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CAPITAL CITY GOSSIP.

From a Special Correspondent.

Victoria, April 15—For two weeks white winged peace has hovered over Victoria; two weeks ago lobbyists disappeared, warring delegations came no more, and the silence across James Bay was no longer broken by the disputing solons of the British Columbia legislature, and railway promoters hied themselves to the Yales and Kootenays to give the suffering people of those districts a twinge of the agony Victorians have long endured.

All this is changed to-night. Peace has flown and Victoria is the storm centre of warring railway and political elements, and on every hand can be heard "What will the Government do in the event of——", "The Government will not dare to go to the country," "Murphy is pledged against it," "Hayward has gone with the crowd," "Government will be defeated," etc. M.P's., railway promoters and politicians are all busy preparing for the battle royal which will open this week and will be waged until it is known whether Canada and particularly British Columbia, is to be dominated by an alien monopoly, and exploited for the benefit of our Yankee friends, or if it is to remain under the control of a monopoly purely Canadian, and exploited for the benefit of English and German stockholders, or until the Government decides that this province shall neither be delivered over to an alien corporation or longer remain under the sway of the "Almighty C. P. R." and undertakes the construction of railways on behalf of the people.

At the Government buildings nothing could be learned today. Chief Commissioner Wells could not be seen, and his deputy would vouchsafe no information when asked about the tenders for the construction of the Coast-Kootenay road. The time for receiving tenders expired, but it could not learned if any tenders had been received, in fact, no one would talk. The executive council, however, was in session all day, and it is presumed that the railway policy was being considered. So careful have the Government been that nothing should leak out that orders were issued to-day not to print "The Orders of the Day" until to-morrow, copy for which would not be furnished until the last minute before the House convened. All sorts of rumors are in the air, but there is nothing more substantial than rumors.

It is not believed, however, that the Government will declare their policy for several days.

The last two weeks have given Victorians sufficient breathing time to realize that they have been carried off their feet by the banner and drum campaign of the promoters of the V. V. & E., and a strong reaction has set in. Nowhere today can be heard the violent and extravagant statements and declarations of a few weeks ago, and the people of this city are now in a reasonable frame of mind. While not inclined to look with favor on the C. P. R., they are beginning to fear they are being buncoed, and to look askance at the V. V. & E., and if the last named company secures the coveted charter with Victoria's rupport it will not be because it loves the V. V. & E., but because it hates the C.P.R. This change in the spirit of our dreams has been brought about by several second thoughts. Victorians are essentially lovers of fair play. The work of the V. V. & E. agents is not considered fair. Their trip into the ridings, their meetings, appealing to the prejudices of the people, enlarging upon their grievances against the C. P. R., and their attempt to force members of parliament to pledge themselves to vote for the V. V. & E. charter, is now looked upon as an attempt to intimidate the Government and to bulldoze them into adopting a certain course with respect to the granting of the charter without regard to the interests of the province as seen by those most interested in its welfare and before it is known what the policy of the Government may be.

The V. V. & E. agents have played a skilful game, and one well calculated to win, but friends of that company here are not haunted by the fear that they have wasted their trumps and that their opponents hold all the suit and will get the odd trick.

Since Mr. Bodwell has admitted that the V. V. & E. will be constructed by Jim Hill and operted as a branch of the Great Northern, those who have heretofore been ardent advocates of a competiting line with Victoria as a terminus are asking themselves if the granting of the V. V. & E. charter and the construction and operation of the road by the great Northern will prove all that is to be desired. They point out that the Great Northern has terminal facilities and a fine harbour at Everett, Wash., that it has a large smelter there and that it is fostering other large industries located at that place. The line under the charter asked for will run only to Midway in B.C. and will there connect with a road running from Republic to Spokane. Here, then, they argue, is where Victoria will be buncoed and where her grand ferry scheme will prove a delusion. Instead of being made the terminus of a great transcontinental railway system and the home port of a line of steamers sailing to the Orient, transpacific business will be handled from the Sound and Victoria will be merely a port of call as heretofore. Instead of the ores of the Boundary being brought to the coast cities for treatment they will be used to feed the smelters at Everett and Tacoma and the resources of British Columbia will be drained to build up rival cities on the Sound, and the mainland ferry for which she will pay so high a price will be run semi-occasionally, or when enough Victoria business is offered to warrant it. Thus Victoria's hopes so glimmering, and her people are now turning to Government construction as the only solution of the vexed question. Government construction, they say, will give relief, and is feasible. The Government to lease the constructed lines for long terms of years under conditions guaranteeing genuine competition, and relieving them from the exactionss of either an American or Canadian monopoly. It is definitely known that this idea will receive the careful consideration of the Government if they are unable to make reasonable terms with the two companies asking for charters.

Got His Deserts.

Barkley West, April 16.—Pony De Wet, a member of the Cape assembly, has been sentenced by the treason court to imprisonment for three years with a fine of £1000 for seditious speeches.

A Large Immigration.

The number of immigrants who have passed through the Dominion immigration agency, says the Montreal Star, so far this season, is over 2000, according to Mr. Hoolihan, the agent in charge of the office. This is more than twice the number who had gone through at the same date last year. Mr. Hoolihan is also authority for the statement that the travellers this year are of a better class than formerly. They are not only able to pay their expenses, but most of them have a comfortable cash balance besides. There was not a pauper among the number.

Mr. Hoolihan attributes the improvement to the fact that the resources of Canada are becoming better known, and to the efforts of the Canadian commissioner in England, Lord Strathcona.

The majority of the immigrants who have gone through so far this year were English. Next came the Irish. Over twenty nationalities altogether were represented, including, Belgians, Italians, Germans, Danes and Swedes.

The great majority of those who came over expressed their intention of going to work at once for the present season. A few miners were bound for the British Columbia mines. All of them possessed splendid physiques, and looked fully fit for the work which they were undertaking. It is expected that the present month and May will see a large number of immigrants coming to our shores.

The British war office has decided to strengthen the fortifications of Jamaica. Quick-firing guns of the latest pattern are being sent out, in addition to the heavy guns recently placed in the forts about Port Royal.

Nearly a million women in Spain work in the field as day laborers; three hundred and fifty thousand women are registered as day servants—that is, they work for their food and lodging. There is no such class anywhere else.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Construction Will Begin as Soon as Money is Voted.

To meet the urgent requirements for increased school accommodation, a sum will be voted for immediate use. It is hoped that at no distant date a further appropriation will be made whereby the schools may be centralized in one building and in a convenient place. The following letter from the Superintendent of Education is self explanatory:

EDUCATION OFFICE,
Victoria, April 16, 1901.

S. G. ROBBINS, ESQ., Secretary School Board, Golden, B.C.:

Sir,—I beg to advise you that the Honourable the Council of Public Instruction has this day decided to erect on the left bank of Kicking Horse river a new school house consisting of one large room only. This new building will be used by the children attending the primary grades, while the present building, consisting of two rooms, will be utilized for the classes belonging to the principal and first assistant. As soon as the necessary money has been voted by the House construction of the new school building will be begun, but I beg to add that the site as shown to me on the occasion of my recent visit to Golden is not satisfactory to the Education Department, being altogether too near the Kicking Horse river. It would be advisable, therefore, for your Board to enter into negotiations with Mr. Alexander with a view to obtaining a site further removed than the present one from the Kicking Horse. I should be pleased to have an expression from your Board concerning this school site at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor, etc.,
ALEXANDER ROBINSON,
Supt. of Education.

WIRE BRIEFS.

Montreal, April 15—Bishop Bond, of Montreal, has been appointed metropolitan Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada, in succession to Archbishop Lewis.

London, April 15—Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan's investments in British enterprises, says the Daily Mail, have thus far been confined to the purchase of a Scotch coolie for £400.

Ottawa, April 15—It is probable that Sir Wilfrid Laurier with Hon. Messrs. Sifton, Tarte and Patterson, will visit British Columbia during the summer season and go as far as Dawson.

Montreal, April 15—The Italian consul has written the Italian Government, asking that the wholesale immigration of Italians to Canada be stopped. So far, this year, 2,000 Italians have arrived here. Most of them have na money or funds, and no position secured.

Winnipeg, April 15—A. D. Cameron, a prominent Brandon lawyer, and former partner of Hon. Clifford Sifton, dropped dead yesterday.

Mr. Henry Langford, Crown Attorney at Rat Portage, died yesterday.

Sydney, C.B., April 15—D. J. McKenzie, assistant superintendent of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., was instantly killed on Saturday morning by falling off the ore pier. He was a native of Pictou county, N.S.

Montreal, April 15—Col. Steele today denied the story that Lord Strathcona had given him $25,000 for his services in South Africa with Strathcona's horse.

Montreal, April 15—The water of the St. Lawrence is 25 feet above summer level, and is over the revetment wall, but not over the dykes. It is rising slowly but steadily, and unless there is a change soon streets along the river front will be flooded.

Montreal, April 15—A letter was received today from the management of the Oxford-Cambridge track team, which is coming over to compete with Yale and Harvard in September, asking if a meeting could not also be arranged with representatives of McGill and Toronto Universities. The Canadian universities are willing to do what they can.

King Edward's coronation will take place on June 19, 1902.

In a despatch Lord Roberts has mentioned many Canadians for meritorious service in South Africa.

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THE EDUCATION BILL.

Passing from a minute examination of the Education Bill, introduced by the Hon. J. D. Prentice, Minister of Education, we have to consider the principle of the Bill as a justification of its adoption by the Legislature. To frame a Bill somewhat revolutionary without being reactionary is a distinguishing mark of a true statesman, as compared with the pandering motives that too often actuate the ordinary legislator. In all ages and nations men have risen as stars on the political firmament as the exigencies of occasion demanded. That an emergent occasion for the renovation of the educational system of this province is at hand not even the bitterest critic or the most strenuous opponent of the Bill will deny. And we say it in no sycophantic terms that the Hon. Minister has shown himself a master of detail as well as exhibiting an unfaltering purpose to do justice to the people as a whole. The bill aims to equalize the burden of cost of education, as well as remove certain incongruities in the management of the somewhat complex methods hitherto in practice. To do this much of the school law, as it now is, had to be rearranged and systematized, in order that it might come up to modern requirements. Hence the principle of the Bill is unassailable, and in that fact lies its especial strength. Opposition to the bill or any measure of reformation is the avowed purpose of a partizan press as well as that of the politician who is the exponent of strong partizan views. But we are confident the Minister of Education will have the hearty approval of all fair-minded men in his efforts to ameliorate or totally solve the educational problem in this province, since he has consented to a modification of some minor details in the Bill. The honorable gentleman may well assume a justifiable pride in having made such advancement in his rehabilitation of the educational system of this province from which preceding ministers had so often recoiled.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Between the census and the Chinese commission now sitting there can be little doubt that sufficient data and evidence will be produced to warrant the Dominion Government in prohibiting further Oriental immigration. Other countries have had to stay the yellow wave in self-preservation and no sound reason for permitttng this country to be overflown with a people *who bleed it to the very death has ever* existed. Britain is teeming with men and women who would gladly avail themselves of the opportunities British Columbia offers to wage earners and home builders were it not for the pre*sence here of Japanese and Chinese.* To expect white men to compete with coolie labor is equivalent to degradation from civilization to barbarism. The coolie has no thought of intellectual or social improvement; the glow of pat*riotism will never penetrate his cold,* clammy heart to fight for the land of his temporary adoption, nor will he ever be available for the various responsibilities of good citizenship. Surely there are enough poor person, and enough of indigenous wickedness in B.C. without importing from the Orient by the shipload.

Only those who are blinded by selfish and servile interests oppose the construction of the Coast-Kootenay by a company independent of the C. P. R Why should not the great octopus allow into the field of competition an honorable rival in the same way that individual competition in any business sphere is permitted and usually with benefit to all concerned? The people of British Columbia have groaned long enough under the burdens of monopoly and they will not come into possession of all their rights until they throw off the laocoon that binds and grinds so unmercifully the spirit of liberty and enterprise so necessary in the development of this great country. Competition is, indeed, the life of trade then let it be fostered and encouraged by every legitimate means.

Notwithstanding the opposition to the bill to legalize champerty there are many men of undoubted legal ability *who favor the bill, notably two Cabinet* ministers, and of course the introducer of the bill, Mr. Joseph Martin. There are not a few newspapers also in favor of the bill. The majority of people who give the subject serious thought believe that it is much better and far more honest to have it legalized than to have it practiced under cover as it now is. Few lawyers nowadays are exempt from its practise, and the lawyer, for self-protection, is justified in making a bargain with his client to which he consents for services rendered in his behalf. As to champerty driving capital out of the country it is the veriest clap-trap and urged for political purposes solely.

The Outcrop of last week condemned the Government for the tax on minerals and says it is a hindrance to development. We think otherwise. Taxation of natural resources is the very best form of taxation any Government can adopt. In fact we need more of it in order to relieve the tax on labor and industry. Today the more improvements a man puts on his place the more he is taxed for doing so. This wants to be lessened. The reason the Government is now considering the advisability of raising the poll-tax from $3.00 to $5.00 is because there is not enough revenue raised from the *taxation of natural resources.* We are naturally anxious to see mines developed, but at the same time they ought to pay a fair share of the revenue of the country, and none are better able to do so.

MADE STRONG COMMENTS

Daniel Mofiat told the Royal Commission re Orientals, on Friday, that when fire boss in Wellington mines, he put up danger boards across a gassy place, and had written a warning in English and Chinese, says a Nanaimo in the Victoria Times of yesterday, but shortly after he found Chinese with naked lights at this place. They told him they never read the written notices. He had known other cases where the Chinese deliberately tacked back the curtains in front of tunnels, and also set fire to them accidently, rushing to the shaft to get out without warning anybody. The Chinese he had found utterly untrustworthy, cowardly, selfish and careless. Nanaimo was full of idle white men, who could get work but for the presence of Chinese. Chinese here meant ruin for growing lads. David Cartwright, a Lancashire miner said he had advised friends in England not to come here, because of Chinese. He considered Asiatics the main cause of British Columbia's backward condition.

Witnesses from Extension mines were expected today, but did not come.

Commissioner Munn said if they didn't come they would have to take it that they were afraid to do so on account of losing their positions if *they gave truthful evidence as to Chinese* working there.

The Commissioner will go to Union, and probably Extension.

THE CHAMPERTY BILL.

The following extract is from the Kamloops Standard and exhibits some of the phases of the Bill as seen from a layman's standpoint:

"We are glad to see Mr. McPhillips does not intend to let Mr. Martin's Champerty Bill be rushed through without mature deliberation. The surprising thing is, that the Attorney-General and Minister of Mines, both lawyers, have been induced to give it their support, the more so that the Attorney-General had previously opposed it. The object of the bill is to allow a client to make terms with his lawyer as to the fees to be paid on any work he may undertake. The argument is that many a poor man is unable to take into court his wrongs, or what he may believe to be his wrongs, for adjustment, owing to the hard and fast rule as to the payment of fees to his lawyer, and that if the bill passes a person may go to his lawyer with a case, agreeing beforehand that if he does not win it he receives no remuneration, and if he does the lawyer gets more than he would were he to be paid according to schedule. On the face of it this appears to be reasonable, but, unfortunately, it leads, in the States in which it is allowed, to a lot of unnecessary and vexatious litigation, and tends to encourage a breed of lawyers known as "shysters," of which we have very few at present. Those who are acquainted with California will know that the lawyers there tout for business almost as importunately as hotel runners, and an amount of litigation is entered into and blackmail paid, which is not the *case so* far in this Province. Cases where lawyers sell their clients are common. If a lawyer thinks he can make more money by dropping the case he commenced, he is tempted to do so because he is no longer the servant of his client as he is in British Columbia but becomes his partner in a scheme to extract money from other people. In Alaska, a few years ago, a lawyer made a practice of bringing vexatious suits against a company doing business there not in the interests of his clients but in order to obtain an annual income from the company to abstain from bringing suits against them. He was perfectly within his rights, yet no one will pretend that he was a benefit to the community. It has been argued that the Incorporated Law Society of British Columbia is so zealous of its professional honor, that it would deter its members from engaging in such blackmailing practice, but the Law Society only hears of the flagrant cases and is unacquainted with the small tricks of parasitical lawyers, who, if they got the chance, would fatten on the people. Last year we believe, six cases of malpractice on the part of lawyers were brought before them, and only two were disbarred. If the bill passes it will tend to lower the standard of this Province, and that in itself is sufficient reason for its rejection."

Reduced Money-Order Rates.

An arrangement has just been concluded between the United States and Canada, under which all postal moneys sent between that country and Canada will go at the domestic rate of three-tenths of one per cent. instead of the international rate of one per cent as at present. This concession is regarded as more important to the money order business than any action taken since the inception of the system. The money orders annually sent to Canada from the United States now aggregate about $2,000,000. The exchange of these orders has been restricted to 4,000 offices but under the new arangement will be extended to 30,000 offices in the United States, any money order office in either country being thus authorized to issue or pay them. It is said that the radical reduction in the rate will treble the business.

A Plain-Speaking Cleric.

The Rev. Mr. Kettlewell, in the course of an address recently delivered in Guelph, Ontario, on "Christian Socialism," said: "In many of our cities are to be found the sweat shops, in Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, and even in Galt men were earning five dollars per week making shoes. It is easy to talk of the sins of the Jews; it is easy for the congregation to crucify the Pharisees, but the danger is coming nearer home. You have heard, no doubt, of the recent combination formed by the furniture dealers. That company is offering preference stock at 7½ cents, and has paid a profit of 18 cents on the stock, yet in my own town I have known them to pay their employees 80 and 90 cents per week—not per day."

Methodist Ministers and the Weed.

A despatch from Toronto says:—The Methodist Court of Appeal discussed several matters of church discipline at the annual meeting, held here today. A most important case arose out of a misunderstanding as to the wording of Church Discipline, which makes the letter of the discipline of no effect in convicting a minister of smoking. The smoking clergyman is Rev. W. W. Baer, of Victoria district. His case was laid before the district by Judge Williams, and the Chairman of the district, Rev. Mr. Speer, ruled that the paragraph cited in the case did not apply to ordained ministers. It was a technical question, and the case was thrown out.

Mr. Williams appealed to Rev. Mr. Whittington, President of the British Columbia Conference, who sustained the ruling of the Chairman, and the Court of Appeal has been asked to decide as to the working of the discipline. The Court allowed the appeal, and sent the case back to the district for trial. Rev. Mr. Speer should have tried it when it came before him. It is explained that some years ago Rev. Mr. Baer fell a distance of fifty feet, disorganizing his nervous system, and he suffered from insomnia, from which he was relieved by the administration of opium. Later he substituted tobacco for opium. The Rev. Dr. Carman presided and the members of the Court included Messrs. J. J McLaren, K. C.; Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Montreal; Rev. Dr Antliffe, of Montreal; Rev. S. Bond, of London; Dr. James Mills, of Guelph; Judge Deacon, of Pembroke; Mr. N. W. Rowell, of Toronto, and Rev. Mr. Grundy.

Lord Kelvin on Newspaper Reading.

In his attitude toward the daily press Lord Kelvin presents a curious contrast to Bishop Creighton, whose ignorance of journalism has been referred to in this column. To an interviewer who asked him whether he read a great deal, Lord Kelvin a little while ago made a rather startling reply that he had not read a book for thirty years. "I read nothing but the daily papers. Well perhaps this is an overstatement; it may not be thirty years, but it is a long time. Of course I am continually referring to books, but I have not the time for steady reading, except the daily papers, and I feel especially bound in crises of our history to study the course of events." Compare this with Mr. Balfour's statement: "I never read the papers!"—London Chronicle.

Ought, it would seem, to give exemption from the diseases which prey upon the residents of thickly populated cities. But there is no exemption from disease, and in the country, as in the city, one may see the cheeks grow hollow and the eyes grow dull while the frame wastes *away with that terrible disease, consumption.*

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NOTICE.

COURTS of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery will be holden in the Court House at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the places and on the dates following, namely:

City of Nanaimo, on the 23rd day of April, 1901.
City of New Westminster, on the 23rd day of April, 1901.
City of Nelson, on the 7th day of May, 1901.
City of Revelstoke, on the 7th day of May, 1901.
City of Vernon, on the 15th day of May, 1901.
City of Kamloops, on the 23rd day of May, 1901.
City of Vancouver, on the 21st day of May, 1901.
City of Victoria, on the 28th day of May, 1901.
Town of Clinton, on the 28th day of May, 1901.

By Command,
J. D. PRENTICE,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
20th March, 1901.

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In the matter of the estate of JOHN MCRAE, late of Golden, B.C., deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act" that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said John McRae, who died on the 19th day of May, 1895, are required on or before the 31st day of March, A.D. 1901, to send by post prepaid or delivered to Messrs. Crease & Crease of 17, Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., solicitors for John McRae, of Winnipeg, Man., executor of the last will of said John McRae, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said executor will not be liable for the said assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

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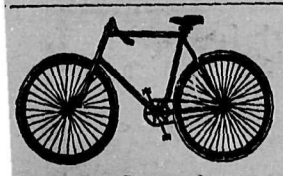

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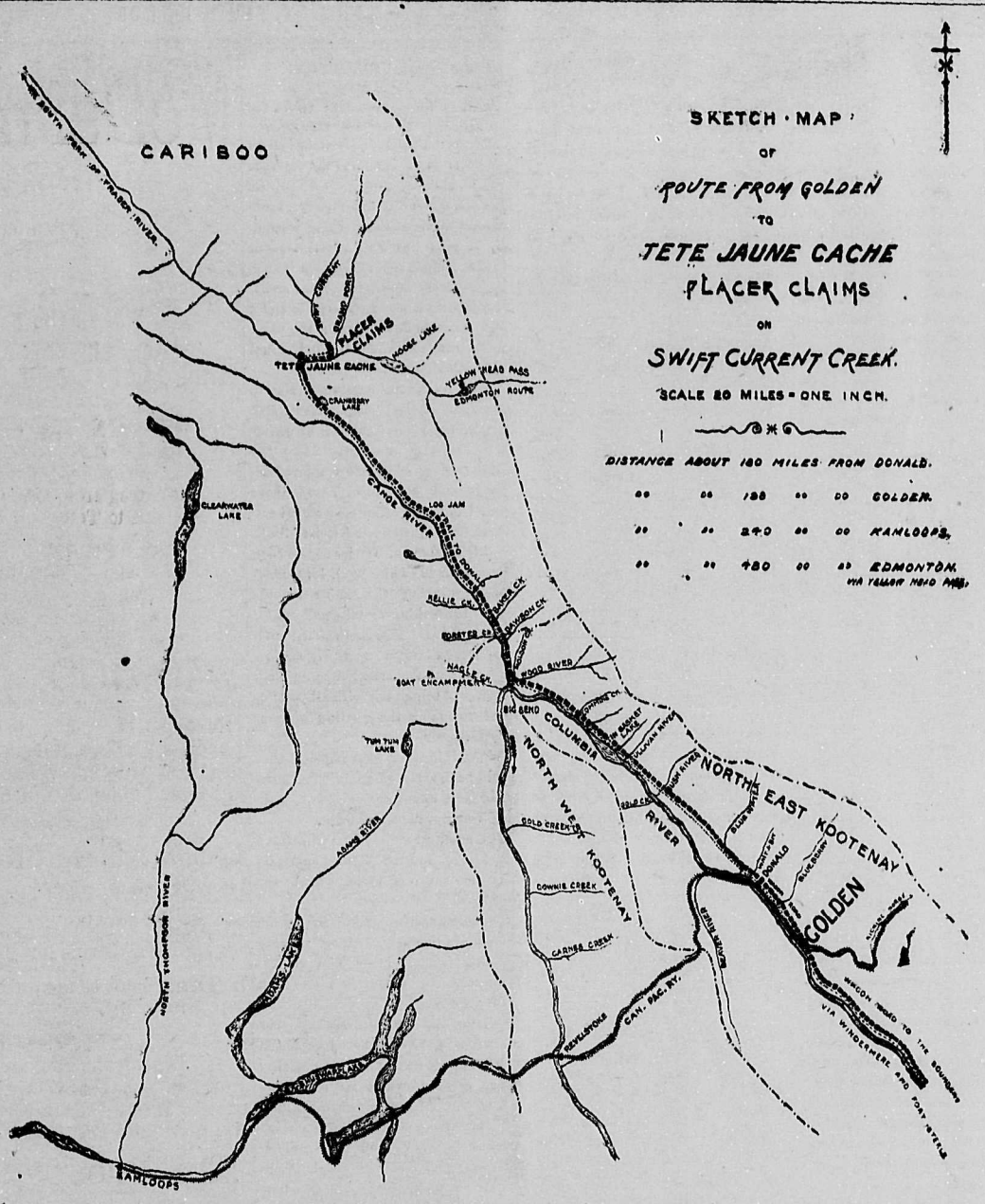

The increasing interest manifested in the mica mines, and also in the extensive gold fields at and adjacent to Tete Jeaune Cache, has led to many inquiries by persons abroad as to the shortest and best route to reach them. The above sketch map is presented to all seeking information regarding distances, etc., its accuracy being corroborated by explorers, prospectors, topographers and surveyors, some of whom were commissioned by the Dominion Government to report on their researches in this great mineral zone. Golden with its excellent stores and facilities for boat building and equipping generally stand pre-eminently above all other competing points as a base from which to begin a journey northward. Mr. T. Mercier, who has cruised between Golden and Tete Jeaune Cache, says there are spruce and other timbers, also water power enough to supply a score of pulp mills and sawmills As a beginning towards the development of this country, which Nature has so lavishly endowed with untold resources, the Provincial and Dominion Governments should jointly improve the trails and make navigable those rivers leading to the Cache.

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Tenders for License to Cut Timber on Dominion Lands in the Province of British Columbia.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and marked on the envelope "Tender for Timber Berth No. 267," to be opened on the 13th May next, will be received at this Department until noon on Monday, the 13th May, 1901, for a license to cut timber on No. Berth 267, comprising the South ½ of Section 9 and the North-east ¼ of Section 4, Township 26, Range 21, West of the 5th Meridian, containing an area of ¾ of a square mile, more or less.

The regulations under which a license will be issued, also printed form of tender and envelope, may be obtained at this Department or at the office of the Crown Timber Agent at New Westminster.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank in favor of the Deputy of the Minister of the Interior, for the amount of the bonus which the applicant is prepared to pay for a license.

No tender by telegraph will be entertained.

PERLEY G. KEYES,
Secretary.

Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, 2nd April, 1901.

NOTICE.

A COURT OF ASSIZE, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery will be holden in the Court House at Golden on Tuesday, the 14th day of May, 1901.

By Command,
J. D. PRENTICE,
Provincial Secretary.

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High water at Selkirk has inundated the flats.

Chinese indemnities for war expenses exclusive of the claims of individuals and missions have been fixed as follows. Russia, 360,000000 marks (about $90,000,000); France, 260,000,000 marks (about $65,000,000); Germany, 240,000,000 marks (about $60,000,000) England, 90,000,000 marks (about $,22-000,000.)

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Frank A. Leach, superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco states that a visiting member of the Canadian parliament recently told him that an assay office would soon be established at Dawson and that a mint would undoubtedly soon be established in one of the cities of British Columbia. Canadian miners will generally deposit their gold in these institutions, receiving Canadian coin in exchange, and so a considerable part of the gold of these provinces will be diverted from San Francisco, but American miners will prefer to send their gold to the United States.

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BRIEF MENTION.

Queen Alexandra has returned to London.

There is a report that an attempt was made to stab Kruger.

Dr. Coverlton, a pioneer physician of Toronto, is dead.

Over 350 soldiers deserted a regiment at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mrs. Robert Grey, of Galt, was badly burned by ignited grass.

A pillar in Westminster Abbey fell, doing damage to the interior.

A. D. Cameron, a well known lawyer, died at Brandon very suddenly.

Lady Cook will not be allowed to exhume the body of her husband.

The directors have decided to rebuild the burned Russell theatre, Ottawa.

The water in the St Lawrence river at Montreal rose six feet on Saturday and a flood is expected.

The Crown Prince of Germany is on a visit to the Emperor of Austria.

Mrs Emmerson, wife of ex-Premier Emmersom, is dead.

General Butterfield, the well known United States civil war general, is dangerously ill.

An advanced high church man will be enthroned as Bishop of London this week.

A rich strike of silver has been made at Silver Mountain mine, near Fort William

A native gentleman is in Ottawa in reference to Syrian immigration to Canada.

The Cranbrook Lumber company is preparing for a big run of business this season. The main mill in Cranbrook has in stock over 2,000,000 feet of logs, and is running to its full capacity.

WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY MEN AND women to travel and advertise for old established house of solid financial standing. Salary $780 a year and expenses, all payable in cash. No canvassing required. Give references and enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Address Manager, 355 Caxton Bldg., Chicago. oct 11

AN INDEPENDENT LINE.

Mass Meeting in Kamloops Requests Mr. Fulton to Vote for a Coast-Kootenay Line Absolutely Independent of the C. P. R.

Kamloops, April 12.—A mass meeting of citizens was held in Kamloops this evening to discuss the Coast-Kootenay railway and competition. The chair was taken by Ald. Brown, owing to the illness of Mayor Gordon. Addresses were made by Ald. McLaren, Nelson, Stephens, Swanson and Brown and by Mr. Anderson and Judge Murphy of Similkameen.

Mr. Fulton, M. P. P., was unable to attend owing to the Board of Trade meeting but he expressed himself in favor of the following resolutions, both of which passed unanimously.

Moved by Ald. McLaren, "that in the opinion of this mass meeting of citizens of Kamloops, a policy of encouragement of competitive lines of railway is essential to the best interests of the Province and that the citizens of Kamloops place themselves on record as favoring the immediate construction of the Coast-Kootenay line by an independent company, under proper Government restrictions."

Moved by J. D. Swanson, "that this mass meeting requests its representative, Mr. Fulton, to use his best efforts to secure a competitive system of railways in this Province and to vote for the immediate construction of the Coast-Kootenay line by some company entirely independent of the Canadian Pacific Railway."

Copies of the resolutions were ordered to be sent to the Lieut.-Governor in Council and to Mr. Fulton, and the meeting adjourned after passing a vote of thanks to the speakers."

How Mines are Salted.

The actual salting of mines by the old well known methods has actually gone out of date, and is altogether gone out of practice today, but the more progressive and up to date method of salting a mine, is not to salt the mine at all, but to salt the engineer's report, by greasing his fingers.

"The manner in which a great many people invest in mining is sufficient to open the way for most any old kind of smooth promoter to get along very nicely without resorting to any of the old methods of salting.

Usually a friend of those interested in the purchase of a mining property is selected to go out and examine the mining property simply because they know him to be honest, not that he knows anything about the business. Getting into the property he is easily led to the richest portions of the veins, and from one to another, and not being posted as to the business, is easily convinced that it is a most wonderful mine.

Furthermore, it is very natural for the man who is on the ground to become enthusiastic; in fact, the most natural thing in the world, and the less he knows about the business the more enthusiastic he becomes.

The way some syndicates manage their properties even after getting hold of a good one, is sufficient to discourage mining investments.

The fact is that the opportunities for salting a report and diverting the capital from development into the pockets of disreputable persons are far greater and far more lucrative than attempting the actual salting of a mine."—Butte Mining World.

Banff Hotel Extension.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has decided to go ahead with the addition to the Banff Springs Hotel and has appropriated the sum of $110,000 to be spent in extending and improving their accommodations here. No particular date has been set for the commencing of operations, but it is understood the work will start in the immediate future. When completed Banff will contain one of the largest and best appointed hotels in Canada.—Crag and Canyon.

Mr. Edward Whymper, conqueror of the "Matterhorn," and one of the world's most famous mountain climbers will arrive in Banff about the first of June, for the purpose of climbing and exploring some of Canada's skyscrapers, and will have with his party four picked Swiss Guides.

Colonel Dent will visit Alberta and other parts of the Northwest Territories for the purpose of purchasing horses for the army in South Africa. Having to send 1,000 immediately, he will spend April in Ontario and Quebec; he will arrive in Albertr early in May. The dates and purchasing places will be arrangnd and published later.

Town and District.

Insure in the London Life.

The finest climate in Canada is in the Columbia valley.

The census enumerators are making good progress in their work.

A contract has been let to build a new town hall at Windermere.

General Manager Marpole of the C. P. R. has gone to Montreal.

Dominion trade increased over $8,000,000 during the past nine months compared with the previous year.

Water in the Columbia river is so low that the driving of logs is very difficult and will delay mill sawing for some time.

Farmers are all delighted with the warm sunshine of the past week. The hills are rapidly taking on their summer tint.

A. P. Dupont, guard of the Kamloops gaol, says the "Sentinel," left for Donald on Monday morning. It is expected he will return with a willing captive.

J. McEvoy, Geological surveyor, has made a report to the Dominion Government on the Crow's Nest coal fields. He estimates that there are 22,000,000, tons 000 of possibly workable coal.

A bicycle collision on Main street, Wednesday night, between lady and gentleman riders, was attended with no bodily harm, but the lady's fore wheel was wrecked. It was a case of mistaken signals.

As a substitute for the provincial poll tax, it is suggested that the legislature follow the state of Arkansas, where a dram drinker is not allowed to drink intoxicating liquor unless he first obtains a license. The license costs $5 a year.

The Golden Football Club sent a challenge to the Revelstoke Club for a match to be played at Golden on the 24th May. No reply as yet has been received, but in the event of acceptance the visitors will have a share of their expenses defrayed by subscription.

An accident occurred on Friday to the steel bridge across the Red Deer river at Red Deer. It seems the river broke up rather suddenly and piled blocks of ice against the bridge. One of the piers gave way and carried with it two spans.

Several of the friends of Mr. Duchesnay, C. P. R. superintendent, left on Monday's Pacific Express to attend the banquet in his honor at Revelstoke. Mr. Duchesnay is removed to Vancouver and is superseded by Mr. Kilpatrick at Revelstoke.

The 82nd Annual Anniversary of the Independent Order of Oddfellows will be held in the English Church on April 28th at 7.30 p. m. All the brothers to be at the Hall at 7 o'clock sharp. Visiting brethern cordially invited.—J. T. Wood, Secty.

The stained glass windows in St. Paul's church have added materially to the beauty and dignity of that edifice. The whole of the work was done by the vicar, Rev. C. F. Yates, who has shown undoubted skill and taste in its execution. The interior has undergone a large amount of renovation recently, mainly by the hands of the reverend gentleman.

During the coming season eight Swiss guides will be employed at the various hotels of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the Rockies. Golden offers a splendid field for tourists and mountain climbers and especially interesting and grand is a trip on one of the river steamers to Windermere. Tourists should not miss seeing the Columbia valley.

Peter Sebastian has made arrangements to work his mountain of kaolin or sepiolite which contains all the essentials for window cleaning as it is free from grit or iron. I. is easily accessible. Peter quotes the old scriptural phrase "let there be light" and gives practical evidence of his faith by cleaning his windows with the polish. Ladies supplied with free samples on application.

Reports from the Lower Fraser valley indicate that the spring is very backward and the prospects of a good are ripening every day. It is true that there is a depth of snow in the mountains above the average and a long spell of hot weather is all the more to be feared. It is sincerely hoped that the farmers of the Fraser will be spared a disaster similar to that of '94 when the whole valley was literally inundated and many people rendered homeless.

The rails piled in the C. P. R. yard are being reloaded on flat cars for shipment to the Lardeau.

The residents of Spillimachene have passed a strong resolution in favor of a competitive Coast-Kootenay railroad.

J. C. Tom has a line of fine up-to-date hats at reasonable prices, also gents' furnishings. Call and examine them.

The relaying of rails and track-raising by a C.P.R. extra gang, under the foremanship of Patrick Reddick, is being done on the sidings here.

The public school teachers of Victoria are now considering the advisability of forming a union. These are days of unions and trusts. Why not have the teachers of the whole province solidified in one large union?

It is a puzzel to know why some residents of Golden who make their livelihood and daily bread and butte here should patronize outside business firms. It is admitted by all students of economy that money spent at home is certain to return twofold whereas money sent abroad never returns. One ought to be patriotic enough to patronize home concerns rather than those of the stranger or alien. Think it over and your conscience or even business instinct will tell you that you owe s duty to your neighbor in the matter of trade.

Messrs. Vachon have a pair of domesticated wild geese which would be an interesting acquisition for a zoo. The female had never attempted anything in the family line for seven long years until about two years ago She then began framing a nest of sticks and feathers and odd bits of calico and string by way of ornament. To-day she has five big plump perfect eggs to her credit and she seems half regretfully to act as if she would like to increase the number for every year she has lost in doing nothing. Her partner is, as in duty bound, her bodyguard, and woe betide the dog or cat that goes near Mrs. Goose. Mr. Vachon hopes to have luck with this sitting and thus promote a new specie of domestic geese.

The sidewalk on Main street near the postoffice proved to be all too narrow for a Chinaman and a Caucasian walking in opposite directions the other night. The shoulder of the latter just grazed that of the former, whereupon the Chink made use of cognomens and epithets not found in any dictionary. Then followed a beautiful exhibition of the manly art in which "John" received a belly blow and a paralytic stroke over the left optic simultaneously. If there had been any grass "John" would have found it suddenly but as it was mud in which he kerflopped he took to it kindly. The sidewalk must be made wider. Another reason is thus added for the installation of electric light lest more serious collisions occur.

A surgical operation was recently performed in which a section of a girl's spinal cord was removed, the ends sewn together and today is doing well. In New York the other day two men had their stomachs taken out and repaired. Both are not only alive, but lively. Only yesterday a man was seen on Main street who had a head put on him the previous evening. And marvellous as it may seem, two men leant over the railing of the Kicking Horse bridge early one morning suffering the aftermath of a jag, gazing into the swiftly rolling water, but neither of them had a heart (to jump). But the most wonderful living miracle is the man, apparently healthy who walks about without a soul—his subscription to this paper is almost hopelessly overdue.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

John Gould, of Revelstoke, paid a visit to his parents here on Sunday.

W. Pugsley, of Truro, N. S. passed through Golden recently en route to California.

Mr. Holden, law-partner of Smith Curtis, M. P. P., Rossland, was in Golden during the week on a business trip.

Jack Lawson, the popular tonsor of Field, came down on Wednesday on a pleasure trip.

T J. Barron, B. A., of Armstong, B. C., began duty as principal of the Golden Public school on Monday last.

J. A. McIntyre has been installed as expert mixologist in the Queen's.

Richard Pearce has returned from the Old Country and is now employed by Hull Bros.

Messrs. Stephen and Crowe, from Truro, N. S., went through on Monday's Pacific Express to Revelstoke where they have obtained appointments

Notes from Field.

Miss Mattie Littlefair has arrived from Strathcona, Alberta, on a visit.

J. Jones, section foreman at Ottertail, returned with his wife on Sunday last.

The C. P. R has given notice to Carlin&Wyckoff, Hull Bros., and Bert Palmer to remove their houses from the north side of the track.

The C. P. R. will enlarge the Mt. Stephen House during the coming summer.

A number of men are employed building a trail to Emerald lake, a favorite resort for tourists.

Miss Mabel Stephens leaves for Rossland Saturday.

A Chinaman assailed Tony Payone with a carving knife as the result of a dispute about a saw.

Baseball Challenge.

The following letter addressed to the ERA is published by request of the Peterborough Baseball Club. No doubt arrangements will be made to accommodate them by the Golden contingent. If the Golden club intend accepting the challenge there should be hard and continuous practice to enable them to creditably engage with an opponent of no mean repute:

EDITOR GOLDEN ERA:—The local baseball club of Peterborough, champions of Windermere district for 1900, are anxious to make arrangements with a local team of Golden to play at the Peterborough celebration on May 24th. —Peterborough Baseball Club.

Hospital Notes.

Anyone visiting the Golden Hospital could not have failed to notice the much needed improvements and renovation of its interior and exterior. Of all institutions a hospital should be cheery, cleanly and comfortable. These three essentials have been attained to a praiseworthy degree in this home for the sick. To the energetic secretary, Mr. Robbins, is due, largely, the credit for having accomplished the necessary renewing and indeed the whole staff, including surgeon and nurses are to be commended for their untiring efforts in all that pertains to the welfare and oversight of the sick.

A well is being sunk at the hospital to which a windmill will be erected for the supply of water to the building. This will prove a great convenience and one which will be fully appreciated by all connected with the institution.

That nature loaned a generous hand in the attractions of the hospital grounds only a visit is necessary to verify. Nestled within a wealth of trees the building smiles and almost bids one to come in. The lawns and pathways are being embellished with flower beds and shrubbery that will often cheer the weary invalid in his daily promenade.

Patients receive the best of attention and all refer in kindly terms of the doctor and nurses.

MINING NEWS.

The silver-lead production of British Columbia of 1899 was fairly doubled in 1900.

Fernie is supplying coke to the smelters capable of handling 5,000 tons of ore daily.

The production of Fernie coal mines during the month of March was 40,000 tons.

An important strike is reported from the Blue Bird, one of the properties of the Montana Gold Mining Co. at Rossland.

At a depth of 400 feet a vein of solid galena, assaying $125 in lead and silver, was cut recently in the crosscut tunnel of the Iron Cap mine, near Windermere

The Waterloo mine in Camp McKinney district, is now taking out the richest ore in its history. A sample from three feet of ore in the face assayed $105 in gold.

The Highland mine at Ainsworth has practically closed down because the conditions, it is claimed, prevent the property being operated profitably at present. Increased charges for treatment and the low price of lead are the reasons assigned for the suspension of operations.

The Britannia mine on Howe Sound has been bonded to W. A. Clark, of Montana for $1,000,000, of which $10,000 was paid in cash and the balance to be paid in a year. There are 15 claims in a group and an enormous quantity of ore is exposed.

It is estimated that in the near future the smelting plants of southeastern British Columbia, which now have a total capacity of 3,450 tons, will be enabled to handle twice the present amount of ore.

CHINESE COMMISSION.

Coal Mine Superintendent Gives Interesting Evidence.

Before the Chinese Commission on Tuesday last at Nanaimo the evidence of S. M. Robins, superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Company, occupied the whole of the morning session. Mr. Robins has been superintendent of the company for eighteen years. His testimony is very important as he, perhaps, has a wider experience and a more accurate knowledge of the value of Chinese labor than any individual in the Province.

He said the total number of men in the employ of the company was 1,336, of whom the total number of whites was 1,093, and of Chinese 243. The whole number of whites employed below ground was 918. Those above ground 175. The Chinese were all employed above ground as follows: Stokers, 37; banksmen, (under supervision of a responsible white man), 48; timbermen, (preparing the timber for the mine), 19; making a total employed for the mine, 104. Besides these the company have a large number (57) employed just at that moment clearing land, which was being done with all possible speed to enable the planting of crops for the season.

When this work was completed they would be dropped off again. The number of farm hands proper was 8, making 65 employed at this work.

The smallest sum paid a Chinaman was $1,12½, and the highest sum paid them per day was $1,25, which was paid to 85.

The miners, who worked by the ton almost exclusively, earn, roughly speaking, from $3.00 to $5.00 per day, There were few who earned less than $2.60 per day.

Continuing, the witness said that following on the Wellington explosion in 1888, an agreement had been reached by the colliery owners with the men to keep the Chinese out of the mines, and since then no Chinaman had ever set foot below ground in Nanaimo. The immigration of Chinese should be entirely stopped. For one thing it caused manual labor to be looked down upon by the younger generation. There was at present a large surplus of Chinese in the province, and no industry would suffer by prohibiting Mongolian immigration. He objected to the introduction of a servile class. The Chinese and Japanese were too servile to suit him. He had never employed Asiatic domestics, and knew nothing of them. The servant problem was largely due to the want of experience of the mistresses.

As Mongolian labor was reduced its place would be taken by white labor and not necessarily cheap labor.

He would himself work to maintain the standard of wages. He would deprecate bringing cheap labor from eastern Canada or other places. Men had offered to work for the company at $1.75 a day and their services had been refused. The management did not want to bring down the standard of wages. All laboring men should have adequate remuneration, and therefore it was advisable to restrict the importation of the cheaper class of white labor. He did not care where the restriction came from, it was of first importance that a living wage should be paid. If he could not walk about the town without being ashamed to look a working man in the face he would rather walk out of it. An agreement had been made ten years ago between the company and the men. There has been no strike during that period. The union had never forced anything upon the company. He most emphatically preferred to deal with organized rather than with unorganized labor. Labor conditions might change with changing markets, but under no conditions would the company employ Mongolians underground again.

At the afternoon session Dr. R. E. McKechnie gave evidence which was strongly against the Chinese, and Dr. Walkem dwelt on instances of their filthy habits which had come under his personal observation.

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