done to recognize the heroic deed. Joe far more deserves a medal than many white men who have received them since that date. But with true Indian stolidity Joe seems content with his lot, only too happy to come into town and play marbles or ball with the white boys, when the gamins will let him.

THE QUARANTINE.

One case of smallpox was reported yesterday, and this again calls up the question of quarantine. The isolation hospital has been vacated for some time; it was the wish of all that it might remain so. The present case comes from Kallispell, Montana, and the patient passed the quarantine at Northport without being detained. Much dissatisfaction is expressed at the way the quarantine is managed at present. The money to maintain the quarantine is paid by the Dominion government, and to reduce expense (so-called) a peculiar method has been adopted. To protect Rossland and Nelson from smallpox from the other side of the line a competent physician should be kept constantly at Sheep Creek Station on the Red Mountain line and at Waneta on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard road. To maintain a competent physician at each of these places will cost probably not more than \$7 per day, or \$14 a day for the two. This means \$510 per annum. But the government has adopted the plan of employing an American physician at Northport at a salary of \$3 per day to examine passengers coming into this part of British Columbia, and in addition has appointed a Dominion health officer to have a general supervision over this matter at a salary of \$100 per month, or \$1200 for the year. This means an expenditure under the present method of \$2296. The Dominion government, therefore, saves or is trying to save \$2815.

The city of Rossland takes exception to the present method of quarantine, claiming that all the cases of smallpox in the city, and as a result of which the city has been put to great expense and trouble, came from the other side of the boundary line through the defective quarantine methods now in vogue. The city so far within the past six months or thereabouts has expended \$3197 in treating smallpox patients, and the end is not yet. As most of our readers are aware the city council has asked the Dominion government to recompense the corporation for this outlay, claiming that the city is entitled to protection from the outside, and that it should not meet this large outlay when the fault did not lie at its doors. It will be seen that if the Dominion government recompenses the city for the expenditure in the treatment of smallpox patients, added to that required to maintain the present quarantine for one year, the total is \$6492. This is already over \$300 in excess of the plan of keeping two competent Canadian physicians at the two border stations already named at \$7 a day each for the entire year of 365 days. What it will be before the end of the year it is hard to tell.

To give the most satisfaction to all concerned—and this is a matter in which every citizen is concerned—a change in the method of quarantine should be made. To fully protect the city a competent official should be kept at each of the points named, whose sole business should be to not only examine passengers on incoming trains, but to see that stragglers coming along do not come in without first being examined. These remarks are not intended to reflect on the present officials, who have undoubtedly tried to do their duty, but on the methods adopted by the Dominion government, which seems to have been on the penny wise and pound foolish principle. It is the duty of the government to protect the cities and towns along the border, and Rossland being the most populous and important town in this part of the province, through which more travel passes than any other, it is certainly not asking too much that a strict quarantine be maintained for the protection of those living here. If the dread disease smallpox is kept out entirely the cost of quarantine is money well spent, that comes back with more than compound interest. If, on the other hand, loose methods are in vogue, we pay dearly for our negligence. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure any time. This is an old fogy expression that we have all heard before, but like many old things—old wine, for instance—it loses none of its value by being old.

The country to the south of us is full of smallpox. Physicians in all the towns and cities admit this. Their pest-houses are seldom vacant. As pointed out in these columns once before, the press over there say but little about it for fear of injuring their towns and driving people away. We live so close to the border, and our people intermingle so frequently, that we come in constant contact with those who have been exposed to smallpox, and the wonder is that our city has not been filled with it more than it has. With the maintenance of a strict quarantine we can feel reasonably secure in being free of the disease altogether. When it does come it generally proves to be a costly luxury—a luxury that is not altogether appreciated. We hope the single case now in the isolation hospital will be the last one.

A FEELING OF DISAPPOINTMENT.

The provincial budget recently brought down by the finance minister will be read with a feeling of grievous disappointment by the people of the Kootenay district, and by all who realize that the mining industry is the backbone of British Columbia.

We can scarcely believe, even after a perusal of Mr. Prentice's speech, that the government intends to let the present session pass without removing some of the burdens that are strangling the industry, and especially the two per cent. tax.

Our reasons for refusing, up to the very last moment, to believe that the government will not lend their assistance may be stated as follows:

- (1). Before the tax was imposed the members of the executive were attended by a delegation of many of the leading mining men of the Kootenay district, representing the mines of the Boundary, Rossland, Nelson and the Slocan, and were earnestly warned against the injurious effects which the tax would produce, particularly upon low grade mines. But the government decided to try the experiment. (2). One result of the experiment was that capitalists shrugged their shoulders and would not advance further moneys for opening up prospects. (3). Another result was the tax had to be borne by a few mines which had distributed millions of dollars among the citizens of British Columbia, in developing their properties, but which were not yet in shape to pay dividends to their shareholders. (4). Yet another result was that many mines, with thousands of tons of low grade ore in sight, were and are compelled to leave that ore untouched, owing to the great proportion of profits which this tax appropriates.

The objection to the tax is not that the total amount realized out of it by the government is an excessive amount to be borne by the mining industry, but that the tax operates in a peculiarly unfair manner upon low grade ores which form the bulk of our mineral deposits, and thereby prevents the great majority of our mineral deposits from being worked at all. This result is so well known to our readers that it is needless for us to reproduce the figures establishing it. It is also well known to all the members of the government and to the provincial mineralogist.

It is also clearly recognized by the working miners themselves, who realize the injury they sustain by a measure which hurts the mining industry.

No louder voice has been raised against this unfair tax than that of the Evening World, the mouthpiece of the miners of this district.

Mr. Prentice, in his budget speech, dwells at considerable length upon the methods of taxation which have recently been discussed in Colorado. The one great object lesson to be learned from Colorado is that when the mining industry there was in its initial stages, the legislature adopted the wise and beneficent policy of freeing mines and minerals from taxation altogether for a period of several years. The result is well known. Colorado rose rapidly to the position of the banner State of the Union.

Why cannot our legislature adopt the same course? Undoubtedly the province of British Columbia possesses vast mineral wealth, but every mine requires a large expenditure of money before the owners realize any return.

Admittedly the mining industry here is in its infancy, and the entire mineral tax is collected from the few remaining mines which have survived the disastrous effects of unjust legislative burdens.

Finally the united voices of capital and labor throughout the mining districts have swelled into a long loud howl of indignation and protest against the continued imposition of this iniquitous tax. If the closing down of mines and the depopulation of once active business centres is of no account to the government, it is a very serious state of affairs to all of us in the mining districts.

Nothing short of drastic and immediate relief will satisfy our people. Surely the government will not maintain their attitude of turning a deaf ear to our entreaties.

The London Post, referring to the shipping combination, despair of any appeal to the government, and concludes by saying: "When finally the United States peacefully annexes Great Britain there will be rejoicings over the reunion of the English-speaking people and over the fact that their old home has been saved from conquest by Germany." Ah, friend, not so hasty. The United States will not an-

If the "Hot Air" line is not careful Jim Hill's road will get into Republic first. The injunction has been declared off and work is being pushed. Hill don't say much but he can saw wood.

Among those enlisted to go to South Africa with the fifth Canadian contingent is Mr. David Livingstone, of Winnipeg. It is an interesting coincidence that Mr. Livingstone, who goes with a rifle in hand to fight the Boers, is a descendant of Dr. David Livingstone, the great explorer and missionary, who went to South Africa with Bible in hand.

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CURRENT COMMENT

LE ROI NO. 2—POSITION AND PROSPECTS.

The following timely article appeared in the Colonial Goldfields Gazette of April 29th, which will be read with more than local interest:

"The Le Roi No. 2 mine, despite its name, is steadily demonstrating the fact that it stands second to none in the Le Roi group. Indeed, the No. 2 has completely dethroned the Le Roi in public esteem, the shares of the latter being neglected at a shade over \$1 1-2, while No. 2 have been an active market at over 5 1-2. The nominal capitalization of the Le Roi is \$1,000,000, in 200,000 shares of \$5 each, and the property is valued by the market at a trifle more than \$700,000; the capital of the No. 2 Company is \$600,000, in 120,000 shares of \$5 each, so at \$ 1 1-2 the mine is capitalized by the public at over \$600,000. On intrinsic merits No. 2 shares seem likely at no distant date to make a further substantial advance, and a glance at the position and prospects of the mine may, therefore, be interesting. In his annual report dated October 29th, 1901, Mr. Bernard Macdonald, the general manager, estimated that the ore in sight amounted to 240,000 tons between the 500-foot level and the surface. Since the date of Mr. Macdonald's report the 700-foot level has been reached, at which depth the ore body fully maintains its value. It is estimated that the proving of the vein at the 700-foot level adds another 100,000 tons of ore to the reserves, thus bringing the total up to 340,000 tons. Preparations are now being made for sinking to a depth of 900 feet, and there is every indication that the vein will maintain its value at that depth. At the ruling prices of copper and silver the grade of ore, without sorting, works out at about 18 1-2 dollars per ton, and estimating mining and depreciation at 3.50 dollars, freight and treatment at 6 dollars, and indirect smelter charges at 2 dollars, it will be seen that the company is making a net profit of about 6 1-2 dollars per ton. The returns of the month of March showed that, shipping at the rate of 173 tons a day, the net profit for the month amounted to nearly \$3,000, a result which, if maintained throughout the year, would be equivalent to 18 per cent. on the capital of the company.

"There is every reason, however, to believe that the mine has not yet reached the limit of its profit-earning capacity. With the ore body proved at the 700-foot level, Mr. Macdonald will, doubtless, feel justified in advising that the ore shipments be increased to 200 or 250 tons per day, and it is also probable that 30-dollar ore will be shipped, having regard to the fact that the grade of ore is understood to be steadily improving. In the not far distant future, too, a further reduction should occur in smelting charges, owing to the cheap rate at which coke can now be obtained from the Crow's Nest Pass. Before it is possible to extract ore from the depth of 900 feet it will be necessary to widen the shaft and to provide additional machinery, expenses to which a portion of the profits will have to be applied, but even making allowance for this expenditure, a handsome sum should be available for distribution amongst the shareholders. It is probable that, at the time of writing, the ore reserves in the No. 2 have been increased to half a million tons, and, having regard to the assured position of the mine and its excellent prospects, the property would reasonably bear a higher market valuation. In concluding his report Mr. Macdonald remarked, "The extensive area of your company's property, stretching as it does across the trend of the great mineral zone of Rossland, possessing within its boundaries most of the pay ore veins of the camp, best speaks for the future of your property

immense possibilities. Already your mines are firmly established on a dividend-paying basis, and it is a pleasure to feel warranted, as I am, to forecast the continuance of this condition indefinitely." Mr. Macdonald's optimism is being justified by events."

THE VICTIM OF THE BEEF TRUST.

I have banished the meat from my table. The flesh of the sheep and the cow, for a poor man is wholly unable To purchase such luxuries now. And the chops that I took from the hands of the cook, And the bacon and things of that ilk, Are replaced by some stuff that is tasteless and tough, Like hay that's been simmered in milk.

I sit me tonight at my dinner, And I think how a porterhouse fine Would fill up the vacuum inner Of this physical framework of mine. But I'm sorry to state that they give me a plate Of a mixture like sawdust and glue, And I'm am told that it's good, that it's Dash's Health Food, And its cheaper than roast or rougout.

I am not a carnivorous person In the actual sense of the term, But I cannot keep writing my verse on A diet like this, I affirm. For breakfast whole wheat (though it's simple to eat); For luncheon more wheat than is cracked; And after dinner a deal of some mushy cornmeal— That's a little too much, for a fact.

I retired to bed and in slumber I dream of a happier land, Where turkeys are wondrous in number And there's mutton on every hand. There, in spirit elate, I am filling my plate And the fork's going upward . . . Just then I'm awakened to hear, from a voice at my ear, The price of beef's risen again. —John O'Keefe.

FOUGHT VICIOUSLY

A LETTER FROM LIEUTENANT COLONEL CAMERON—LEINART'S RIVER FIGHT.

BOERS WOULD NOT SURRENDER —COURAGE OF VERITABLE BULL DOG TYPE.

MONTREAL, May 6.—A letter received here today from Lieut. Col. Cameron, second in command of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, dated Diefontein, the morning after the Leinart's River fight, Col. Cameron says: "Easter Sunday morning about 3 o'clock we left Hartdufffontein with 2000 mounted men. We covered 30 miles before coming in contact with the enemy, who numbered over 3000 men. We gave chase for at least 10 miles more, to where we expected to camp for the night, a point we reached about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. We had hardly taken off our saddles before the enemy was seen surrounding our camp at a distance of 2000 yards, completely hemming us in. Two troops of one of my squadrons (I was in command of three) had not come into camp and were cut off by the Boers and lost heavily. They fought viciously, with only blades of grass as shelter. Their courage was of the veritable bull dog type, and under no circumstances could they be compelled to surrender. They held their ground until almost every man had been killed or wounded. A few survivors were stripped and sent into us naked. We fought hard for two hours and managed to beat off the Boers, who greatly outnumbered us. Our men at once began entrenching themselves, fearing a night attack, and they did their work so well that no living force could have dislodged them from the position they held. The British loss in the engagement was about 150 killed and wounded, while the Boers, it is estimated, lost over 300. Our green men did splendid work and proved themselves to be wonderfully adapted for conditions under which the battle was fought. About 12 Canadians were killed and 40 wounded. As a veteran of early stages of the war I can say that in severity, in number of skirmishes, in hard fighting and in privations, the campaign I am now passing through greatly exceeds my former experience."

A DECENT THIEF.

Speaking of one of his clients, a police court lawyer said the other day according to the New York Commercial Advertiser: "He is quite a decent thief. He has a brother who is in the same line of business, but he is a bum." When asked what he meant by a decent thief, he said, with philosophical gravity: "Well, that's the kind of a fellow who will save for the rainy day, so that when he gets in trouble, he has ready cash for us lawyers. There are lots of thieves of this kind. I know a methodical pickpocket who sets aside so much a week for what he calls the 'legal department.' He pays his debts promptly and is absolutely honest in everything outside his regular course of business. The story goes that he once returned a pocketbook to a wealthy man who dropped it in a crowd, and then stole it from her. When assigned he made a clean breast of it, explaining that running away with something which another person happened to drop was not in his line."

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Died in Washington, D.C., Yesterday Afternoon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6.—Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson (retired) died at his home in this city at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The immediate cause of death was a severe cerebral hemorrhage. He had been in a semi-conscious state for several days and this forenoon the hemorrhage occurred. At the bedside, when the Admiral breathed his last, were Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Lieutenant Cluverius, the admiral's married daughter, Admiral Sampson's two young sons, Ralph and Harold Sampson, Dr. Dixon, the attending physician, and nurses and attendants. Mrs. Sampson has broken down under the severe strain and was quite ill all during the day, and but for the critical condition of the Admiral she would have been confined to her bed.

While no definite arrangements have been made as yet concerning the funeral ceremonies, it is probable that they will take place Thursday at the Church of the Covenant in this city. The body will be taken to the Admiral's old home at Palmyra, N. Y., for burial.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S DEATH.

Was Broken Gently to the Pope—Retired in Prayer.

ROME, May 6.—The news of the death of Archbishop Corrigan was conveyed to the Vatican in a dispatch from the Associated Press. Mon. Angeli, the Pope's private secretary, broke the news gently to his holiness. The latter was greatly depressed and said: "It has been one of the greatest bitternesses of my long life to see the strongest champions of the church militant claimed by death. Archbishop Corrigan was very affectionate to us. We esteemed and loved him greatly."

The Pope then retired to his private chapel in prayer.

KETTLE VALLEY LINES.

Bridge at Nelson, Wash., Carried Away by Log Jam.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., May 6.—Four spans of the temporary bridge of the Kettle Valley lines crossing the Kettle river at Nelson, Washington, were carried away by a log jam this afternoon. A boom further up stream gave way, releasing thousands of logs, which, lodging against the false work, piled up and demolished the bridge for a distance of 80 feet. A pile driver will begin work tomorrow and the structure will be rebuilt before Sunday at the latest, when direct railway communication with Republic will be restored.

PALATIAL RESIDENCE.

A Son of Senator Clark Buys a Home in California.

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EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Barcelona, Saragossa and Other Provinces Are Shaken Up.

MADRID, May 6.—Earthquake shocks were felt early this morning at Barcelona, Saragossa, Iron, Taffeta and Murci. At the last named place the Cathedral and convent, as well as a number of houses, were damaged. The population became panic stricken. At Alberique, in Valencia province, a number of houses were destroyed, while a school building and a church sustained extensive damages. It also dislodged great masses of rock in the Duen-Santa mountains.

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THE MINES OF THE PROVINCE

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FISHER MAIDEN.

A Fine Shoot of High Grade Ore Has Been Uncovered. W. W. Greenwood, manager of the Fisher Maiden group, situated on Four Mile creek, north east of Silverton, reports that the development of the property is proceeding in a satisfactory manner. There is a shoot of clear ore, 27 inches wide, in the lower tunnel which will average 150 ounces in silver to the ton, and which has been drilled to a distance of 40 feet. Four carloads of ore taken out in the course of development are on the dump ready for shipment as soon as the mill of wagon road is constructed.

Mr. Greenwood says the Wakefield is soon to be started up with a good sized crew under the supervision of Mr. E. Lane is the manager and Ward McDonald foreman. The Wakefield, he says, has a good plant, consisting of a 100-ton concentrator and a tramway. It is regarded as a meritorious property and considerable ore has been shipped from it.

THE GRANBY COMPANY.

Installing New Plant—Contract Let for Quarrying 100,000 Tons Ore.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., May 5.—The output of the mines, now amounting to 1500 tons daily, is to be increased very materially as a result of various contracts just let by the management. When the two additional compressor plants, each with a capacity of 30 drills, are installed a daily production of from 2500 to 3000 tons can be steadily maintained. Jay F. Graves, general manager of the company, returned here today from a trip of inspection to Phoenix, and in an interview gave an outline of the scope of future operations. "Porter Bros., the railway contractors," said Mr. Graves, "have been awarded the contract for quarrying 100,000 tons of ore from the surface of the granite of the Granby group, with the understanding that if the work is mutually satisfactory they will be ready to undertake the extraction of 5,000,000 tons of ore. Porter Bros. are to start work within a few days. They will install an extensive plant, comprising detritals and steam shovels. This is not their first experience at that sort of mining, as they formerly extracted granite under similar conditions in the iron mines of Michigan, where the quarrying system prevails to a considerable extent. The ledge across the Granby group has already been partially stripped, but it will be stripped for an additional length of 1500 feet and for a width averaging 250 feet. This, of course, is quite independent of the underground development work directed by the company. It is true that we have let a contract to the Canadian Rand Drill company of Sherbrooke for the building of two compressor electrically driven plants, each with a capacity of 30 drills, the size of the drills being three and one-quarter inches. In order to compensate for the loss of power, owing to the elevation of 6000 feet, the plants will be built 40 per cent larger, thus bringing their efficiency up to that of a similar plant of normal size at sea level. The double plant will probably be the largest of its kind ever built in Canada, and with the present equipment will give an output of 80 drills. The Canadian Rand company has contracted to furnish us with a maximum of 1500 horse power, with a provision to supply us with an extra 500 horse power for proposed enlargements, including two additional furnaces for the smelter at Grand Forks as contemplated. Electrical power will also be supplied by the Phoenix & Light company. We are now employing 400 men at Phoenix and there are 250 names on our smelter payroll. When the new plant is installed we can produce a tonnage of from 2500 to 3000 tons daily. Our mines," said Mr. Graves, in conclusion, "are looking better than I ever saw them look before. After examining the underground development and inspecting the surface exploration I realize that my previous estimates of the ore reserves were away below the mark."

The sawmill owners of the Boundary district have entered into an agreement to advance the price of lumber to \$14 per thousand delivered.

The new public school, which was built and equipped at a cost of \$10,000, was formally opened today. There was a picturesque flag-raising ceremony on the grounds prior to the delivery of patriotic addresses by Mayor Holland and other leading citizens.

LE ROI NO. 2'S DIVIDEND!

For once in a way market rumor has not proved merely a myth. At the outset at the beginning of the current month—the improvement in the value of the Le Roi group of shares, as referred to in explanation of the advance in No. 2's, to the market talk of a possible early dividend-announcement, and yesterday the statement was verified by the official notice of a declaration of an interim dividend of 50 per share. This is the second declaration made by the company, and is at the same rate as that announced last June. That the company has been progressing since the date covered by the balance-sheet of 30th September last—has been demonstrated by the monthly cables from the manager, from which we gather that the estimated net profits from October to March last, inclusive, totalled nearly \$180,000. During that period also a discovery in the company's property was reported, which is given to understand of importance not only to the No. 2, but also to the Le Roi.—Financial Times.

HALL MINES.

The following circular has been issued to the shareholders. As the ore which was found on the 10th level of the mine has not proved to be permanent, and the mine manager having failed to locate a continuous ore body at that level, the Board requested Mr. Bernard Macdonald, M. E., to visit the mine and confer with the manager. A letter has today (April 10), been received from the mine manager, and a preliminary report from Mr. Macdonald, and after carefully considering these, the Board have cabled as follows to the manager: "Refer to your letter of 22nd March: Board confirm proposed course, namely, stop out ore in sight (about 1000 tons), sink three bore-holes (below No. 10 level, and if no more ore discovered then take steps to close down the mine." As soon as the results of the experimental bore-holes above mentioned are known the shareholders will be communicated with further.

RICH ORE STRIKE.

R. A. Brown Has 38 Feet of Ore on the Wolverine.

Without any noise on blast of trumpets R. A. Brown for some time past has been quietly developing the Wolverine, a claim he considers as only second in importance to the Volcanic as a world beater. Wednesday when he brought down an experimental shipment to the Granby smelter he made the startling announcement that he had crossed 25 feet of solid shipping ore without encountering the hanging wall. Mr. Brown naturally being elated and regards the strike as one of the most important ever made in the Boundary. The footwall is in porphyry.

Development work is being rushed and it is likely that regular shipments will be started shortly. The claim is situated on the west side of the north fork about two and one half miles from Volcanic City. It has exceptional shipping facilities, as the C. P. R. track is a few hundred feet below the workings. Mr. Brown will ask the C. P. R. to put in a switch near the long tunnel near Brown's creek. Mr. Brown is receiving many happy congratulations over his good fortune, which he is taking in a matter of fact way. Prior to the work now in progress the Wolverine had been lying idle for nearly three years.—Grand Forks News, May 3.

FROM MIDWAY.

Hauling Ore From Central Camp Has Been Resumed.

MIDWAY, B. C., May 3.—R. Meyerhoff has resumed hauling ore from the No. 7 mine, Central camp, to the railway siding between Anaconda and Boundary Falls, and from the Jewel mine, Long Lake camp, to the Jewel siding, between Greenwood and Eholt. It is feared, though, that the steady rains of the past two days will make the roads too soft for heavy hauling for the time, so that the teams will have to be brought back to await more favorable conditions for their work.

EXPECT GREAT THINGS.

Mine on Quatsino Sound May Produce 600 Tons Ore Monthly.

Messrs. Clarke & Gwin, acting on behalf of a wealthy syndicate, which a short time ago purchased a large mineral claim on Quatsino Sound, B. C., recently visited the property on an inspection tour. They say there is enough valuable gold and copper ore in sight to warrant the erection of a smelter. Preparations are being made to ship about 600 tons next month.

STRIKE THREATENED.

The Ship Laborers' Society Demand an Increase of Wages.

QUEBEC, May 6.—The ship laborers' society held a meeting and refused the offer of the Leyland Line to pay 25 and 30 cents per hour. The men want 87-1-2 and 50 cents. The Leyland Line declares it cannot pay this rate and compete with Montreal, and the probability is that if it cannot secure the men it requires at fair wages it will go back to Montreal. Disinterested parties are endeavoring to secure a compromise.

Mrs. E. J. Weston with her three children left Rossland by the morning train yesterday for Seattle, where she will make her future home. She desired to express her gratitude to many Rosslanders who have shown her kindness in various ways.

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LUMBER MARKET ACTIVE.

Mills Running Full Time, Shipping Product to Manitoba, Etc.

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The lumber mill at Pilot Bay operated by J. E. Sayward of Victoria is running at full capacity just now. All lumber is shipped to the Nelson yards and there distributed to various parts of British Columbia and Northwest Territories and Manitoba. Special public meetings have been held here, at Nelson and at various other cities of the Kootenays for the purpose of sending resolutions to the Ottawa house representing the immediate need of legislation on the silver-lead question. Favorable reports of the Hilltop and Mayflower groups on Sheep creek, near Salmo, have just been received. These claims are owned by S. Hunter and others of this city, and the assessment work just completed shows well for the ultimate value of the property. They are well mineralized and work has disclosed a 20 foot ledge, running high in gold and copper. The tunnel, now in 50 feet, is to be run another 80 feet this season, and altogether the owners are pleased with the outlook. The Silver Hill group, near Pilot Bay, operated by Rossland and eastern capitalists, is reported to be looking well, and the company contemplate adding to the present force of men and starting up again to fresh work as soon as roads and weather conditions permit.

SMALLPOX SCARE.

Mining Properties Adjacent to Slooan—Considerable Activity.

(Special to the Miner.) SLOOAN, B. C., May 2.—Sloosan had a bad scare this week through a suspected case of smallpox. A man named Eddy, who came from Spokane two weeks ago to work at the Enterprise mine on Ten Mile, developed quite a rash, and he went to the hospital on Wednesday night, traveling on the steamer Sandon. Dr. Forin had his suspicion as soon as he saw the man and promptly took every precaution against the spread of the disease should it turn out to be the dreaded scourge. Dr. Hall, provincial health officer, came up from Nelson and disinfected the steamer, so that the regular trips could be made, and quarantined Enterprise Landing, where the patient had boarded the vessel. After two days it has been found that the disease did not develop as smallpox should, and the regulations and restrictions have been removed, much to the relief of

ADVICES FROM CASTLE LOO

Queen Wilhelmina's Condition Again Excites Anxiety.

Has Been Unable to Take Nourishment Since Saturday.

THE HAGUE, May 7.—Advices received here from Castle Loo, dated 1 o'clock this morning, declare that Queen Wilhelmina's condition again excites grave anxiety. Another consultation of the Queen's doctors was held at 11 o'clock last night. The result of this consultation is not known. Extreme secrecy is maintained as to the contents of the telegrams dispatched from Loo Palace. This and other measures are believed to indicate that the condition of her majesty is much graver than appears from the official bulletins. It is stated that the queen is so weak that she has been unable to take any nourishment since last Saturday.

SIX WEEKS AT HARD LABOR.

That Is What Two Men Get for Damaging Property. (Special to the Miner.) EHOIT, B. C., May 3.—M. E. Coates and Fred Duckworth, who had been in the employ of the C. P. R. company as brakemen on local ore trains, were yesterday sentenced by Justices of the Peace I. H. Hallett of Greenwood and G. Arthur Bennett of Eholt to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labor on a charge of damaging the property of the railway company and assaulting one of its officers. They were taken out on the afternoon train by Provincial Constable J. A. Dinmore to Nelson, where they will be imprisoned in the provincial jail. Evidence was given to the effect that while drunk the prisoners broke the windows of a caboose, damaged a stove, and then interfered with the operator at the Eholt railway station.

COURT IN NELSON.

Justice Martin Confined Remarks to Nelson Court House.

(Special to the Miner.) NELSON, B. C., May 6.—The court of assizes convened here, Mr. Justice Martin presiding. In the presentation to the grand jury the Judge confined his remarks almost entirely to the state of the Nelson court house, and said that unless the people of the city desired, themselves, to have a proper building provided at once Nelson would find itself passed over in favor of Rossland, which, with infinitely less business, yet was possessed with an up-to-date building. Personally, as a judge, he was adverse to refusing to hold court here on account of accommodations, but would be compelled unless a change was made.

True bills were returned in the cases of Rex vs. Holmes, an abortion case, Rex vs. the Kootenay Association, in which the defendants are accused of having taken money under false pretenses, having advertised in the east that they could supply positions to those writing and paying a certain fee, and in the case of Rex vs. Flett and Labrach, who are accused of unlawfully having taken possession of a gold brick, the property of the Fess mine.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Houston to the Fore Once More—Resumed to Sit Down.

(Special to the Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., May 6.—Shortly after midnight last evening the government was defeated by a vote of 17 to 16 on the budget debate on a motion of Houston to adjourn the debate. McBride insisted on their resigning, but the government refused, and later on had a majority of two.

The railway bill was submitted by the message, which provides for the Coast-Kootenay to be built by McLean Bros. of Vancouver for \$4000 to \$4500 per mile and a land subsidy of 1,000,000 acres. After 10 years it is to give two per cent of the gross earnings in lieu of taxation. The conditions are of Dominion aid.

There were few alterations in the Canadian Northern bill.

Today the opposition obstructed, the object being to prevent the estimates from being voted on until the objectionable railway bill was dropped.

Houston of Nelson refused to take his seat when ordered by the speaker, and held the floor silently for 20 minutes, while the speaker was consulting the authorities how to remove him. He defied the speaker to do so. Finally he went out, and previous to doing so the speaker ineffectually appealed to the government for protection from insult. Houston withdrawing, the opposition moved a vote of censure on the government for failure to protect the chair, but the discussion was closed by the previous question, which was carried.

LINE TO THE YUKON.

Distance From Ashcroft to Dawson Is 215 Miles.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 6.—A special from Ottawa says: In the house of commons this afternoon the public works department estimates were under consideration. The total length of the Ashcroft-Dawson telegraph line was stated to be 215 miles, and the cost \$736,224, not including \$24,000 for supplies and provisions. The average cost per mile was \$368. The gap filled last year was 10 miles, instead of 64, as anticipated. In difficult spots it was proposed to lay a cable on the ground during the coming year, as at certain points there was a depth of 25 feet of snow.

THE WEEKLY STOCK REVIEW

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CITY FATHERS.

At the city council last night the council decided to take no action with respect to the communications from Martin Bros. and the trustees of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. In both letters certain claims for damages were set forth.

THE URBANE COLONEL.

The Daily News of Nelson refers to Colonel Jack Egan's departure from the city by the lake in the following terms: "John G. Egan, who for the past nine months has been engaged in newspaper work in this city, left on Sunday for his home in Seattle. The Colonel packed his typewriter into Nelson a comparative stranger, but when he made his way to the C. P. R. depot there were more friends there to see him

OVER THE HOT SANDS REDUCED THE RATES JOSEPH VOYLE AGAIN TO SWELL THE BONUS C. P. R.'S. ODD MOVE

ROSSLAND MEN ATTENDED MEETING OF MYSTIC SHRINERS AT SPOKANE.

CROSSING OASIS AMID LOWING OF CAMELS AND GURGLING OF ZEM-ZEM.

Mayor Clute left Wednesday for Spokane, accompanied by several members of El Kafif Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine and a couple of novices, who will cross the hot sands at the oasis of Spokane. The party included G. A. Mitchell, Andrew G. Larsen, Keith Lackey and Daniel Bruhn.

The manifesto assembling the meeting of the Shrine was as follows: "It has been decreed in the wisdom of the councils of the newly elected divan for the year 1902 that we hold a ceremonial session on the date above written for the purpose of replenishing our exchequer and, incidentally, to make it tropical for a few novices who have been clamoring at our outer gate for admission, let 1000 many moons. Nobles, get ready for the grand processions, oriental mysteries, brilliant illuminations and glorious chants—in thirty sections, it will be better than a Thousand Nights or Ten Nights in a Bar Room."

The Spokesman-Review publishes the appended sketch of the Order of the Mystic Shrine from the pen of "one who knows." "The History of the Shriners, prepared by 'one who knows,' is given in the following terse expose: "The Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine was organized in London, England, and has existed in various forms prior to that date as well as subsequent. Its perpetuity has been a marvel to those who never think, and a phenomenon to others less endowed. The best men of the country have been identified with the various features of the institution, and many have been so branded with the ceremonies that they have not dared to tell their wives. The institution has prevailed despite the protests of candidates who have slid into the order with ropes not made of sand and have never asked for any change, but were satisfied with what they got; for the Shrine has always been liberal with the ceremonies of initiation, and willing to give more if there was a desire manifested for the same.

"The order is now strong and powerful, and is a potent factor in extracting conceit and dignity from men of calibres. Cerebral fermentations are antagonistic to its particular therapy, and all cases of trying to run things are treated with lavage which cures the malady in short order. "This sketch is not intended for those who can't read, but for those who desire a knowledge of the history, growth, customs and whereof of our noble order."

Following the initiatory ceremonies at the Masonic hall last night a banquet at which the flow of wit and zem-zem was lavish.

IN FULL SWING NOW

ROSSLAND CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED AND DATE OF MEETINGS FIXED.

The Rossland Conservative Association is now an accomplished fact. At a well attended meeting of Conservatives in the Board of Trade rooms Wednesday the organization under way for several weeks past was completed, and the new association promises to be a live factor in the local political arena. Among those present at the meeting were Messrs. A. C. Galt, J. L. G. Abbott, W. L. Orde, A. S. Goodvee, Hon. T. Mayne Daly, W. J. Neeson, F. W. Guernsey, J. B. Johnson, W. Seed, E. Griffith, Jos. Rogers, John Dean, J. B. Billings, A. D. Sykes, H. C. Cook, D. Whiteside, G. Bowman, Judge Townsend, Frank Startari and others. The first important business dispatched at the session was the election of officers, resulting as follows: A. S. Goodvee, president. John Dean, first vice-president. F. W. Guernsey, second vice-president. Hon. T. Mayne Daly, honorary treasurer. W. Wylie Johnston, secretary. It was decided that meetings should be held bi-monthly, and that at the next session of the association on the 14th inst. the question of party lines in provincial politics with a special application to the expected campaign should be taken up and disposed of. The remaining portion of the time was devoted to an informal discussion on the party lines subject. Special reference was made to the apparent interest manifested in the formation of the association by the young Conservatives of the city, and a snappy augury of future activity and usefulness was deducted from this feature.

HANDS BLOWN OFF.

QUEBEC, May 3.—Jos. Guillaume, a farmer of Jonqueres, Lake St. John, had both hands blown off yesterday while sitting a cork in a bottle with powder. A spark from his pipe was the cause.

The French delegation to Washington at the unveiling of the monument to Rochambeau will be invited to attend the Jubilee of Laval University next month.

SPOKANE FALLS & NORTHERN ROAD PLACES ROSSLAND ON EQUALITY WITH NELSON.

HERETOFORE NELSON HAD SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER LOCAL RATES OUT OF SPOKANE.

The Spokane Falls & Northern railroad has made an important concession to the merchants of Rossland, Wednesday a communication was received by Secretary Jackson of the board of trade advising him that as a result of the board's representations in the matter this city had been placed on the same basis as Nelson with respect to the local freight rate from Spokane. The communication was signed by H. A. Jackson, general passenger and freight agent of the road.

Readers of the Miner will remember that some months ago the question of local rates out of Spokane to Rossland and Nelson was brought to the attention of the board of trade by business men, who pointed out that the road's tariff favored Nelson as against Rossland from 35 per cent to 50 per cent. The board took the matter up with the Spokane Falls & Northern people and the result of their action was the concession indicated in Mr. Jackson's letter received here yesterday. The effect of the reduction in rates out of Spokane will be considered in the aggregate only trifling when applied to the cost per pound of the various articles on which the rates are reduced, so that the consumer is not likely to benefit substantially. It will have this important effect, however, that Rossland merchants will now be enabled to job various lines into the Boundary and other districts on an equality with the Nelson wholesalers, something they have not been able to do heretofore.

The success that has been attained in this move for more favorable railroad rates is regarded with equanimity by the members of the board of trade.

BENEFITS ROSSLAND.

What Completion of Crow's Nest Southern Road Probably Means.

Recent reports from the construction work on the line of the Crow's Nest Southern road are to the effect that the track-laying is completed to a point something more than 12 miles north of the international boundary line, while the grade is practically completed to the junction of the road with the Canadian Pacific. A number of trestles require to be constructed on the Canadian side of the road and some 50 miles of track laid, but with the facilities available this work will be put through rapidly and a comparatively short time will see the road operating into the heart of the Crow's Nest road.

Opinion is divided as to the effect which the advent of this feeder of the Great Northern into the Canadian coal fields will have, there being grave danger in the opinions of many that the line will be utilized to haul coke and coal out of the country which should be kept here to supply the Canadian smelters and other industries consuming fuel on a large scale. The coal company's answer to this was that it would enlarge its facilities to produce ample supplies of both materials. The exact condition of affairs in this regard should be evolved within a short time after the new road is completed.

In the interim it seems likely that the completion of the Crow's Nest Southern road will be decidedly beneficial to Rossland in an indirect way. This will be by lowering the cost of coke to the Northport smelter, thereby decreasing the cost of treating Le Roi ores and probably stimulating the production of ores which do not, under existing circumstances, pay an adequate return while copper is at such a low price. The statement has been made in one or other of the official reports published that the smelter is paying \$2.50 per ton for coke, while the Granby and Greenwood smelters, equally distant from the point of production, are supplied with coke at \$6 per ton. It has been estimated that the difference between \$6 and \$2.50 would make a saving of 75 cents per ton on the treatment of Le Roi ores, and this would represent profit over and above the margin now earned. The additional profit thus obtained might, and probably would, induce the Le Roi mine to resume shipments from its low grade ore bodies, and this would entail the re-engagement of the men recently laid off.

Looking at the matter from a purely local standpoint it would seem that Rossland had much to expect on the completion of the road now under construction.

MEETING AT KASLO.

Strong Resolution Passed on the Lead Question. (Special to the Miner.)

KASLO, B. C., May 3.—A large public meeting was held here on the lead question. A resolution was passed to petition the government for legislation immediately.

DR. LEYDS AT THE HAGUE.

THE HAGUE, May 3.—Dr. Leyds, the Boer representative in Europe, arrived here this evening and proceeded for Utrecht for a conference with Mr. Kruger.

STRONG WIND STORM.

OELWIN, La., May 3.—A strong wind blew here this evening but did no damage. At Fairbanks, a station near Oelwin, telegraph poles and wires are down. In a storm at midnight last night 100 head of cattle in the vicinity of Oelwin were killed by lightning.

ROSSLAND PIONEER'S EXPERIENCES AFTER ESCAPING FROM INSANE ASYLUM.

ACTED IN MANNER THAT CONVINCED PEOPLE HE WAS PERFECTLY INSANE.

All old Rosslanders know the particulars of the case of Joe Voyle, who was committed to the Westminister asylum last fall after manifesting such indications of an unbalanced mind as left no doubt that he was a fit subject for confinement in an asylum for the insane. A coast paper published the appended reference to Voyle which will be read with interest locally.

"About six weeks ago there arrived at Ruskin a destitute man who had no job. He was told he could have one if he could find a boarding place, which was not thought probable. However, a kindly disposed young married couple took him in and he got the job. He soon showed himself a good workman, and won the good will of his employer and all his fellow workmen. "A few days since he got his first check for wages, with which he paid his board bill, and purchased some clothes and had money left. The foreman of the mill spoke highly of him. The woman he boarded with said he was a nice man about the house, being helpful and kind. He seemed to have no other faults, though he told stories about having been wronged out of mining interests at Rossland. He worked industriously every day and spoke but little. He was improving in appearance daily, and the people of Ruskin had begun to look upon him as a regular inhabitant. "But all this was rudely put a stop to on Thursday morning by the arrival of a constable, armed with a warrant from the asylum at New Westminister, for the arrest of one Joseph Voyle, who escaped from the asylum on the 8th day of last February. The constable demanded that the culprit be pointed out to him. This was done, and all the men about the place said it was a shame to take a good man like that to the asylum. One said another Charles Reade is wanted if that is the kind of men they still detain in insane asylums. "How the constable did his duty, and read the warrant. Voyle himself, who had been busy at carpenter work, put on his glasses, and asked to see the warrant. When he had finished reading it aloud he threw off his apron, and said, "I suppose I shall have to go. If I am not crazy now they will soon make me so down there; that is what they are coming at. I wish some honest lawyer would take hold of this case. He then went off quietly with the constable, and they took the train to New Westminister.

RESIGNED POSITIONS FRANK WALKER PULLS OUT OF POLICE AND LICENSE BOARDS. LEAVING ROSSLAND FOR SPOKANE TO ENTER BUSINESS THERE. There are vacancies today on the Rossland boards of police and license commissioners. Saturday afternoon Francis J. Walker wrote out his resignations from both boards and posted the communications to Mayor Clute, who is ex-officio chairman of the commissions. There is no doubt as to the reason being complied with for the reason that Mr. Walker is leaving the city and will not be in a position to perform the duties of the offices in future. It is the intention of the Reddin-Jackson Company to open a branch of their business in Spokane, and Mr. Walker is the member of the firm selected to operate the new concern. He leaves today for his new home, and will probably not be in Rossland again, even on a flying visit, for three or four months. This would, of course, prevent his filling the commissions to which he was appointed at the start of the year, hence the resignations filed yesterday. Mr. Walker has made Rossland his home since 1894, and has many fast friends in the Golden City who regret to note his departure.

BOTH SEVERELY PUNISHED.

Eight and a Half Rounds of Terrific Fighting. LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 3.—After eight and a half rounds of terrific fighting Marvin Hart of Louisville knocked out Kid Carter of Brooklyn before the Southern Association. The bout was a stinging match up to the sixth round, but the pace had been so swift that during the last four rounds both men were staggering around the ring, hardly able to stand and neither seemed able to land an effective blow. It was merely a contest of endurance and was a knockout blow, a left to the jaw, when Hart himself seemed most ready to fall. Both men were severely punished.

ARBOR DAY CEREMONIES.

OTTAWA, May 3.—Lord Minto, governor general, yesterday attended the Arbor Day ceremonies at the Normal School, planting a "Cocoron" oak.

LEAVES FOR ENGLAND.

J. H. Jenkins, who has been long connected with the Le Roi mine as shift boss, left Saturday for England. His stay in England will be but a brief one, as he intends to leave at once for a position in one of the Rand mines. Quite a number of personal friends were at the station this morning to see him off.

BOARD OF TRADE RECOMMENDS FEDERAL CABINET TO INCREASE LEAD BONUS.

RESOLUTION PASSED ASKING INCREASE FROM \$5 TO \$10 PER TON.

The Rossland Board of Trade came out strongly on the question of silver-lead bonuses as a method of stimulating this important industry in the Kootenays. The meeting called for last evening at the Board of Trade rooms was intended to include citizens generally, but the attendance was practically confined to members of the organization, the unpleasant weather doubtless preventing a larger turnout of the general public. The consensus of opinion among the board members present at the session is reported in the appended resolution passed for transmission to the Federal Cabinet: "Whereas, The present import duties on lead and manufactured lead products are much below the parity of customs duties levied on similar classes of goods of like kind; and whereas, The government of the Dominion strongly urges upon the lead mining industry by increasing the duties on pig lead, white lead, red lead and other manufactures of lead thereby furnishing the Canadian producer of pig lead with an additional market in his own country; and, "Whereas, There is not being produced at the present time, owing to the low price of lead in ore, sufficient lead bullion to enable a refinery to operate; therefore, be it further resolved, That the government be requested to increase the present bounty to \$10 per ton for the first year, \$8 the second year, \$6 the third year, \$4 the fourth year and \$2 the fifth year, provided that the total bounty paid in any one year shall not exceed \$100,000."

The foregoing was arrived at without lengthy discussion. A number of speakers for twenty minutes or so on the topic of inducing the Federal government to extend protection to the Canadian silver-lead industry sufficient to place the industry on a footing with other home industries. Mr. Goodvee presented a variety of most interesting statistics in the course of his remarks and evidenced a solid grasp of the extremely intricate subject with which he dealt. J. A. MacDonald, who is a director of the London-Edmonton Consolidated Mines, and therefore a producer of silver-lead ores, enlivened the discussion with a series of queries which tended to establish that the doubling of the bounty at this juncture when there was no bounty within the Dominion a lead manufacturer or such provision in the tariff as would induce a lead manufacturer to establish the necessary refining plant, would merely have the effect of placing in the pocket of the refiner a present of \$10 per ton on his production, without a guarantee that the condition of most of the producers would be benefited. The actual producer would be another phase of the question on which the discussion was of interest.

The meeting would probably have recommended the government to increase the present tariff on lead products had it not been for the assurance widely disseminated through the press of Canada that the administration would not consider the question of tariff alterations until the return of the colonial premier to the conference of the continent gathering. In the face of this it was concluded that an available method of assisting the industry was to secure an increase in the bounty as suggested in the resolution finally adopted. IN FORCE.—The reduced rates on merchandise handled out of Spokane to Rossland over the Spokane Falls & Northern are now in force, and business men are enjoying the advantage thereof. ABANDONED.—The action of the Turf Club in relinquishing the idea of holding a race meeting at Sunnyside park on the 24th inst. has led to the abandonment of the proposition to hold a celebration locally on the holiday. The baseball attractions will apparently furnish the only amusements which Rossland will have on that day. NO DESERTER.—C. J. Hatch, the volunteer who was sworn in as a member of the Rossland quota of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, and failed to depart with the balance of the contingent, has forwarded the following explanation of the circumstance to The Miner: "I take this opportunity of stating that being at work and failing to receive notice of the departure of the party, I was not aware that the contingent had received instructions to leave on Monday. I feel exceedingly sorry that the mistake has been made, and desire to express my willingness to go to the front at any time at the call of my country."

LEFT ROSSLAND.

Numerous friends will learn that it is the intention of Harry V. Greene to sever his connection with the Golden City. Mr. Greene has tendered his resignation as paymaster at the War Eagle and Centre Star mines for the purpose of accepting the important post of traveling representative of the big distilling firm of Hiram Walker & Sons. He will be in charge of considerable territory in the east, and will therefore be a visitor to Rossland in the course of his business. Mr. Greene came to this city in 1898, and in the course of his residence here won the friendship of many citizens, including the employees of the mines with which he is identified. These will join with The Miner in wishing the ex-paymaster continued success in his new field.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Active Fishing Operations on the Grand Banks. ST. JOHNS, N. F., May 3.—Practically all the French fishermen operating on the Grand Banks and the Newfoundland Treaty coast have arrived here and active operations including the Newfoundland revenue cruiser Firma is now patrolling the bait region. British and French warships are expected to reach the coast next week to assume the regular fishery patrol.

WILL NOT GIVE KOOTENAYS CONNECTION WITH IMPERIAL LIMITED.

MEANS THAT CANADIAN ROAD WILL LOSE THROUGH BUSINESS OF DISTRICT.

The fact is now pretty thoroughly established in railroad circles that when the Canadian Pacific resumes its Imperial Limited service from coast to coast, no provision will be made to give the Kootenay country connection with the fast through trains. The statement will be received with surprise in this district, although Rosslanders will not be seriously inconvenienced for the reason that they will be enabled to use the American lines via the Spokane Falls & Northern. In Nelson some objection may be raised, although Nelsonites could make the trip to Spokane and still reach eastern points ahead of the Canadian Pacific local trains, which they will be compelled to take if the Imperial Flyers were placed on the main line, the Canadian Pacific always took particular pains to cater for the through passenger traffic, originating in the Kootenay and district, which this year is inexplicable save on the ground that the through business from the coast points is sufficient to tax the accommodation of the Flyers. Even on this basis it is difficult to understand why that apparently should take a step that apparently means the abandonment of the passenger trade originating in Rossland and district in the Boundary, by far the largest proportion is through business, and this class of travelers will never be agreeable to patronizing a local train with the spectacle of a limited flyer whirling past at various way stations. The American roads will, of course, rejoice to note the decision to which the Canadian Pacific has come, for they will have a practical assurance of all the through business that is not compelled to go over the Canadian road. From the sentimental point of view the move is unfortunate, for there is undoubtedly a strong feeling among many persons that a Canadian road should be patronized, other things being equal. The latest move of the Canadian Pacific entirely alters matters, and sentiment will have but little weight when weighed in the balance with time saved in a transcontinental trip.

AL'S. DINNER PAIR.

FORMED IMPORTANT FACTOR IN RUSE FOR EVADING CREDITORS AT DEPOT. HOW A WELL KNOWN ROSSLAND MAN MANAGED TO LEAVE CITY UNSUSPECTED. A good story is going the rounds as to the incidents attending the exit from the camp of Al. Lonsdale, late shift boss at the Le Roi mine. Lonsdale was one of the bosses whose services were not required after the force in the mine was reduced. He was a first-class man in every respect, and the company had arranged to utilize his services in another capacity, when an acquaintance offered to divide a stake on the understanding that both would try their fortunes in Mexico. Lonsdale accepted the offer and made his arrangements to depart. During the four or five years that Lonsdale lived in Rossland he earned the highest wages in the camp, spent his salary liberally and loaned money to friends. When he came to leave he found himself with a number of "dead horses" to settle for and could not raise the funds to liquidate. Under these circumstances he resolved to adopt a ruse de guerre that worked out neatly. Shortly before the Spokane Falls & Northern train pulled out at noon Lonsdale had in sight with his dinner bucket in hand and equipped for work. His pal was aboard the train with the luggage for both, but Lonsdale made the play good by calling to the conductor in a voice that reached every one near by that he desired to get off at the Black Bear. When the train left Lonsdale was on the steps of one of the coaches with the dinner bucket apparently ready to jump when the mine was reached. If any of his creditors were in the neighborhood they were satisfied that he was not leaving town. The creditors would certainly have been surprised had they been at the Black Bear plant when the train passed, for instead of alighting, Lonsdale pitched his bucket as far as a strong arm could throw it and went into the car to join his friend. Without discussing the merits of the ruse, it may be stated that Al. Lonsdale left many friends in Rossland, all of whom will join in wishing him success under the folds of the Mexican flag.

A TERRIFIC STORM.

It Took on Tornado Proportions at Some Points.

OMAHA, Neb., May 3.—Reports received here indicate that a most serious storm of lightning, wind and rain reaching from Waterloo to Oelwin, Iowa, struck that section at 5 o'clock this evening. The extent of the damage is not yet known but it is learned that it will be most serious in the vicinity of Dewar, 10 miles east of Waterloo. At that point all telegraph and telephone wires were blown down, the extent of the damage is not known but it is feared that the storm took on tornado proportions at some points.

SOON TO SAIL.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 3.—The transport Cestrian, which sails from Halifax on the 8th inst., will have 3rd regiment and two squadrons of the Winfredian which sails on the 14th will be held at the company's office at the store of O. M. Fox & Co. in Rossland, on May 26th, at 2 p. m. S. L. MYERS, President.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual stockholders' meeting of The Lucky Boy Mining & Development Company, Limited, of Rossland, B. C., will be held at the company's office at the store of O. M. Fox & Co. in Rossland, on May 26th, at 2 p. m. S. L. MYERS, President.

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 VA, Ont., May 3.—The trans-Atlantic, which sails from Hall's 8th inst., will have 3rd and two squadrons of the 14th under Major O'Farrell. The ship which sails on the 14th of the sixth regiment and the 1st and two squadrons of the 20th will have the fifth aboard.

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ANXIETY IS EXPERIENCED

Result of Formation of the Trans-Atlantic Combine.

Government Will Not Interfere With Freedom of Commerce.

LONDON, May 1.—An attempt was made in the house of commons today to get the government to pledge itself to prevent the transfer of the British steamships to a foreign flag, pending the report of the committee under the chairmanship of the Earl of Camperdown, recently appointed by the admiralty to enquire into the subject.
 The government leader, A. J. Balfour, pointed out that a suggestion of such a startling character could not be carried out without the gravest consideration. It simply amounted to a proposal that the government should prevent a British subject from selling his property to a foreigner. No doubt the matter raised was very serious, but such a drastic change in the established practice could not be undertaken lightly.

CONTRACT NOT VIOLATED.
 LONDON, May 1.—After the president of the board of trade, Gerald Balfour, had informed the house of commons this afternoon that he was confidentially informed of the terms of the proposed transatlantic combine, which did not necessarily involve a change in the nationality of the ships, and the government leader, A. J. Balfour, had announced that the officials of the White Star did not appear to have violated their contract with the British admiralty, Russell Rea (Radical) a shipowner and merchant, moved the adjournment of the house in order to discuss the matter, which was of urgent importance.
 A few members having spoken of the great anxiety experienced throughout the country as a result of the formation of a combine of such strength and character as the American shipping syndicate, A. J. Balfour expressed the hope that the debate would be closed. He quite appreciated the importance of the subject and the desire of the members to discuss it. But no special purpose could be served by a debate now. The government had been privately informed regarding the action of private individuals and it was giving the matter anxious consideration, but if it disclosed this information it would shut the door to further confidence. The government would be bound to make such arrangements with regard to the proposed changes might necessitate; but regarding the effect of the combination in British maritime interests and what should be done to meet it no announcement of its policy could be announced except after prolonged and anxious consideration of the complicated problem. Under the present arrangements the subsidized ships remain in the service of the admiralty for another two years and the government would be much blamable if, in the interim, it could not either negotiate a continuance of the existing arrangements or make others equally serviceable to the admiralty and the country. In the meantime the government did not propose, on the spur of the moment, to announce any departure from the traditional policy of not interfering with the freedom of commerce. The ministers would be charlatans if they did anything of the kind.
 It was necessary to most carefully and thoroughly sift the whole matter from a commercial point of view. It must be remembered that this was not a commercial enterprise engineered by a foreign and hostile government, but a trade combination.

OTHER MEMBERS SPEAK.
 James Bryce (Liberal), former president of the board of trade, advocated the withdrawal of the motion. But he urged the government to make a prompt inquiry into the subject.
 Other speakers held that the arrangement was an alliance, not an annexation by Americans. The companies had simply made a reasonable and businesslike combine.
 Sir Joseph Woodhouse (Liberal) disclaimed all antipathy to or ill-feeling for Americans; but he asserted that the American invasion spelled ruin to Britishers. He said he feared the American trust would use this combination to pour American produce into this country to the disadvantage of the producers here, and that there would be a general disruption of the whole trade and commerce of Great Britain. Lord Beresford advocated subsidizing steamers on the Canadian route.
 Mr. Rea's motion was ultimately withdrawn.

STRIKES AT PITTSBURG.
 PITTSBURG, Pa., May 1.—May-day was ushered in with strikes in most of the building trades for reduction in hours, more wages and adjustment of trade conditions. It is estimated that between 12,000 and 15,000 men are out. The trades involved are the structural iron workers, slate and tile roofers, inside electric wire workers, portable hoisting engineers and metal lathers.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Panic Ensues in a Cigar Factory—Women Crushed to Death.
 PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 30.—An unfortunate accident to a deaf and dumb youth, Isadore Bacus, today, was directly responsible for the death of eight girls and young women, the fatal injury of three others and the serious injury of more than two score more, all employed in the cigar factory of Harburger, Holland & Co., a branch of the American Tobacco company, at Tenth street and Washington avenue.

The scene of the disaster is a five-story brick building and 1200 persons were at work there at the time of the accident, almost all young girls. Bacus, who was janitor, went after a ball of twine on an upper floor and pulled the rope of an elevator to bring it down so that he could ascend. The elevator descended slowly, accidentally pinning his head between the elevator and the floor. A stock boy released him and called for help. The foreman ran from the building to call an ambulance, and immediately there was a panic among the employes. Some of the younger girls fainted, while others cried fire. Instantly there was a mad rush for a narrow stairway leading into Tenth street. Some fell, others tripped over them, and in less than a minute there were hundreds of children and young women struggling in the passageway. Their screams could be heard for a block or more. In the excitement an alarm of fire was turned in, but before the engines arrived several of the girls rushed to the windows and jumped to the street, a distance of over 50 feet. When the firemen and policemen arrived they rushed up the stairs and begged the girls to be calm, telling them there was absolutely no danger, but the sight of them only increased the panic. Ladders were run up on the outside of the building and the employes who had climbed on the fire escapes and window ledges were quickly taken to the street. Soon the men were enabled to check the awful crush on the stairway and then the work of rescuing those who had been trampled and crushed was begun. Ambulances and patrol wagons were speedily put to use.
 While this was going on the scene about the structure was heartrending. The building is located in a section largely inhabited by Hebrews, and parents and relatives of the unfortunate girls were screaming and rushing about the streets like mad.
 At nearly every window of the structure were girls crying for help. In half an hour, however, the panic was over. It was some time before an intelligent idea of the disaster could be had and it was three hours after the accident occurred before a single victim was identified.

TREATY RELATIONS.
 Senate Foreign Affairs Committee Report the Reciprocity Treaty.
 WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—The senate committee on foreign relations today agreed to report favorably on the reciprocity treaties before the committee except the treaty with Argentina and the treaty with Great Britain pertaining to Jamaica, which the committee decided to report adversely.
 The treaties on which favorable reports were read are those between the United States and France, Nicaragua, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic, and four with Great Britain, covering Bermuda, Barbadoes, British Guiana and Turks and Caicos Islands. All the treaties upon which favorable reports were made are to be amended in accordance with a previous agreement by adding the following provision: "The treaty shall not take effect until the same shall have been approved by congress."
 The effect of this addition is to require the house of representatives, as well as the senate, to act upon the treaties before they become effective. The defeat of the treaty with the Argentine Republic was due largely to the fact that large quantities of wool are produced in that country, while the opposition to the Jamaican treaty was largely on account of citrus fruits and sugar.

LOSS OF TWO BARGES.

Young Boy Drowned Before His Parents' Eyes.
 NEW YORK, April 30.—Captain George Milliken, of the towboat Volunteer, reported the loss of two barges, the Henry Hughes and the Baxter, to the local steamboat inspectors today. Captain Milliken started to tow the vessels from Jersey City, to Portland, Conn., Tuesday morning. On board the Hughes were Captain Joseph Mitchell, his wife, his eight-year-old son and five-year-old daughter. On the Baxter was Joseph Symons, Milliken says that he was informed that there was also a woman on this barge, but he could not verify this. When the tow entered the Sound heavy weather was encountered, and soon it came to blow a gale. Milliken tried to put into Bridgeport. As he came about the Baxter was swung into the trough of the sea and foundered. The captain of the Baxter cut his tow line when he found he was being swamped, but before the Volunteer could get back to him his barge sank. The line from the Baxter to the Hughes was also cut and when the tug reached her she was half full of water.
 Mrs. Mitchell passed her five-year-old daughter into the arms of sailors on the Volunteer. She was rescued, but before the captain could pass the boy aboard she veered off and the lad fell into the water and was drowned before the parents' eyes. Mitchell saved himself by leaping from the deck of the barge to that of the tug.

CORNER STONE LAID.

KINGSTON, Ont., April 30.—The corner stone of the new building at Queens University was laid today by Hon. R. Harcourt and Sir Sanford Fleming.

PRINCESS RADZIWILL.

Sentenced to Two Years in House of Correction.
 CAPE TOWN, April 30.—At the hearing of the Radziwill case today the attorney-general made a long address, in which he cautioned the jury against being mystified by the telegrams from "Halbrained individuals like Wm. T. Matthews and others," and reputedly incriminating documents which were merely "the ordinary argument of a blackmailer." He said further: "Nothing could be more gross and treacherous than the prisoner's behavior throughout." He appealed to the jury to arrive at a verdict on the evidence, which would rid society temporarily, at least, "of a cruel and dangerous woman."
 In summing up the chief justice said there was not a suggestion throughout the correspondence that Mrs. Shultz had given the prisoner the bills as alleged. This was important, he said, because if the jury found the accused guilty they must convict her, but, if satisfied she had used the name of the late Cecil Rhodes fraudulently they must convict her. The contention of the defence that no one had suffered in consequence of the forgeries, he declared, was untenable. He urged the jury to disregard the prisoner's noble birth and antecedents and to decide the case according to strict justice.
 After a brief retirement the jury brought in a verdict of guilty on all the counts.
 The chief justice then addressed the prisoner. He referred to her birth, her education and her position in society. He deplored the dark features of her case, namely, the attempt to incriminate the innocent Mrs. Shultz and the bribing of a boy in the employ of the postoffice to forge a letter in the name of the late Cecil Rhodes. He urged her to perform her duty and to be confined for two years in the House of Correction or any other place the governor was pleased to appoint. The prisoner bowed her head and received her sentence calmly. During the address by the attorney-general the Princess Radziwill drummed angrily on the desk with her fingers and was continually engaged in writing notes and tearing them up.
 Counsel for the defence in addressing the jury hinted at a fraudulent intent on the part of his client and dwelt on the unrevealed mysteries behind the case. He appealed to the jury on the ground that nobody had suffered by the frauds and said that the verdict of guilty princess to be equivalent to hanging the every door in Europe would be closed against her in the future.

BUDGET DISCUSSION.

Justice Irving's Decision—Dissolves V. V. & E. Railway Injunction.
 VICTORIA, B. C., April 30.—The debate on the budget in the provincial legislature was continued until 10 o'clock this morning, the members of the opposition talking against time to prevent the house going into committee of supply. They were successful in defeating the objection of the government, which was to rush through the debate. The debate had not been concluded when the house adjourned, and this afternoon's session was devoted to the consideration of private bills. The budget debate will be continued tomorrow.
 The injunction granted the Kettle Valley Railway and the attorney-general of the province restraining the V. V. & E. Railway Co., the name under which the Great Northern is known in the province, from continuing work on the line in the Boundary district, was today dissolved by Mr. Justice Irving, who held that the attorney-general had no right to bring the action, as the proposed road had been declared by the Dominion government to be one in the general interest of the Dominion.
 Captain Francis, formerly of Seattle, with associates, has chartered the schooner Kalmieny and will operate her on the harbor banks off Cape Flattery. The hallbut will be shipped from Victoria to the eastern markets. Much higher rates have been offered for salmon and herring, and the fishery is being worked on a large scale. Three ships have been chartered to carry this year's pack to Europe. The Artemus is to receive 35 shillings, the Cambria Hills 34 shillings and the Marion Woodside 32 shillings and six pence.

YOUNG SHARPE'S CASE.

Magistrate Refused to Accept the Verdict of Acquittal.
 KINGSTON, Ont., April 30.—When Eric Sharpe, the young boy who shot and killed the Dominice Holland, was arraigned before the magistrate today, the latter refused to accept the verdict of accidental homicide rendered by a coroner's jury. Young Sharpe's counsel was not prepared to plead and the case was adjourned until Friday.

JEWELRY FIRM FAILS.

Firm Said to Have Done Business of \$1,000,000 a Year.
 CHICAGO, Ill., April 30.—The wholesale jewelry firm of Moore & Evans, one of the largest in the west, was placed in the hands of a receiver today. A statement of liabilities and assets is being prepared, but it will take some time. The firm is said to have done a business of \$1,000,000 a year.

END OF THIRD TRIAL.

Sergeants Marten and Heckel Are Finally Acquitted.
 BERLIN, April 30.—At the end of the third trial of the court-martial at Gumbinnen today of Sergeants Heckel and Marten, charged with murdering Krosink of the Prussian cavalry and with mutiny, a verdict of acquittal was rendered in the case of both prisoners.

WANTS TO BACK OUT.

QUEBEC, April 30.—A telegram was received from Private Saucer of this city, now at Halifax with the fourth contingent, by Mayor Parent, in which Saucer asks that efforts be made to secure his discharge. Saucer says his health is too bad to go to South Africa.

YUKON GOLD.

Royalty on Yukon Gold Is Reduced to 2 1/2 Per Cent.
 (Special to the Miner.)
 VICTORIA, B. C., April 30.—An Ottawa special says: At the cabinet meeting today it was decided to reduce the royalty on Yukon gold to two and one half per cent.

McBRIDE'S FEAT.

Spoke for From Eight to Nine Hours in the House.
 (Special to the Miner.)
 VICTORIA, B. C., April 30.—A remarkable session of the house was brought to a close this morning at 9:30 when Martin moved an adjournment of the debate on the budget which had been in progress from 8:30 the previous evening. The government last night insisted that the opposition should complete the debate on the budget and allow the house into the supply before the house rose.
 Oliver, one of the opposition speakers, declared that this was scandalous and brutal on the part of the government, and insisted that it was an attempt to burk the discussion on the whole subject.
 The opposition declared that, as a protest, they would talk out the session.
 McBride accordingly started in shortly after midnight in speeches against time, while the opposition members fortified themselves with voluminous documents to take it up when he became exhausted. Twice during the night the opposition called a truce and urged the government to consent to an adjournment.
 Debates on these and on other points of order consumed perhaps two hours.
 Martin, who engineered the whole thing, refused to accede, saying the estimates and must take the consequences, and should not ask for quarter.
 McBride's achievement was a surprise to his friends and supporters, as he kept up an address for from eight to nine hours with few intermissions. The opposition kept him supplied with gin fizzes, throat lozenges, etc. The government was obliged to keep a large section of their following in the room to maintain a quorum, as the opposition once left the room, with the exception of McBride, and left the house without a quorum.
 On the conclusion of McBride's speech Martin himself moved an adjournment of the debate, as the opposition had material to prolong matters past endurance.
 The opposition was flushed with victory.

LORD BERESFORD, M. P.

Returned Unopposed to Parliament for Woolwich District.
 LONDON, April 30.—Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford (Conservative) was returned unopposed to parliament today for the Woolwich district.
 The Morning Post welcomes the re-entry into parliament of Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford at a time when a great disaster is threatening, the paper referring to the shipping combination.
 It says that half a dozen such transactions may end Great Britain's proud pre-eminence as the world's carrier. Such a change would be the beginning of the end, for losing her place as the first sea power Great Britain could hardly hold her empire.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Nelson Asks for an Adjustment of the Present Tariff.
 (Special to the Miner.)
 NELSON, B. C., April 30.—The citizens of Nelson held a public meeting tonight and passed resolutions urging upon the Dominion government the necessity of adjusting the tariff in order to permit British Columbia's lead miners to compete with the world's markets. In view of the reports from Ottawa that no tariff changes will be made this year—the meeting passed an additional resolution urging that temporary relief be granted in the interval by making the bounty on Canadian lead refined in Canada \$10 per ton for the first year, the maximum expenditures to be \$100,000 in any one year as provided in the original grant.

SMITH COURT-MARTIAL.

Order to Poison Natives' Spears Was Made by Lucban.
 MANILA, April 30.—Lieutenant G. H. Shields, jr., aide de camp of General Jacob H. Smith, testified at today's session of the court-martial which is trying the general. The lieutenant said he knew well the signature of Lucban, the insurgent leader. The order to poison the natives' spears was undoubtedly signed by Lucban. The witness also said that Lucban confessed to him that he was the author of the proclamation setting forth that German warships were bombarding Vigan, and that the Filipino navy was blockading it, which was issued to encourage the Filipinos. The defence then rested its case and the court adjourned until Saturday.

APPARENT CORPSE.

EVERETT, Wash., April 30.—A strange case occurred in Riverside on Thursday night, when Daniel S. Cain to all appearances passed from life. The body was prepared for burial five hours later Cain revived, and sitting up in bed, sang songs of thanksgiving. He remained alive until 8 o'clock yesterday morning, when death came. During the past six months he had suffered from heart disease.

WILL BE EXANGED.

Balschaef, the Russian Assassin, Will Pay the Penalty May 3.
 ST. PETERSBURG, April 30.—Balschaef, the man who assassinated M. Sklagine, the Russian minister of the interior, April 15th, has been sentenced to death. He will be hanged May 3rd.

A BIG INCREASE.

MONTREAL, April 30.—Customs receipts for the port of Montreal show an increase of \$116,000 in April as compared with the same month last year.

ALIEN LABOR ACT.

TORONTO, May 1.—It is probable that proceedings will be taken under the Alien Labor Act against a manufacturer of jewelry in this city, which, it is alleged, is endeavoring to import labor from the United States to take the places of the strikers.

ROILING IN RUSSIA.

Sugar Refineries Have Suffered—Land Taken by Peasants.
 ST. PETERSBURG, April 30.—The seriousness of the situation in South Russia is apparent, from the fact that Dragominoff, governor general of Kieff, Pocaroff, vice-director of the department of police, and other officials have joined Yvon Pehl, the minister of interior at Kharkoff.
 The Vorenj sugar refineries have especially suffered from the outbreak, during which the Duke of Oldebourg's estate was dismantled. It now develops that the agitators who are chiefly responsible for the spread of the revolutionary movement among the Hungarian peasants used a curious political canard to bring the former serfs and the landowners into collision. A rumor was industriously circulated that the czar had ordered the lands of the nobles to be divided among the emancipated serfs. The peasants thereupon formed committees, which waited on the land owners and ordered them to vacate the land withheld from the peasants, and proceeded to distribute the noblemen from 15 to 20 acres each. The proceedings, which were orderly, were conducted with the utmost gravity, until the authorities interfered. Thereafter there was riot, arson and devastation.
 In military circles it is believed that the army manoeuvres which have been planned to take place in Creil and Koursk cannot occur owing to the disturbed condition of these districts.

SLOCAN'S NEW MAYOR.

Seven Men Enlisted for the Fourth Contingent.
 (Special to the Miner.)
 SLOCAN, B. C., April 30.—Much interest and excitement has been aroused over the election held today for the appointment of a mayor to take the place of R. A. Bradshaw, who resigned at the request of the postoffice authorities and whose election was also protested, but the protest withdrawn. A. York, the defeated candidate at the previous election, was again before the public, his opponent this time being John Bull. The result was a victory for Mr. York by a majority of 17.
 Seven young men enlisted here in the fourth contingent for service in South Africa. They are Henry A. Cleve, John P. Aitchison, Robert Cooper, John A. York, W. Paul Wood, William E. Weaver and Charles E. Hayes. A complimentary banquet was tendered them on Saturday evening last and the band turned out to give them a good send-off as they were leaving today for Nelson en route for the east. There were several other applicants for the honor, but for various causes they could not be accepted.
 S. Norman has secured a bond on the Black Prince from the owners of a net property. Work is to be commenced on the 1st of June, and the bond is a liberal one. The price is said to be \$65,000. The Black Prince is a very promising property at the head of Spring creek, and it will be an easy matter to connect it with the Arlington wagon road.
 The Slocan Co-operative Association has opened a store in the premises lately occupied by Jas. E. Orr, and bid fair to secure a share of the local trade. Mr. Nixon is at present in charge of the business.
 The Independent Order of Odd Fellows celebrated their 33rd anniversary on Sunday, April 27. The local lodge paraded the town headed by the Slocan brass band, and marched to the Knox Presbyterian church, where a special sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. M. D. McKee. As one of the members had volunteered for South Africa feeling reference was made to the fact by the speaker, and at the close of the service the old time parting hymn, "God Be With You," was sung by the whole congregation.

TO CHEAPEN MINING.

Smelting Costs Cut Down by New Process.
 BUTTE, Mont., May 1.—The statement is made here that a new process of smelting ores has been perfected and satisfactorily tested that will revolutionize the business. The inventor of the new process is a South Carolina man whose identity is not disclosed, but Herman C. Bellinger, a well known metallurgist and smelter man, has just returned from an examination and test of the invention, and he declares that by its use that contain but one per cent copper can be smelted at a profit. The cost of smelting is about eight cents per pound of copper.
 By the new system the ore will be smelted with the heat contained within itself and little or no fuel and very little water will be necessary. Mr. Bellinger, who was formerly chief metallurgist for F. Aug. Heinze, is now engaged in building a smelting plant of his own near Victoria on Vancouver Island, and will install the new process there.
 There is hardly any country rock in the entire Butte district that will not yield one per cent and more of copper, and the possibilities of the new method are great.

FAITH STILL STRONG.

The Danish West Indies—No Definite Action Reached Yet.
 COPENHAGEN, May 1.—The secret session of the Landsting today was not productive of definite action regarding the Danish West Indies treaty, but a vote taken at the closing of the sitting indicated a determination on the part of the majority to postpone ratification of the treaty till after a plebiscite of the islands had been taken. The vote means the rejection of the proposal of the Folketing, and necessitates a conference. The discussion is engendering intense partisan feeling in all circles, and the party whips are vigorously used to keep both sides firm. The opposition hopes to hold together long enough to force the rejection of the treaty, but the faith of the leading prosalers in its ratification is still strong.

THE WASHINGTON & NORTHERN.

Will Run Trains Into Republic Within Three Weeks.
 (Special to the Miner.)
 GRAND FORKS, B. C., May 1.—F. S. Forrest, general superintendent of the Spokane Falls & Northern, accompanied by Auditor A. M. Thomas and L. E. Shields, contractor for the construction of the Washington & Northern, returned here today from a trip to Republic. They inspected the completed and uncompleted sections between Marcus and the southern terminus. Mr. Forrest expects the rails will be laid into Republic within three weeks. In addition to his present duties he will direct the operation of the new division, and expects the time occupied in covering the trip between Spokane and Republic will not exceed seven hours.

CANADA TO BUILD DAM.

With a View to Improvement of Navigation.
 WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—The bill giving the consent of the United States to the erection by the Canadian government of a dam on the St. Lawrence river from Adams Island, Canada, to Lesgalops Island, United States, with a view to improving navigation, was favorably reported from the House Committee on Foreign Affairs today. The bill provides that the secretary of war shall pass upon the plans and see that the level of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence river shall not be materially affected.

DEATH OF H. C. RAMSEY.

DANNVILLE, May 2.—Harry C. Ramsey, of the Imperial Bank of Welland, and the oldest son of F. J. Ramsey of this city, died very suddenly at his home last evening.

THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Debates Have Been on the Far Side of Harmonious.

Matters Concerning British Columbia Are Satisfactory.

(Special Correspondence.)

HOUSE OF COMMONS, OTTAWA, May 5.—The week has been a quiet one as far as British Columbia matters have been concerned, but there has been plenty of life in the House and its debates have been on the whole on the far side of harmonious.

During the week the government brought down the papers in the Treadgold concessions showing what modifications had been made owing to the representations of the Dawson delegation. The modifications gave an increase of water to those holding locations, but continue several of what were thought to be the most objectionable features of the concessions. However, both sides profess themselves content and so it may be supposed that the matter is ended. There is one queer feature about the agreement, however, and that is that the grantees are given power to occupy any abandoned claims on the richest creeks. What on earth is to prevent their immediately sending up a gang of men to locate every claim on all these creeks, and then abandon them so that the grantees can walk in and take possession is not visible to the ordinary eye. Apparently it is as easy as falling off a log for the grantees now to obtain almost immediate possession of every claim worth anything on all the best parts of the Yukon.

In the Commons the week has been taken up with a regular personal encounter between Hon. A. G. Blair, the minister of the Interior, and Hon. John Hagart, the minister of the Interior. The latter, moved with a fine spirit of the importance of defending the rights of the people and asserting that righteousness exalteth a nation, wanted to investigate all the accounts of the Intercolonial railway from 1896 to the present day. In language vehement he set forth the disregard for the rights of man as shown in the governmental action in refusing to allow the late chief engineer of the line to be called to testify before the Public Accounts committee as to expenditure incurred since his dismissal from office. It was very beautiful to listen to the finely worded precepts that fell from the lips of Mr. Hagart as he, forgetful of his own record, ministerial and otherwise, reasoned of temperance in dealing with public monies, and of the inutility of using the national railway line as a means for furthering party ends. The more beautiful exhibition, however, was when Mr. Blair, waxing indignant over the accusations hurled at him by force of assertion as well as by implication, called Mr. Hagart a lunatic for imagining that he would allow any such investigation. Mr. Blair had been wise he would have cheerfully acceded to the invitation to allow any amount of investigation, for the proceedings before the Public Accounts committee this session have shown very clearly that the conservative investigators may have very good information as to wrong doing, and left little doubt but that there is more or less wrong doing, but have also shown that the Hagart, Kemp, Taylor statements do not amount to get any information out of the appointees and employees of this government that the ministers do not intend shall be made public. There are too many vague charges floating about in the air from Ottawa to Montreal, the headquarters of the Intercolonial railway, and all of them charging mal-administration, many of them much worse against the Hon. A. G. Blair, for any minister's reputation to be able to stand against them unless they are grasped firmly and at once. Instead of that, every effort has been made by the minister to avoid being in the House when his estimates were taken, and even his own colleagues have accused him in public places of cowardice and shirking. However, the government vote in the House supported Mr. Blair's contention and the Intercolonial accounts will probably not be investigated in the days of this regime. A singular idea of public morality was given in the Public Accounts committee during the week. A witness in the Intercolonial matters was under examination, and he swore that he had taken a large number of inferior ties from a contractor on the written order of Hon. A. G. Blair. This order, he said, was in the desk at his home, but he could get it for the committee. Then up rose Mr. Emerson, M. P., who came down prepared to attack Blair in every possible way, but has been smoothed over, and producing a note asked if that was the letter. The witness was not certain about it, but Mr. Blair said it was and was the original. The witness said Mr. Blair's note told him to take the ties; this note only ordered inspection. Whether it was the real Simon Pure or not will probably never be told, but Mr. Emerson, with quite an air of "I'm the very cleverest boy in town," told how, knowing that he could never get the note from the witness, had hired his brother to take from witness's desk and give it to him without the owner's knowledge. Mr. Emerson, though a lawyer, seems to be above the petty scruples of honesty which actuate ordinary citizens and gentlemen, and to forget that the "reel" thing is as bad as the "steal." The funniest thing was to see a man, presumably an honorable member, boasting of such a piece of rascally chicanery.

Sydney Fisher, the man from Brome, as he calls himself, and at present minister of agriculture, is having his own troubles over the census. Not only has

the whole thing been grievously mismanaged, but a very large amount has been spent in ways directly opposed to the purpose for which it was voted by parliament and for which Mr. Fisher is now called to account. A French Canadian who has been Mr. Beta Nore ever since he was appointed by Mr. Tarte to a position in Mr. Fisher's office, conceived the bright idea that as Quebec only showed enough increase to be natural, the census of 1891 had been stuffed, and led Mr. Fisher away into that by-path. Against the vote of the House, against the ordinary precautions of honesty, Mr. Fisher allowed himself to be induced to spend over \$13,000 of money voted to take the census of 1891, in order to investigate that of ten years ago. He has promised to bring down the papers showing exactly how much had been misappropriated, but he has done the very thing that Sir John Thompson years ago threatened to attain Sir John Carling for having done and which led to the immediate retirement of Sir John from the department of agriculture.

The Ontario elections are coming on and are taking much attention. It seems very unlikely that Mr. Ross, the present premier, can be unseated, and it would be almost a pity to put any half decent administrator out for the sake of experimenting with such material as J. Pliny Whitney and Col. Matheson. Ontario is fairly common sense, and it is almost certain that the government will go back with a working majority. The end of the session is drawing nigh, and it is probable that prorogation will take place somewhere between the 15th and the 24th of May. Then there will be a general exit of ministers and others to England.

A LIST OF OFFICERS

THOSE FOR THE WESTERN REGIMENT OF THE FOURTH CONTINGENT.

IN THE HOUSE EARLE RECOMMENDED AN ASSAY OFFICE FOR DAWSON.

(Special to the Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., May 5.—In the Ottawa house today Earle recommended an assay office for Dawson and Sir John said he concurred very largely in the same view.

The United Gold Fields of British Columbia was represented by the senate railway committee Friday. The exchequer court's findings in the claim of MacKenzie and Mann against the Dominion government has been given out, finding awards to MacKenzie and Mann for losses sustained in connection with the agreement to build the Stikine River & Teslin railway in the Yukon district, the sum being \$327,673, along with \$330 costs. This case was referred to the exchequer court by authority of an order-in-council, dated November 30, 1901, setting forth that the minister of justice had recommended the payment of certain claims along with the costs. The court examined the claims and brought in the above finding. Mr. Tarte said in the house today that the total cost of the Yukon telegraph line was \$736,224.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

A full list of officers for South Africa for the fourth contingent has been sent forward to the war office. Those for the western regiment, that is, the Fifth regiment, are: In command, Lt. Col. A. C. MacDonnell, D. S. O., N. W. M. P.; second in command, Major E. A. C. Hosmer, C. M. R., adjutant; Captain Darcy E. Stockland, inspector, N. W. M. P.; quartermaster, Lieut. Chas. Raven, staff sergeant, N. W. M. P.; medical officer, Sureon Captain J. M. Jorie; veterinary officer, V. T. Captain Adam McMillan, late veterinary Strathcona Horse; captains, Chas. Rogers, Third Dragoons; F. J. Clark, Canadian Mounted Rifles; A. W. Strange, R. O.; N. P. Bagley, late sergeant major, N. W. M. P.; Lieutenants, T. L. Startley, Ninetieth; T. Brown, Nelson rifle company; H. R. Page, Ninetieth; C. B. Wormop, Sixth Duke of Connaught Rifles; Pertinax Standley, late lieutenant Ninetieth; H. H. Nash, late N. W. M. P.; Lewis Hooper, staff sergeant, N. W. M. P.; Frank Buckland Hardy, sergeant, N. W. M. P.; Arthur Stopford Purvis, ex-corporal, N. W. M. P.; J. C. De Balinhard, sergeant Royal Canadian Dragoons; J. H. Herriott, corporal Canadian Mounted Rifles; J. F. Crean, late corporal Robert's Horse; A. Vernon, late private Strathcona Horse; J. H. Irving, late private Royal Canadian Dragoons; John Beresford, sergeant, late private C. M. R.; Chas. Tomlinson, late private Royal Canadian Regiment.

MORE PROTECTION.

Rossland is to have more fire protection, the fire, water and light committee having been authorized by the city council to purchase four additional hydrants and valves.

RETURNED.

Ex-Alderman John Hoesen, mining recorder, returned yesterday from the Coast with Mrs. Hoesen, after an absence of a month. While at the coast Mr. Hoesen underwent a severe operation, from which he has made a perfect recovery. He will resume his post at the court house today, the duties of the position having been courteously discharged during his absence by Mr. Job, chief clerk.

ADJOURNED.

The litigation between the Centre Star and War Eagle Mining companies and the B. C. Southern railway (Trail smelter) agent water rights in the creeks to the north of the city, was to have been taken up at the court house Wednesday, but an adjournment has been taken for a week to permit A. H. MacNair, K. C., counsel for the railroad company, to attend the assize sittings in Nelson. A. C. Galt is representing the mining companies in the matter.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

It Seems Probable Government Will Live the Session.

Railway Measures, Fisheries Bill, Estimates in Doubt.

(Special Correspondence.)

VICTORIA, May 3.—In a house like that which represents British Columbia, where defections from government and opposition ranks are anticipated as regularly as the recurrences of the seasons, it could scarcely be expected that such a small organization as the Martinite party would escape contagion. Mr. Martin, at the beginning of the session had four loyal supporters, namely, Stables of Cassiar, Gilmore of Vancouver, McInnes of North Nanaimo and Oliver of Delats. The latter was not a thick and thin lieutenant of Mr. Martin, but he shared his political views, and his natural affiliations were with the men under whose aegis he entered public life in this country.

Today, whoever Mr. Oliver is supporting, he can no longer be classed as a Martinite. He no longer attends the caucus of that section, and has demonstrated that his path in future will be uninfluenced by the wishes of anyone in the present house. For some time Mr. Oliver has been very sore toward the government to whom the Martinites give their support, but, like Mr. Curtis at the last session, he was doubtless reassured by the protestations of Mr. Martin that everything was all right. His course during the last two weeks has, however, been entirely independent of his former leader.

At the same time, Mr. Oliver cannot be reckoned on as a member of the present opposition. He has made it clear that he will follow Mr. McBride, who opposed him in his first election, and whom he accuses of not giving him proper consideration when minister of mines. Neither does he sympathize with Mr. Curtis. He is probably nearer to Mr. Hawthornwaite, the labor representative, than to any other member of the house.

It seems probable that the government, in spite of the defections from them, will live through the session, though it is open to grave question whether they will be able to bring down their railway measures, their fisheries bill, and also complete the estimates. The opposition have intimated that as a protest against the government's failure to fill the North Victoria seat they will fight the estimates, and although the government scoffed the idea of their being able to scold the public business in that way, the first test of forcing the matter last night showed to what an extent the opposition can delay matters if they so desire. In view of the fact that the premier wishes to get away to the coast on the 10th of May, and that the government have a very narrow majority even with his vote, it would appear that the government must drop some of their legislation.

They will undoubtedly do so rather than face defeat. The opposition, even were they to defeat the government, could scarcely carry on government satisfactorily, while the fact that they have been able to force the fight during the latter part of the session will give them greater prestige with the government.

TRAGEDY IN ALASKA.

Whisky Is the Cause of Six Persons Being Drowned.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 5.—Advices were brought by the steamer Princess May from the north of a tragedy near Petersburg on Douglas Island. Thomas Johnson, a white man, who was living with a family of Indians named Hansens, had taken up with the daughter of the Hansens and paid her father \$100 for her. He went to the store at Petersburg and got whisky for the Indians and all became drunk and fought. During the fight they burned the camp, and as the camp burned the river, in another canoe and they fought again, both canoes being upset and all were drowned. The victims were Thos. Johnson and George Hansen, wife and daughter.

News was also brought that the Unuk river expedition came to grief at a point about 20 miles above the mouth of that stream, owing to the wearing out of some part of the towing outfit, which will have to be replaced before a further advance can be made. The Unuk River Mining, Smelting & Transportation Co. last year took the silver, some gold and silver properties in British Columbia on the Unuk river, and shipped the machinery for a five-stamp mill and a small smelting or matting plant to the head of Burroughs Bay, thence to be towed up the river to its division on light draft flat boats especially constructed for the purpose. The difficulties were so many and the machinery was hung up.

BUDGET IN THE TROUBLES.

(Special to the Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., May 5.—The house was on the budget all day, Curtis, Munro, Taylor and E. C. Smith speaking. The railway bill comes down tonight.

METAL MARKETS.

LONDON, May 5.—Lead £11 12s 6d. NEW YORK, May 5.—Bar silver, 50¢-51¢; Mexican dollars, 41¢. Copper irregular. Lead quiet.

FAILURES ON WALL STREET.

Three Firms Suspend—Liabilities From \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

NEW YORK, May 5.—The Stock Exchange firms of Offenbach & Moore, Henry Bros. & Co., and Lockwood Hurd & Co. announced their suspension in the order named at the opening of the market today. The amount of their joint liabilities is variously estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000, that of their assets is unknown. In the opinion of good judges a goodly portion are of doubtful value.

Two of the insolvent firms announced that they hoped to settle in full and resume. No very definite statement was forthcoming from the parties most interested.

MARKET SERIOUSLY AFFECTED.

The day closed with the usual rumors of more failures, criminal prosecutions and the like. The solvency of several financial institutions of standing was brought into question, but for such rumors there appeared to be absolutely no foundation.

The market was seriously affected by the three failures. Stocks broke heavily at the outset, with slow recoveries, but the closing was fairly steady. Call money opened at 10 per cent, rose as high as 20 per cent and closed at 5 per cent. Most of the leading banks and trust companies in the financial district made large loans during the day after not a few of them had called a number of loans to husband their resources in the early hours of the market. The failures were due to last week's serious decline in a number of industrial stocks, beginning with the slump in international power, which was followed by the collapse of the so-called Webb-Meyer securities on Friday. Two of this group, Rutland Railway preferred, and St. Lawrence and Adirondack, are regularly listed on the Stock Exchange. The others, including Dominion Securities, Hackensack Meadows, North America Lumber & Pulp Storage Power are, or rather were, more or less extensively dealt in on the curb.

OFFENBACH & MOORE, ALTHOUGH SUSPENDED FROM THE PRIVILEGES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE, HAVE NOT REALLY ASSIGNED. MR. MOORE SAID THAT THEIR EMBARRASSMENT WOULD BE ONLY TEMPORARY.

Arthur T. Meyer arrived at the offices of the Hackensack Meadows Co. early in the afternoon. He had just left with a conference with Dr. Webb and Mr. Curtis. The conference after noon there were conferences between Mr. Meyer and his associates. Among those at the conference was Creighton Webb, a brother of Dr. Webb. Mr. Webb declined absolutely to discuss the situation. The conference was continued until early in the evening, when all the persons interested went up town. It was said that Dr. Webb and Mr. Meyer might issue statements later. A leading official of the Webb company and the Hackensack Meadows Co., of which Mr. Meyer is a leading spirit, and with which Dr. Webb is said to have absolutely no connection, said that the condition of these concerns was fairly good, that though he admitted that they had probably received a black eye, for a time at least, there was no justification, this official said, for the report that any of these companies would be forced into receivership. The same official announced at the close of the conference between Mr. Meyer and Creighton Webb, that things were shaping for a favorable solution of the situation and he intimated that any money these companies would be forthcoming.

WILL NOT HURT CANADA.

Steamship Combine Will Help the Canadian Line.

TORONTO, May 5.—The Evening Telegram's special cable says: "Lord Rosell was interviewed by the Daily Mail, and said in his opinion the proposed steamboat combination would not materially hurt Canada. It would help to secure the establishment of the Canadian Government Line of steamships, a line that would embrace vessels superior even to the ocean greyhounds of which Germany at present boasts. His Lordship said he hoped for great results from the forthcoming meeting of the colonial premiers, and believed that the issues to be discussed would tend to the realization of the colonial dream of Imperial federation."

AGAINST CANADA BEEF.

LONDON, May 5.—In arguing a question in the house of commons today, suggesting the desirability of augmenting the food supply in view of the present prospective short supplies of beef, the president of the board of agricultural supplies, R. W. Hanbury, said that the government could not remove the restrictions placed upon the importation of Canada cold storage cattle, but possibly Argentine beasts might be permitted on the same condition as cattle from the United States. Mr. Hanbury added that he was awaiting information on the subject from the Argentine government.

TWO MEN KILLED.

Lee Gilbert, a Negro, Shot to Death by Officers.

BLANCHARD, La., May 6.—Two men were killed and another badly injured here late today as a result of a fight between negroes. A difficulty arose between Lee Gilbert and Jim Durden, both negroes. Gilbert fired several shots at Durden while the latter was in a crowd of white men. Durden received a fatal wound in the breast. One ball from Gilbert's gun went astray, killing Thomas Showers, a white man. Gilbert resisted arrest and was shot to death by the officers. All is quiet tonight.

PRICE BAKING POWDER CO., CHICAGO.

NOTE.—Avoid baking powders made from alum. They look like pure powders, and may raise the cake, but alum is a poison and no one can eat food mixed with it without injury to health.

THE QUEEN WILHELMINA MR. RHODES' LAST WILL

Telegrams Continue to Meeting of the Executors Held in London Yesterday.

Pour in From Notable Persons. Both the Heir Apparent and Presumptive Are Germans. Private Bequests Were Small, Mostly to Old Servants.

THE HAGUE, May 5.—Telegrams this evening continue to pour in from royal and other notable personages beginning information as to the condition of Queen Wilhelmina and expressing the most sincere sympathy with her majesty.

BERLIN, May 5.—The illness of Queen Wilhelmina is watched with special interest in Germany, because both the heir apparent and the heir presumptive to the Dutch throne are Germans. Under the law of succession in Holland, which was adopted in 1844, the ruling grand duke of the Grand Duchy of Saxe-Weimar, William Ernest, inherits the crown in the event of Queen Wilhelmina dying without issue. It is regarded as certain that he would renounce it, however, preferring to remain the reigning grand duke of the Grand Duchy which is intimately associated with Germany's great historical and literary past. Next to come to the Dutch throne is Prince Henry XXII, of the youngest branch of the Rousa family. He is 24 years of age and a lieutenant in the German army. He is now stationed at Kiel.

LATEST REPORT.

THE HAGUE, May 5.—The evening passed quietly at Loo Palace, but Drs. Roessing and Pot have remained at the queen's bedside. Baron Clifford, master of the queen's household, said tonight: "Her majesty's fever has not increased, and we are quietly and hopefully awaiting the results of a good night's rest for the queen. There is no cause for immediate despondence."

At 10 o'clock her majesty was reported to be sleeping quietly, and at that hour her condition was unchanged. It is known that her majesty's condition remains precarious, and that everything depends upon the strength of her constitution. There is reasonable hope for her recovery, however, provided hemorrhage is averted.

It is now said that her majesty's doctors, being no longer embarrassed by complications in their patient's condition, will be able to adopt more efficient means in treating typhoid.

SAILORS DISORDERLY.

Bottles and Glasses Were Thrown About—Four Arrested.

LONDON, May 7.—In a dispatch from Rome the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says that sailors from the United States cruiser Chicago have indulged in disorderly behavior in a cafe at Trieste. Bottles and glasses were thrown about, the correspondent says, and four of the Chicago's men were arrested.

The Chicago left Venice May 2nd for Trieste.

In a dispatch from Rome the correspondent of the Daily Express reports that one man was wounded as a result of the disorderly conduct of the four sailors from the cruiser Chicago at Trieste. The men arrested were handed over to Captain Dayton of the Chicago, the correspondent continues. He paid all the claims for damages against the sailors.

EASTERN BASEBALL.

American. Boston—Boston, 5; Baltimore, 4. Philadelphia—Washington, 0; Philadelphia, 11. Worcester—Worcester, 6; Jersey City, 5. Providence—Providence, 9; Newark, 3. Cleveland—Cleveland, 3; Chicago, 1. Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 2; Pittsburgh, 6.

Per Y... IN FA... Last Year... Store... Three a... Bush... WINNIPEG from outside quantity of store by Ma greatly over have been m ports rapidly and it is now a half the farmers' below the com spring move placed at six Seeding operi swing through WA... Agreement by P. R. a... MONTREAL representing Canadian Pa for the last a number of and Mr. Nico of wages ask been thoroughl understanding rules. The have not, how on the rate o pany has th questions in d The telegra mum wages to to \$3 per mo Another coo vacations be questions have cles in the w did not seem tion was sug While the n committee ha themselves, it will agree to... BAD FE... Stockholders President... CHATHAM, feeling which b between the d of the stock Blander Twine c urday, when a holders forcibly from the chair number in his very lively fe of the compan the meeting... JUDGE MORE... Refused to Af Pro... TORONTO, son of Newfoi fused to affir was to be ree lead the pro- Newfoundland, to Canada is t the feeling in t federation. He being drawn b wards union w... HON. R... Dominion Boar Ju... TORONTO, M. Wells, K. C is dead. He ha years. A brot C. He sat ten and represent Commons from er of the Ont 1880. Acceptance o Dominion Boa June 5 and 6, the boards of Orilla, Gaspe, WILL... Forces Will B Govern... CAPE HAT... trict is regar take up arms forces from he Nord, the go will support dacy. All the ern departmen of the country... GOVERN... Division Was Men... VICTORIA, emment appli budget debate been on for se committee on vision was 20 government, members turn