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A BIG CONVENTION

An Effort Will Be Made to Unite All B. C. Reform Forces.

TO TAKE POLITICAL ACTION

The Formation and Permanency of a Strong Third Party is Now Almost a Certainty.

THE PLATFORM SHOULD BE O. K.

The most important epoch ever recorded in the history of the labor movement in this province follows these lines. Year after year such a line of action has been individually mooted and sought after; but not until now has any real tangible step in the great progressive social reform movement been taken. True, this province has evidenced its readiness for the formation of such a party, and already enjoys representation thru a couple of members in the local house, but the convention here called in the real beginning of what is to come. We reproduce the call in full:

YMIR, B. C., March 17th, 1902.—Greeting: The question of political action being taken on the part of organized labor with a view to securing a more substantial and satisfactory representation of labor interests, in the legislature assembly of our province, and in the parliament of Canada, is a principle that has received careful consideration and thorough discussion at the hands of local unions affiliated with our District Association.

The decision has been arrived at, that before any such step so important in its nature, and so far reaching in its effect, can be taken with any degree of confidence and propriety, it is absolutely essential that the various Labor Unions and Reform Organizations thruout the province, should be by some means brought together in the closest possible touch, both in sentiment and action.

It is self evident that the only effective means we can adopt, in order to ascertain the views of those interested, and to reach sound conclusions upon the subject, is through the medium of a general provincial convention, at some suitable and centrally located point.

The executive officers of this association have received instructions from the local unions affiliated therewith, to assume the initiative in this matter, and we therefore do hereby issue a call for a convention (for political purposes), of Delegates from all Trades and Labor Unions, Single Tax Associations, Socialist bodies and other reform organizations in the province whose aim is to improve the social condition of the people of Canada by the ballot.

Said convention will be held at Kamloops, B. C., and will be called to order at 10 a. m. on Monday, April 14th, 1902.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Central bodies such as Trades and Labor Councils, District or Provincial Associations of Single Tax, Socialist, Labor, or other reform bodies, composed of 100 delegates or less, shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for each additional majority fractional part thereof.

Subordinate or Local Trades and Labor Unions, Single Tax, Socialist or other reform organizations with a membership of 100 members or less, shall be entitled to one delegate, and one additional delegate for each additional majority fractional part thereof.

Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote in the convention, and in no case shall any delegate have the right, or be allowed to vote any proxy votes.

Two or more organizations entitled to representation at this convention, whose aggregate membership does not exceed 100 members, may combine together and have the right to be represented by one delegate who shall have but one vote.

Delegates must exercise care and see that their credentials are properly drawn up, and in such a manner as to show the membership of the organization or organizations they represent.

Objects of the convention are as follows:

1. To unite and harmonize all organizations and reform bodies in the province together for purposes of political action.

2. To adopt a provincial platform and promulgate a policy for the guidance of organized labor and other reform bodies in future political campaigns.

3. To do any or all other things which in the judgment of the convention will in any way protect or promote the interests of those represented.

Reduced railway rates.—By special arrangement with the C. P. R. Co., we have been able to secure the following reduced rates for the return trip. If fifteen delegates attend the convention one and one-third (1⅓) fare will be charged for the round trip. If fifty delegates or more are in attendance a single fare will be allowed for the round trip.

Delegates must not fail to take a receipt from the local ticket agent of the C. P. R. Co., when leaving their homes to attend the convention at Kamloops, B. C. If delegates fail to present this receipt to the secretary of the convention, they are liable to lose the benefits of the special rates.

We have selected Kamloops on account of its central location, in order that all organizations might have an equal opportunity to be represented; and we trust that this will be appreciated in a practical manner, i e; that all organizations will send the full quota of delegates to which they are entitled.

It is unnecessary too for us to dwell at any further length upon the importance of this convention to organized labor, and other reformers. We can only add in conclusion, we trust that every organization will assist in every way possible to make this convention a success in every particular, and that its deliberations may result in the adoption of a policy, which, when carried into practical effect, will produce much benefit and bring prosperity and happiness to the working people of our beloved province.

Fraternally yours.
JAMES WILKS,
President, Nelson.
RUPERT BULMER,
Vice-President, Rossland.
ALFRED PARE,
Sec'y-Treasurer, Ymir.

(All reform bodies who may not receive the foregoing circular-letter thru the mail will kindly consider this as an invitation to join in the movement. The addresses of all organizations entitled to recognition cannot be obtained.—ED.)

TRIUNE OPTION TO BE TAKEN UP

R. H. Battey of Minneapolis, Thinks There Will Be Lots of Minnesota and Iowa Money Spent Here This Season.

R. H. Battey of Minneapolis arrived in the Lardeau capital on Saturday last, and left again on Tuesday's stage. Mr. Battey is interested in the Metropolitan Co., and also in the Vulcan furnace project, here. He says that at the former company's annual meeting of directors, which was to be held on Tuesday last, the Triune option will be taken up, and from $10,000 to $15,000 will be arranged for to commence and carry on development work on a large scale. Mr. Battey is of the opinion that a good deal of Minnesota and Iowa money will be attracted to this camp during the coming season, as the district's resources are just beginning to be made known to them. Of the Vulcan furnace Mr. Battey had little to say, and in answer to the EAGLE'S query as to his mission here, he replied: "Oh, I'm just looking round a bit in my own interests, as I am interested in some of the properties in these hills of yours."

IN KASLO RIDING

This Camp in a New Sphere as a Result of Redistribution.

THE MAINLAND IS NOW ON TOP

Hard to Say at Present What the Effect Will be Locally, But It Certainly Looks Fair.

RAILWAY REMOVES OBJECTIONS

The long-delayed redistribution bill has at last been flashed upon the B. C. electorate. As a result there will be 42 members in the house instead of 38, and of course the mainland is now the ruling power, in numerical strength at any rate. This camp, according to the new arrangement of seats, is now in the Kaslo riding.

The Revelstoke electorial district is comprised of the following:

That tract of land contained within the following boundaries, viz:

Commencing at a point in the Canoe river ten miles north of Boat Encampment; thence southeasterly along the boundary line between East and West Kootenay districts to its intersection with the 51st parallel; thence west and southerly following the height of land forming the watershed between streams flowing into Arrow lake and streams flowing into Kootenay lake to a point in the height of land two miles north of Nakusp; thence due west to the western boundary of Kootenay district; thence north, following said western boundary of Kootenay district, to the point of commencement, shall constitute one electoral district, to be designated "Revelstoke Electoral District," and shall return one member.

Our new sphere, the Kaslo electoral district, is made up as follows:

That tract of land contained within the following boundaries:

Commencing at at a point in the eastern boundary of West Kootenay district where it intersects the 51st parallel; thence southerly following the eastern boundary of Revelstoke and Slocan electoral districts to a point one mile west of Balfour; thence east crossing Kootenay lake to the mouth of Louise creek; thence east to the eastern boundary of West Kootenay district to the point of commencement, shall constitute one electoral district, to be designated "Kaslo Electoral District," and shall return one member.

A Worthy Tribute.

Speaking of the Silver Cup deal the Rossland Miner says editorially: The sale of the Silver Cup mine, announced yesterday in a special dispatch to the Miner, is a transaction of some importance in the mining world. It may be assumed that the new owners of this well known Lardeau property will proceed actively to its more extensive development and to the free shipment of its high-grade ore. Mr. Pool has deservedly won the reputation of being a shrewd and energetic mine operator. With ample financial resources, with the improved facilities for shipment afforded by the new railway and with a mine of established high value, it would be surprising if he did not make a success of his new venture. The province in general will in all probability benefit by the name which the Silver Cup will make for itself under its new ownership. Lately it was announced that some 800 tons of ore from the mine, valued at $116,000, were stored at Trout Lake for shipment on the opening of the railway. In the past with only the most awkward and expensive means of forwarding its output, the mine has earned handsome profits. Therefore its prospects, in the much improved circumstances, ought to be extremely good. This property and the two other great mines of the same district, the Nettie L. and the Triune, should build up a splendid reputation for the Lardeau, which also possesses many others of prospective richness. It is a disagreeable illustration of the clogs on this province's progress as a mining field that so rich a district should have been left so long without proper means of transportation. Its resources have for years been known to be remarkable, yet neither public nor private enterprise came to its aid, tho the temptation would seem to have been so great. It is satisfactory to see that its disadvantages in this respect are now to be largely removed and that it will have something like a chance to develop as it should. There is much room for speculation as to why the former owners of the Silver Cup were ready to sell at a price apparently below its proved value, as is alleged, but many circumstances might arise, apart from the mine altogether, to supply them with a motive. One fact that may well be noted is the reversal of the usual process involved in the transaction. In very few cases do local men buy mines from outsiders, and the circumstances of this purchase will in the light of that fact be likely to furnish a good advertisement for the country.

Railroad Men in Town.

A party of railway construction men from the foot of Trout lake struck town yesterday, and made for the bank post haste to cash their cheques. They report that something over one hundred men are still at work on the road, one grading station being located right at Gerrard. There is very little snow, and at the present rate of progress the road will be ready for the track layers in a few weeks.

Locals With a Paystreak.

* For anything in the book or stationery line send to the Canada Drug & Book Co., Revelstoke, B. C. Mail orders receive prompt attention.

* To get acquainted with this district you should have a copy of the new and only map. Send a one dollar bill to the EAGLE and secure one at once.

* Do you want to avoid that business trip? Well, just drop into any of the offices of the Revelstoke, Trout Lake & Big Bend Telephone Co. and save time and money.

* The Ferguson quadrille club gives a dance every Thursday evening in Miners' Union hall. Secure a membership ticket from the secretary, B. U. Smith $2 a month.

* Smokers: If you want the GENUINE "Union" and "Our Special" CIGAR see that "Union Cigar Factory" is stamped in gilt letters on every box. —H. A. Brown, Revelstoke, B. C.

DEVELOPMENT ON THE ROB ROY

A New Company Has Taken It Over and Will Extensively Develop the Property This Season.

The Rob Roy Mines, Limited, is the name of a new company which has been organized by A. E. Welch of London, Canada, for the purpose of taking over and further developing the Rob Roy group of claims up the north fork, recently operated by the Scottish Canadian Mining Co. The new company has the moderate capitalization of only $120,000 in ten-cent shares, the whole being treasury stock, with no promoters shares

In offering the shares on the market the company says: "These shares are offered as a conservative investment to conservative investors, and not as a 'get-rich-quick' scheme. The investment may prove a bad one—it is always impossible to tell what may happen in mining—but with a good property in a good district, good management and a general desire on the part of the company to handle the matter in a business-like manner, we feel sure that investors will see that risk is thereby minimized."

The formation of this new company will mean new and increased activity up the north fork this season, and will assist materially in swelling Ferguson's growing pay roll and the sale of supplies, items which are now assuming considerable magnitude in this camp.

THE GARDEN CITY

A Colonization Scheme Inaugurated at Beaton.

FREE HOMES TO FIRST FIFTY

The Nucleus of What Promises to Become a Farm Product Supply Point for Our Mines.

OFFER ACCEPTED BY MANY

Beaton is the new name of Thomson's Landing, the gateway to the Lardeau and Fish Creek camps. The owners of the townsite, Messrs. Beaton and Thomson, are nothing if not progressive. Their latest move is a splendid colonization scheme which has every prospect of becoming a happy success. They have platted out 50 lots which are to be given away to homeseekers who must only agree to build a house within a limited period. And to enable the acceptors to have a good-sized garden they can secure an option of purchase on their adjoining lot at the low price of $25.

This offer was made by Beaton's merchant prince, Mr. A. G. Fraser, who is the energetic agent, last Saturday, and 8 lots have been selected already, with three dwellings now in course of erection. The others will follow suit within a month. The snow is already off the ground at Beaton, and gardening will be in order at least a month ahead of the higher planes.

There will be 45 acres of ground under cultivation this season, and if indications pan out there will be over 100 acres cleared and in use next season. At present there are 180 acres slashed.

Malcom Beaton has ordered a Smith stumping machine from Vancouver, and will take contracts, at moderate prices, of clearing the lots.

The location of Beaton is such that this colonization scheme can scarcely be a failure. And when it is considered that there has already been some 190 acres of land homesteaded right around Beaton the chances are the surrounding mining camps will hereafter be largely supplied with farm produce from that quarter, an item of expense which hitherto went out of the country and became a constant drain upon this district. Not only will the freight be saved, but it is claimed by those who should know that a superior vegetable can be raised in the northeast Arm valley.

The liberal offer made by the Beaton owners holds good until the fifty lots are disposed of. And the EAGLE has no doubt but a thriving and prosperous community of homes will accrue as a result of this novel colonization scheme.

The project is certainly a striking relief from the average "townsite" which has sprung up here and there thruout the Kootenays, and the result will be watched with interest by more than those who avail themselves of such an opportunity to acquire a home in a good fertile location, in close proximity to boat and rail transportation and at the very door of the Fish creek and Lardeau mining camps.

Why the Difference, If Any?

Mr. Taylor has asked the Hon. the chief commissioner of lands and works the following questions:

1. What was the rate of wages paid to foremen, laborers and rockmen, respectively, on government roads and trails in the Revelstoke riding during last season?

2. What was the rate of wages paid to foreman, laborers and rockmen, respectively on government roads and trails in the Slocan riding during last season?

3. If any difference in rates of wages in Slocan and Revelstoke ridings, why?

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UNION LABEL

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1902.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

With this issue my connection with the LARDEAU EAGLE ceases. I have leased, with an option of purchase, the entire business to Mr. Alfred Pelkey of Montana, who will take possession on April 1st, for a period of one year. Mr. Pelkey is an experienced printer and publisher and should receive every encouragement in this promising and growing camp. I intend to take up my residence in Vancouver, B. C., where all personal correspondence should be addressed hereafter. All accounts up to April 1st are payable to the undersigned; after that date to Mr. Pelkey. As I may be writing a salutatory in a newspaper sphere which appeals more to my personal convictions at no distant date the retiring bow feature can be dispensed with. Thanking EAGLE patrons for their liberal patronage in the past, and hoping that a hearty support will be tendered my successor in the future, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
R. P. PETTIPIECE.

It is reported that "Editor Jewell of the Danville (Ill.) News, had his safe robbed of $60 recently." This sounds incredible.

Says the Greenwood Times: The LARDEAU EAGLE is a likely bird. It knows how to put both beak and talons into things that need tearing to pieces.

It has been said that one man could see no further into the ground than another. But that was before McCrossan's time. That "divine haunch" he is heir to beats the Slocan electrical ore finder all hollow

The day when this province will enter into industrial pursuits, and thus provide work for its citizens, may not be so far distant after all. Watch for the platform which will be adopted at Kamloops two weeks from now.

The coming labor convention in Kamloops will be attended by delegates from every union and labor organization in British Columbia. Extensive preparations are in progress, so that the true wishes of labor will be represented. As the convention will have behind it the vast majority of votes in the province its decisions will be awaited with some anxiety.—Rossland World.

"The Mongolian Question," written especially for Citizen and Country by a British Columbian, formed a leading feature of that live and progressive paper last week. The article was ably handled, and conclusively demonstrated to any fair-minded reader that as a result of the admission of Mongolians, the citizens of this province are placed in grave jeopardy. If the government operated its own industries there would be no "Mongolian Question." How many Chinamen or Japs are in the employ of our government to-day?

While the two columns of the EAGLE now devoted to the Socialist movement in B. C. may be discontinued with this issue, the retiring editor hopes to soon provide a medium for the army of workers fully devoted to the only solution of our present unjust economic system—Socialism. We can then deal with the "cause" of the many evils we see on every hand to-day without being subjected to local boycotts, etc., by those interested in a rake-off on the "effects" of a flagrant swindle. For after all, it is our competitive system that is at the root of it all. Abolish a society which creates all this vice and makes men fall down and worship the almighty dollar, and there will be no need of exposing the methods of individuals who are after profit. Profit, profit, anything for profit. The collective ownership and operation of the means of production and distribution will do the trick. And we certainly intend to do our little part in the bringing about of the next inevitable stage of our natural evolution—Socialism.

The third issue of Mr. McCrossan's B. C. Mining Bulletin is to hand. The space usually given to propagating the gospel and sale of mining stock is this time devoted to an unmanly and vicious personal attack upon the editor of the EAGLE. It is such a tissue of falsehoods and bar-room hearsay that we refuse to stoop to the level of the dregs of the sewer to notice it. Not one word of what the EAGLE has said is denied. The "poor" editor of the EAGLE is merely plastered with foul personal abuse and baseless assertions. The EAGLE editor has lived in the west for twelve years, and is quite content to let his record be compared with Rev. McCrossan's. And what is more the EAGLE editor will be earning an honest living for his family in this province when such brazen stock swindlers as the promoter in question will only be remembered by the bitter regrets of his innocent dupes. But we have already said more than we intended to. Mr. McCrossan is an extensive stock promoter, and hence has money and influence. We have neither, but we have honor, truth and right on our side, and with this, our closing issue, we only ask our readers to remember what we have said, and if Father Time does not bear our every assertion out, we hereby agree to shuffle off this mortal coil, at our own hand.

If ever there was a Socialistic argument produced by a capitalist newspaper, shewing how easy it would be for this province to go into business, the following editorial from the Victoria Colonist fills the bill. Premier Dunsmuir's organ says: "We absolutely refuse to be reckoned amongst those malignants who are criticising the financial standing of British Columbia. If British Columbia choose she could sell about one-fifth of her estate in unappropriated land at the low valuation of $1 an acre, pay off every dollar of her indebtedness at par, and have a comfortable balance of from $10,000,000 to $15,000,000 to go on with. If she choose she could, without ruining anybody, altho many would be embarassed, raise by taxation enuf money to redeem, not merely her present indebtedness, but all her present capital expenditure, within a fairly short number of years purchase. If British Columbia choose, she could isolate herself from the money markets, face the world upon a cash basis, and develop all the wealth she possesses, thru the riches of her internal resources alone. But British Columbia chooses to do none of these things. She prefers to nurse the vast estate which is the heritage of the people of the province, to borrow freely and to expend freely, limiting the pressure of taxation and the unproductive alienation of her resources as much as possible, lest her inhabitants of to-day should pay too much towards securing the boundless wealth and prosperity of to-morrow. British Columbia naturally objects to being a milch cow for the whole of the Dominion of Canada, and to pour into these coffers such a huge percentage of the productive power of 177,000 people as she does at present. She does not plead for pity; it is justice which she demands. But if justice is refused and continued injustice must be borne, why then she can still take pride, that, under burdens she could not be made to carry, she can still hold up her head, pay one hundred cents upon the dollar, and show to all the world how rich, how honest, and how self-respecting a province she is, and of how determined and aggressive a population her citizens are composed."

To look out upon the world in its hideous strife would make many a heart of us sick unto death, were not the ideal of a better way, a revolutionized social order, flung high in the clear ether of the soul's purview, says the Socialist Spirit. Contemplating human society as it now exists, squalid, suffering, starving, gorging, bribing, lying; every man seeking his good at the price of his brother's misery, one wonders how man ever conceived a hell more hateful than we ourselves maintain. It would be easy to forsake the world as the old hermits did, leading one's own life in solitude. But the other way is the Socialist's way. It was the way of the Nazarene carpenter. Not to forsake men, but to rouse them from their sleep of death; to show them the vision of a social order from which foul things would flee, in which fierce things would grow tame, in which discord would be turned to harmony.

Once let the soul of man catch the vision of the Socialist ideal, and there springs up in his heart the inspiration of a cause great enough to live for—and to die for. It is the light of this inspiration which burns in the face of him of the ragged coat and grimy hand as he stands on the city curb, jeered by the vulgar crowd, crying unto men to see the truth he sees. This is the pure flame which quickens the heart of him who after days of toil bends thru half the night at the printer's case that his truth may shine in the cold letters of the printed page. This flame—the flame of flames—has warmed the heart of every man or woman imprisoned for the cause of human liberty; it warmed the heart of Luther as he flung defiance at a churchly crew; it warmed the heart of John Ball as he defied the cohorts of the king; it quickened the steady pulse of Socrates the Olympian as he drank the cup of hemlock; it shone in the face of that matchless elder brother of the race as the night fell on Calvary. It is the torch of the soul bidding us hope. It is the promise of a strifeless progress. It is the beacon of a better order shooting its brightening ray into the darkness of man's social morasses.

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The plug hat on a man signifies that the owner has some way to plug labor and draw out part of the contents free of charge.

The Ferguson Socialist League had a warm sitting at an adjourned meeting on Tuesday evening last. The Kamloops convention was the subject under discussion.

A Revelstoke Socialist writes: We are pleased to see the lecture fund started. The movement in B. C. is sadly in need of a lining up. Spargo could stay six weeks and cover the province. Local Revelstoke will raise $15 for the lecture fund.

In spite of a tyranny of those who control the world's wealth and thus the means of gaining a livelihood the number of those who are brave enough to speak their honest thought is on the increase. The age of political liberty and economic justice is coming, and all the forces of selfishness cannot prevent it.

J. V. Purviance, secretary of Slocan Local No. 28, writes that their organization is flourishing. Rev. Mr. Pye of Sandon, was a recent speaker there, and tho not an avowed Socialist is surely in a fair way to become one. The Slocan camp is quiet at present. The coming municipal election promises to be a lively one.

The idea of doing the best one can for one's self, or doing the other fellow, is the ruling idea of the competitive system. So we have one class of men doing the best they can for themselves by cracking safes; another by cracking heads, another by wrecking trains; another by wrecking railroads; another by wrecking banks; another by wrecking religion; another by skinning industry, and another by running the the government in the interest of the beastly system that breeds them all.

Private monopoly of natural resources, of social functions, or of the indispensable utilities of production, is the enemy of freedom, and though inevitably the result of competition, must not be permitted to remain as a permanent form of society. Neither will it remain; it is as certain to go and be succeeded by the next great economic stage in human history—Socialism—as individual production has been destroyed by the capitalistic mastery over machines.

Fifty years ago Switzerland was more under the heel of class rule than any other country. Now they have the finest system of government in the world. Direct legislation enables the voters to vote on every question intelligently. At elections at present, so many different questions are embodied in one platform that they cannot be voted on intelligently. In the last election in this province a voter had either to vote for Joe Martin and all his principles or against Joe Martin and all his principles, and as a great many voters were in favor of a Coast-Kootenay railway but opposed to Martin, they could not vote as they wished. Direct legislation would effectually solve this difficulty.—Mr. Kerr in a recent Socialist address at Greenwood.

"We do not want to do away with machinery; that is impossible and undesirable. Say, for instance, 1,000 men are employed in a factory. A machine is introduced that permits 500 men to do the same work; competition compels the owner to discharge 500 men, and they are turned upon the labor market to starve. What Socialism wants to do is to employ that 1,000 men and shorten the hours of labor. Then all may have time for study; they may improve their minds and have the enjoyment that makes life worth living. With no waste this would be easily done and the amount of wealth each man would produce would bring him enough to live on and have these privileges. There would be no profits and no need for them."—Thomas McGrady.

You are a merchant; find yourself being "crowded out!" the Joneses and Smiths can't pay their bills as they used to; can't sleep as well as you used to; have a good deal more worry than you used to; find yourself oftener on the feather edge at the bank than you used to. Well, there's a cause for it all. Why don't you think and find out what the cause is? Then you will probably have more sense than you used to.

The referendum and initiative are the principles of direct legislation. Greenwood furnishes an example of the referendum as all money by-laws have to be voted on by the rate payers. Direct legislation in British Columbia would mean that all laws passed by the legislature could be voted on by the people if they (the people) wished it. South Dakota has direct legislation, and a law there does not go into effect until sixty days after it has been passed by the legislature. If in the meantime five per cent. of the voter's sign a petition to have the bill voted on by the people, it is then put to referendum. This explains the meaning of initiative—a certain percentage of the voters petitioning that a bill be put to referendum, or vote of the people.—Mr. Kerr at Greenwood.

The Shakespearean philosophy of the way to meet trouble is exactly the reverse of the stoic philosophy, and there is much testimony that it is a good deal better.

Instead of pretending that you don't care, look around and see how sorrow is just as certain to all men as life itself. The man that gets really interested in other people's sorrows is pretty certain to forget his own.

Shakespeare understood thoroughly that men are battered about by hopes and fears, sorrow and joy. He was able to look on the somber side of life and fate without losing his cheerfulness or composure. He wrote things that fit into most of the troubles that men have, for he understood them all. That is why his works are so great.

Sidelights From the Capital.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 22.—The redistribution bill has come down. It is faulty in one respect—increases expense. Why not cut it two? Twenty-one members instead of 42 and throw two constituencies into one, and save about $20,000 per year. Of course that would lessen the chances of some of our valuable countrymen in getting elected. Proportional representation with grouped constituencies would prevent the gerrymander element in the new act from having any effect.

Messrs. Smith Curtis and Capt. Tatlow raised a commotion in the legislature this week over their charges of governmental corruption in Canada Northern and E. & N. matters, and it is a pity the house did not see fit to vote with Curtis and Hawthornthwaite for a committee of the house instead of a royal commission which probably means a less searching enquiry and a bucket of whitewash.

E. T. Kingsley of Oakland, Cal., delivered two lectures in Labor Hall, here, while on his way to Nanaimo to pour hot shot into the enemy's ranks. He spoke forcibly and with good logic on Wednesday evening, but seemed to have been holding his energy in reserve, for on Thursday evening he gave the cleanest, clearest and fullest exposition of the relations of the capitalist and the laborer that Victorians have ever heard. The members of the legislature, the city council and some of the clergy were especially invited. The aldermen had a special meeting the same evening and the mayor sent regrets, but several of the legislators were present. Mr. Hawthornthwaite acted as chairman, introducing the speaker in a short speech full of friendly feeling. The lecturer is better posted on United States politics, but nevertheless he struck at existing conditions in British Columbia in a way that kept the audience attentive and interested until a late hour. An effort will be made to secure him for several lectures on his return.

There is lots of labor legislation proposed, but will the house ever get to it? Among the number is one for a "minimum wage." It should have a companion limiting "the maximum rake-off."

The Voice states that J. M. Cameron would hold a meeting on Saturday the 8th inst., to organize a Canadian Socialist League in Winnipeg. It takes more than a sorehead to stop Cameron.

SCREAMLETS

Verily is Mammon the God of this world.

The love of nature leads to wisdom and goodness.

The average man takes more interest in what he suspects than in what he knows.

Next to a good woman, a good man is the greatest blessing that enriches human life.

Whitaker Wright must now go 'way up and come down. He has been outclassed in the Lardeau.

No true, consistent scientific thinker hates his brother-man because he happens to differ with him in opinion.

Whenever a vital question is to be dodged the artful politician invariably surgests a commission to investigate it.

The young man who takes no interest in politics has no moral right to vote. He is a source of danger, a power of darkness.

With the advent of Socialism the day of the snide graft will cease, for will not the profit—the almighty dollar, as an "incentive," be removed?

A dozen preachers of the gospel selling mining stock will send more souls to hell in two months, than fifty of them can save in a life-time.

The Grand Forks Miner-Gazette summarizes thusly: "The truth is a great thing, but in this country it is a poor business policy to tell it—at least in the newspaper business."

For the size of Nelson no city in the world has as many politicians. In the majority of cases their influence is nil, but their own opinion of themselves is simply "prodigious."—Economist.

A Chinaman recently stole three chickens from Hon. James Dunsmuir: He got two months hard. Mr. Dunsmuir has legally stolen millions of dollars from the people of B. C.: He was made premier of the province.

Canada with her spoils system, her machine politics, her huge monopolies, her sweat shops, and other kindred evils is about 50 years behind the other colonies of the Empire and there is splendid scope for strong men and a strong party to demolish them.—Calgary Herald.

A Greater Circular Than Has Been.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., March 15, 1902.—My dear friends: When I gave the combination offer a few weeks ago, there were some who were unkind enuf to say that it was simply a dodge to "stuff" shares and missed the opportunity. At the time I made the offer I had a deal in contemplation which if carried thru would make the stock of immense value very quickly. THAT DEAL HAS SINCE BEEN COMPLETED.

The Triune MINE, the like of which would be hard to find any where in the world, is NOW the property of the Metropolitan company. The TRIUNE shipped 325 tons of ore to the smelter at Trail, B. C., and the NET returns amounted to $225.00 a ton. This mine has NOW IN SIGHT, BLOCKED OUT, fully 15,000 tons of ore, of the HIGHEST GRADE. This amount of ore at $255.00 a ton would amount to $3,825,000.00. This is the NET value of the ore, after figuring out the cost of the mining and smelting.

Arrangements have been made by which all this body of ore will be treated by our smelter now at Ferguson. This gives to the smelter company a certainty of clearing $150,000.00 during the coming year on the treatment of the TRIUNE ore alone, for the contract has been signed setting the price of treatment at $15.00 a ton. The Metropolitan company will clear $40.00 a ton MORE than if they shipped the ore to one of the large smelters and the smelter company will net at least $11.00 a ton on the treatment of the ore. Thus you see it makes the future of both of the companies sure.

At the first annual meeting of the smelter company and at the second annual meeting of the Metropolitan company, which are to be held at the same time and place, namely at the Richmond Halls, 727, Nic. Avenue, Minneapolis, on March 25th at 2 p. m. sharp (a full account of which will be given in the bulletin which will be published in a day or two) the stock of the Metropolitan company will be advanced to $1.00 a share. The smelter stock is NOW at par.

No Metropolitan stock will be offered at less than $1.00 a share after the annual meeting. THEREFORE the only chance you will have to secure the stock of the Metropolitan company, at less than the par value, will be if you take the offer I shall now make to you. UNTIL MARCH 31st, 1902, I will fill orders for the metropolitan stock at 50c a share. This is POSITIVELY the LAST the last time it will ever be sold by me for less than par value, namely $1.00 a share.

If you wish to secure any of this stock at 50c a share (remember this company now owns the Triune) let me hear from you at once.

One thousand shares will now cost you $500.00.

We shall surely ship at least 20 tons of ore a day.

Twenty tons at $255.00 a ton—$5,100.00 DAILY EARNINGS.

This will give the company a yearly NET income of fully $1,500,000.00.

One thousand shares would yield thus $750.00 a year.

Therefore any man who owns 2,000 shares will have income enuf to make him independent. This certainly sounds like a fairy tale, but the ore is there, the VALUE is there, and the space we have done all our figuring upon is but a very small part of the Triune mine for it embraces six claims. The vein has walls as smooth as a pane of glass, and lies in the contact. I certainly consider that the amount of ore claimed as in sight at the present time is a very conservative estimate.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES W. MCCROSSAN.

Restoratives would be more in order than comment upon the above pipe-dream.

Socialist Party of B. C.

GENERAL DEMANDS:

1. The public ownership of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts, and combines, and ultimately of all the means of production, distribution, and exchange. No part of the revenues of such industries to be applied to the reduction of taxes on property, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employes, to the improvement of the service, and to diminishing rates to the consumers.

2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the worker in the product of labor.

3. The establishment of a national currency and government banking system; all fire and life insurance to be also operated by the government in the interests of the whole people.

4. The inauguration of a system of public industries; public credit to be used for that purpose in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor.

5. Abolition of the senate, establishment of the initiative and referendum, proportional representation, and right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

PROVINCIAL DEMANDS:

1. Abolition of financial and property qualifications for candidates and electors at provincial and municipal elections.

2. The education of all children up to the age of sixteen years to be free, secular and compulsory. Text books, meals, and clothing to be supplied out of the public funds when necessary.

3. Municipalization and public control of the liquor traffic.

4. A nine-hour work law fixing wages at not less than $2 per day, thereby counteracting evil effects of Oriental emigration into this province.

5. Reduction of hours of labor to 44 per week.

6. Scientific and practical management of fisheries, forests, and waterways in best interest of the producers.

7. Government operation of coal mines and immediate construction and operation of smelters, refineries, and saw mills for benefit of the workers.

8. Abolition of poll and personal property tax, the deficit to be meet by an increased tax on land values.

9. No more bonuses of either land or money to individuals or private corporations.

10. Graduated land tax similar to law in operation in New Zealand.

11. Government hospitals throughout the province, and free medical attendance to all needing such

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is Growing; but further education and organization is necessary.

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ERNEST BURNS,
Executive Secretary.
130 Powell St.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

On the Wing Items

Capt. Thos. R. Davey and Nat. Lay were in town yesterday.

Mrs. R. P. Pettipiece and family left for Revelstoke on Tuesday's stage.

Bert Eckert has returned to the camp, after spending the winter in the east.

School Inspector D. Wilson paid the Ferguson school an official visit last week.

Ivan A. Edson, one of the proprietors of the Hotel Ferguson, arrived in town on Monday's stage from Nelson.

Wm. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson of Beaton, intend to take up their residence in Ferguson next month, for the summer.

A spelling match, with S. Shannon and A. J. Gordon as captains, is the program for to-morrow (Friday) evening's Literary Society meeting.

Rev. F. W. Fraser of Jackson, Mich,, writes the EAGLE: "McCrossan is not a 'U. S. parson', but a Canadian. His home is in Chatham, Ont."

The Vancouver Trades and Labor Council have decided to send two delegates to the Labor convention to be held at Kamloops on April 14 Other like organizations thruout the province are already getting into line.

Thos. Taylor M. P. P., is asking the chief commissioner of lands and works some questions relating to the difference in wages paid to foremen, laborers and workmen in the Revelstoke and Slocan ridings and the reason for it.—Herald.

Anent the coming convention at Kamloops, for the purpose of uniting all reform forces for political action in this province, James Wilks of Nelson, writes: "We are taking every step to make the convention a success and feel confident that we will succeed."

It is reported here that Thos. Grahame, proprietor of the Prospectors' Exchange at the Landing, has leased his hotel to a Vancouver party who will take possession on May 1st. Mr. Grahame will devote the summer to his mineral properties up the north fork.

F. T. Abey of Trout Lake, has received a rare curiosity in the form of a letter from Kamloops, making enquiries with regard to the truth of the alleged success of McCrossan's smelters, said to be now operating in this district. Bonuses are being sought at Kamloops. Next!

"The vein of ore on the Triune has been tested to a depth of 850 feet at least and the vein is found to be exactly the same all the way, in fact even across the entire mountain. The Triune property consists of five mineral claims and a fraction, and there is also a timber limit of 1,000 acres that goes with the property."—McCrossan's Bulletin.

The proposed labor convention at Kamloops on Monday, April 14th, is timely. Tho a considerable number of unions are barred by their rules and regulations from endorsing the movement officially, all are in favor of the gathering. The meeting will be one of the most important in the history of labor in this province, being called for political purposes. All labor and other reform bodies are entitled to representation.—Vancouver Independent.

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Before the golden dawn,
Where earth goes rolling
Into the grander day.

To make men free from court and throne,
Free from the money changer's greed,
Free from hypocrisy and creed,
Free from the dreaded lash of need,
And free to reap where they have sown;
Free from earth's scourge, the conqueror;
Free from the murderous lust of war,
Free from the robber's cry of more,
And free to have their own;
Free voluntarily to share
Their blessings for the common good;
Free to each other's burden's,
In helpfulness and brotherhood;
Free in security to live
And seek the blessing of content;
Free in the freedom love can give,
The freedom of enlightenment!

To make men free! It is with me
The dearest purpose of my heart
That I may know and do my part
To help the cause of liberty;
My energy and life to be
Made consecrate to the one theme,
The single purpose and the dream,
In every land, to make men free—
To make men free.

—Denver News.

Can We Believe Our Own Eyes?

For a man, who we swear on our life never saw the Triune mine, the following report from the pen of Mr. McCrossan is enuf to cause palpatation of the heart except to innocent unknowing ones:

"METROPOLITAN SHARE HOLDERS ATTENTION: THE TRIUNE MINE, THE RICHEST BY ALL ODDS IN THE LARDEAU, IS NOW THE PROPERTY OF THE METROPOLITAN COMPANY and we shall commence taking out ore as soon as the snow is off the ground. The stock will be held at fifty cents a share just until the 25th of March, and then it will go to par value $1.00 a share. This mine is one which has a tremendously interesting history. The Lade Brothers bonded it for a time and in seven weeks took out ore enuf to net them $45,000.00. Then the Ferguson boys who owned it worked it at various times and have shipped in all 325 tons of ore to the smelter at Trail, B. C., and the ore NETTED them $255.00 a ton. There is no silver mine like it in B. C. to-day, and I very much doubt if there is another such a mine in the world. The ore is not as rich as many of the assays of the Metropolitan shows its ore to be, but the Metropolitan itself is but a prospect, tho a most promising one. The Triune on the other hand is a PROVED MINE. It has already shipped 325 tons and the smelter returns showed this amount of ore to be worth $83,000.00. Mr. Andy Ferguson says he is willing to swear to it that at a conservative estimate there are at the present time, WITH ALL DEAD WORK DONE THE ORE READY TO BE STOPED OUT, AT LEAST 15,000 TONS of ore in sight practically, BLOCKED OUT. One tunnel has been driven in on the ore 150 feet and a second tunnel 150 feet lower, on the same vein of ore, has been run in 300 feet ALL THE WAY ON ORE. The sides of this vein, which lies in the contact, are as smooth as glass and at the narrowest point the ore is two feet wide. Now you need not wonder that we put the shares to par at once for we have already IN SIGHT enuf ore to pay full par value to every shareholder and then after that has been done have enuf left over to divide a million dollars amongst the shareholders as a dividend. As soon as the snow is gone we intend to place our second smelter, which has been finished and ready for delivery for about three weeks, within fifteen hundred feet of the Triune mine and then at once erect an aerial tram to carry the ore to the smelter. There is a great abundance of iron and lime for fluxing on the Triune property so that we shall be able to run the smelter to its fullest capacity and do so economically as well. The price paid for the Triune, which has never been offered for less than $500,000.00, was of course, a very large one. Suffice it to say that the former owners, the Ferguson Brothers, besides receiving a large cash consideration running into eight figures are also the owners of one-half million shares of stock. I am sure that every member of the Metropolitan Company will be delighted to hear these facts, especially since this wonderful property has been purchased entirely on my own responsibility, and not one member of the Metropolitan Company has been obligated to raise one cent of the amount. We shall all reap the benefits and that very soon."

MARRIED.

MACDONALD-CAMERON—At Edmonton, Alta., on Tuesday, March 18th, W. Macdonald, manager of the Imperial bank, Ferguson, to Mabel, eldest daughter of Mr. John Cameron of Edmonton.

LARDEAU ORE SHIPMENTS.

The following is a list of Lardeau ore producers, amount shipped and the gross returns, reports of which have to be furnished monthly by mine owners to the provincial government:

Name.	Pounds.	Gross Val.
Silver Cup	2,400,000	$180,000.00
Nettie L.	1,760,000	63,360.00
Triune	649,776	82,670.27
Beatrice	442,000	32,239.39
Great Northern	56,000	1,344.00
Broadview	52,000	1,664.00
Ethel	34,000	1,598.00
Cromwell	23,289	1,296.79
§ Ophir-Lade	12,000	1,320.00
Metropolitan	11,974	726.00
St. Elmo	12,000	510.00
Ruffled Grouse	11,770	507.19
Linson View	868	63.17
§ Old Gold		
§ Horseshoe		
§ Black Warrior		

§ Returns and corrections asked for.

S. Shannon,

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MINERAL ACT.
(Form F.)

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NOTICE.

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