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HOUSTON NAMES HIS CANDIDATES

Another Aldermanic Ticket in the Field.

ONLY TWO NEW NAMES

T. M. Ward and William Irvine are Selected—Also Hillyer, Whalley, Madden and Malone.

John Houston, Mayor of Nelson, had an extremely hard day yesterday. From early morning until late at night he was on the run and as a result of this running and the hard labor, The Miner is this morning in a position to announce the names of the candidates His Worship th Mayor has placed in the aldermanic field.

When the Mayor arose yesterday morning and read The Miner, as all citizens of Nelson do before breakfasting, he was sorely perplexed. He had not expected such a ticket as the independent citizens had placed in the field. As he read he saw visions of a future when Nelson should be governed by a body of men instead of by a single individual, and that single individual himself, John Houston. It was a blow that staggered and he hurried through his meal and out onto the street that he might confer with his henchmen, for even he at times is compelled to seek his fellow men for advice. Conferences followed. Some of them lasted fifteen minutes, others half an hour and still others fully sixty minutes. There was trouble for John Houston and his band of office holders and office seekers. This they realized and they acted accordingly. The few men of prominence who have announced themselves as supporters of Mr. Houston, and they are few indeed, were called upon and asked to become candidates but they refused. Thy had gone as far as they cared to in determining to support him; further they could not and would not go. The list was rapidly depleted and His Worship felt that times were hard indeed.

Then "the mountain" (with apologies to the mountain) "labored and brought forth a mouse."

The Mayor and his friends met last night and these are the candidates chosen on the Houston ticket:

EAST WARD.

Charles Hillyer, contractor.
T. M. Ward, insurance agent and ex-saloon keeper.
John Malone, saloon keeper.

WEST WARD.

Thomas Madden, saloon keeper.
E. P. Whalley, soft drink manufacturer.
William Irvine, dry-goods merchant.

The issue is now clearly defined. Those citizens who believe the city should rid itself of the one-man rule have placed in the field a ticket which they believe will win, and which they are sure, in the event of victory, will properly and faithfully care for the interests of Nelson. They are representative of the business element of the city and are men for whom no citizen should be ashamed of voting. It was with a great deal of satisfaction that the citizens in general learned in yesterday's Miner of the selection made and the many expressions of approval heard were very complimentary to the candidates.

The other ticket, that selected yesterday by Mayor Houston, need not be commented upon. The ballots will best tell the tale.

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H. G. Neeland's announcement to the public will be found in another column. Mr. Neelands' states in no uncertain tones just where he stands upon questions of more than passing interest to the citizens of Nelson. He is saying now through The Miner what he has been saying to voters during the canvas he has made since he was prevailed upon to become a candidate for the mayoralty. That his views have coincided with those of a majority of the citizens is best manifest in the success he has met with on all sides. He has been aided in his work by a great many of the prominent business men who have entered into the fight with a determination to land their man a winner.

TODAY IS THE DAY.

Those Who Have Been Left Off Voters' List May Get On.

This morning at 10 o'clock Magistrate Crease will sit at the City Hall to here the arguments of those who believe their names have been improperly omitted from the voters' list.

That the Magistrate will have a big day of it there is no doubt. The list of the omitted names is a large one and the various candidates for office are anxious that all of their friends should have a chance to vote. In applying to have their names placed upon the list applicant's should take with them all tax receipts and such other credentials as will best prove to the Magistrate that they are entitled to a vote in the forthcoming election.

It is quite likely that Magistrate Crease will continue to sit until everyone is heard even if it requires a night session. There certainly can be no objection to this in view of the fact that the court continued last Saturday night until after 11 o'clock in the Johnson trial.

ROYAL PROPORTIONS.

Row in Conservative Ranks Started by a Winnipeg Paper.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—The Globe says: The row started by the Winnipeg Telegram within the Conservative party has attained truly royal proportions. The Telegram began by abusing the people of Quebec in a most violent manner for supporting Laurier instead of Tupper. It is a very pretty quarrel, but it need not excite anybody outside the Conservative politicians. "You voted against us, we are out of power, you are a pack of scoundrels." That is all it means. It would be interesting to know by what authority the Telegram uses the name of Hugh John MacDonald in connection with this last furious onslaught on French Canadians. That was not exactly the policy we had been accustomed to associate with the name of MacDonald.

WAR IS FEARED

RELATIONS BETWEEN NORWAY AND SWEDEN ACUTE.

Norway's New Flag Has Given Offense—Both Countries Have Their Grievances.

Christiania, Jan. 6.—Norway and Sweden continue in a state of dissension that makes a war between the two countries not unlikely. The matter was aggrevated the first of the year when Norway flew her flag minus the emblem, which signifies her union with Sweden. The Norwegians thirst for independence and it is stated the Radicals have already taken steps to secure this by secretly alienating the Norwegians in the joint arm from Swedeu.

Both sides continue to strengthen their defences. Norway's chief grievance is a clause in the constitution which makes a minister who is alone responsible to the Swedish Rikstag, the real director of the foreign affairs of both countries. The Swedish grievance is that Norway, while taking advantage of antiquated laws, contributes few more men to the Scandinavian army than she did in 1814, about 25,000, while Sweden gives 100,000.

Moderators suggest as a compromise that the Norwegian minister be given equal voice in foreign matters, with the Swedish minister and that Norway increase her quota to the army.

NORWAY ARMING.

New York, Jan. 6.—August Reymert, special agent of the Krag-Jorgensen Arms Company, arrived here yesterday on the White Star liner Majestic, and it is said that he had been in Norway, and that he had filed with the government of Norway bids for the manufacture of a large number of 21 centimetre breech loading rifles. Mr Reymert said that the trouble between Norway and Sweden was as far as ever from being settled.

MORE ITALIAN RIOTS.

They Protest Against Over Taxation With Kerosene.

Rome, Jan. 6.—Despatches from Miscens, Sicily, say that rioting has been renewed there because of the attempts at over-taxation. A mob of several thousand people surrounded the municipal offices and smashed the windows, shouting: "Down with the municipality." Thirteen stations at which taxes are collected have been drenched with kerosene and burned. The troops have not been able to control the mob. Two soldiers have been wounded. The Italian government has called for reinforcement for the garrison.

AN UNGRATEFUL GUEST.

A Thawed Corpse Departs Without Setting His Bill.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 6.—A stranger apparently frozen stiff and killed by falling from his horse was picked up in the road on Tuesday and taken to an undertaker's shop where the body was placed in a coffin. The next day in place of the supposed corpse was the following note: "Don't like your old lodging house a little bit. Your beds are too damned cramped, and your niggers don't keep no fire. Sorry to leave you."

DISASTROUS RAINS.

Jackson, Mississipui, Jan. 6.—Heavy rains have caused extensive washouts on the railroads in Central Mississippi and the general condition today is the worst known in years. Several hundred feet of track is completely submerged on the Illinois Central Railway, two miles north of this city, and all traffic on the system has been indefinitely delayed on the Alabama and Vicksburg Railway, between Holten and Edwards seven miles of track is eight feet under water.

THE GOLD PREMIUM.

London, Jan. 6.—Gold premiums are quoted as follows: Buenos Ayres, 104.90; Lisbon, 39; Rome, 107.80.

EIGHT MEN KILLED ---FORTY WOUNDED

Boiler Explosion in an English Ship-Building Yard.

WORKS WERE WRECKED

Portions of the Boiler Carried a Quarter of a Mile Distant From the Scene of the Disaster.

London, Jan. 6.—A boiler, while being tested in Hawatts' ship-buildiing yard at Barking, a town about seven miles from here, burst today and the superintending engineer and eight men were killed. About 40 persons were injured, some fatally. The bodies of the dead were frightfully multilated. The whole ship-building works was wrecked. A lad was found dead 30 yards from the scen of the disaster. A number of men and boys are missing. The windows in houses half a mile away were shattered. The terrific force of the explosion may be judged from the fact that one of the huge plates of the boiler plunged through a building a quarter of a mile distant and that debris was hurled hundreds of yards in all directions. The factory itself, which covered several acres, was practically razed and all the dwellings and shops in its immediate vicinity were practically wrecked. Telegraph and telephone wires were blown down on all sides. Distressing scenes were witnessd among the moulders wives and other relatives of the employees.

AT IT IN EARNEST.

Col. Baker Opens on the Semlin Government.

Victoria, Jan. 6.—In the legislature today, Col. Baker called attention to the death of Mr. Neilson, member-elect for East Kootenay, and suggested adjournment, which Premier Semlin refused, saying that the government had no official knowledge of his death. Mr. Ralph Smith of Nanaimo, moved and Mr. Munro, of Chilliwack, seconded the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

Col. Baker, acting leader of the Opposition, followed, characterizing the Government as the creation of one man in contempt of the will of the people—a gubernatorial monstrosity, whose creation would be the subject of debate in the Legislature and also in the Commons. He noted the fact that the Premier's Private Secretary, after resigning to contest Cowichan and being defeated, had been restored to his office under the Government. With reference to the promised assistance to Westminister City, he asked whether this was the explanation of the appearance now on the government side of a gentleman (Mr. Henderson) who had run under the colors of the late government. Hon. Joseph Martin made his debut in the House today by introducing the bill the object of which is to make Messrs. Prentice and Dean safe in their seats until after the close of the present session.

THE SULTAN'S TROUBLES.

Discontent Manifested Throughout His Dominions.

Vienna, Jan. 6.—The representatives of the discontented people of Macedonia will hold a meeting shortly at Geneva to prepare a manifesto to the powers setting forth Macedonia's grievances against Turkey. The Porte fearful of insurrection, is busily engaged in fortifying Adrianople. Following the example of the Turks in Crete, the Turkish Albans have begun sessions and are causing the government much trouble. There is growing discontent and unrest throughout Turkey, and the Sultan's popularity which he achieved in the Greek war, is rapidly waning. The prime cause is general lack of money and empty stomachs. There is almost an absence of religious differences, because Christians and Moselms are grumbling together.

BROUGHT A BIG PRICE.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—In the Toronto Stock Exchange yesterday $3,850 was bid with $3,900 asked, for a seat on the board. A year ago a seat was held at about $1,900, so the price has almost doubled in 12 months. This appreciation is indicative of the increasing volume of the value of trading done on exchange. There are 40 seats on the board and only 35 of these have been issued. The remaining five are held subject to a reserve bid of $4,000.

NEILSON IS DEAD.

Victoria, Jan. 6.—The news was received here shortly before 2 o'clock today of the sudden death in Montreal of Wm. Neilson, member of the Legislature for the North Riding of East Kootenay. Heart disease was the cause of his demise.

OR A PROLONGED AND BLOODY WAR

One of the Alternatives Left the Americans.

FILIPINOS DETERMINED

Americans Must Abandon Their Annexation Policy—Signs of Trouble are Evident.

Manila, Jan. 6.—A despatch to the Independencia, from Malolos, the seat of the Filipino government, says the governors of all the provinces of Luzon have asembled at Malolos for the purpose of offering their lives and property in adhesion to the policy of the government. Continuing, the despatch says:

"They say they fought only for the independence of the Filipinos and are are now unwilling to surrender to strangers."

Commenting upon President McKinley's proclamation to the Philippines issued on Wednesday by Major General Otis, the Independencia, which is a native paper, says the problem presented is most grave. It admits that there are only two solutions possible, namely, the Americans' abandonment of their annexation policy, claiming that the people are not desirous of absorption into their nationality, or a prolonged and bloody war. It then cites the example of the Noble patriots of Iloilo defying General Miller," and expresses a hope for a pacific termination of the crisis, but hints at trouble.

The official organ the Republican, is less aggressive, but indisposed to accept the suggestions of General Otis in their entirety. The Spanish papers are evidently afraid to comment on the situation.

The California regiment is still on board the transports here, awaiting orders.

THEY DO NOT LOOT.

Hong Kong Jan. 6.—The papers here publish a despatch from Iloilo evidently from a Filipino source which says that when the Americans arrived there they found there had been absolutely no looting. They found a good government established which met with the approval of foreign residents.

This disposes of the allegation of the inclination of the Filipinos to loot and kill. They occupied Iloilo on the same humane principles which have guided their actions against their Spanish oppressors. The correspondent adds that the reports of an opposition republic having been established are refuted by the facts that the government and general commanding at Iloilo have assured the American delegates from the warships that they could settle nothing without orders from the national government at Maloloa.

WHAT BOURINOT SAYS.

Advises That the Senate Be Made More Representative.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 6.—Discussing Laurier's plan of Senate reform, Bourinot says: "In the case of Canada, a dissolution of the elected House of Commons under grave circumstances in a political crisis would meet all conditions and a joint sitting could then be wisely had to adjust the difficulty after the expression of popular will. If the verdict was adverse to the Senate, it must at once recede, but objections to unite will hardly be removed while its members are the creation largely of the party long in power. Such a system as works admirably in Denmark, has its advantages and that is a Senate partly elected and partly nominated. Universities, cities and legislatures might in Canada have the choice of certain members for the Upper House. One thing is quite certain, the Upper House is an absolute necessity in the Dominion to ensure safe legislation and interpose a barrier against rash government, and a change in the construction of the Senate should be in the direction of making it more representative and in the closest possible touch with the sentiment of the most conservative and thoughtful classes in this country, where influences of democracy are increasing."

LITTLE SYMPATHY HERE.

Toronto, Ont. Jan. 6.—If report be credited, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's proposal for the reformation of the Senate is not likely to meet with much sympathy from the present government here.

BISHOP SULLIVAN DEAD.

One of the Most Cultivated of the English Church Clergy.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Bishop Sullivan died at 5:10 this morning. Although he had been ill for some time and has not been in robust health since the closing years of his episcopal labors in Huron diocese, his death was by no means expected, and has occasioned a painful shock to his hosts of friends in the city. Bishop Sullivan was one of the most cultivated and eloquent of the English church clergy in Canada. He preached for years in Montreal, was years in Chicago as rector of Trinity church there, and thus had an international reputation. His labors in the diocese of Algoma, as bishop from 1882 to 1894, when his active connection with that see ceased, completely broke down his health. For a couple of years he lived in Europe, acting as chaplain of the English mission church at Mentone, France. In 1896, on the elevation of Canon Dumoulin, to the bishopric of Niagara, he succeeded to the rectorship of St. James Cathedral, which he held till his death.

ELECTRIC EXTENSION.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—It is likely that during the present year, the radical electrical system will be extended from Lorne Park to Oakville, making direct connection between Toronto and Oakville, 20 miles out, and cutting heavily into the Grand Trunk passenger traffic from that point. This system is controlled by the directors of the Toronto Street Railway. Other schemes for extending the electric system are on foot.

AWFUL CRUELTY

EXCERPTS FROM DESPATCHES OF CONSUL GEN. WILLIAMS.

Political Prisoners Shot Down Wholesale by the Spaniards—Worse Than Mediaeval Atrocities.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The correspondence published officially in connection with the peace treaty contains much of interest from the United States Consul Williams who was stationed at Manila prior the war. In one dispatch Mr. Williams relates many atrocities on the part of the Spaniards. One of these occurred in March 25, when a meeting of natives was broken up by force, many being wantonly shot to death and many taken prisoners. The next day the 62 prisoners were marched to the cemetery and shot down in a body. Many of these, Mr. Williams adds were not participants in the meeting.

He also says that such horrors though on a smaller scale were of almost daily occurrence. He reports that several hundred native prisoners were disposed of by being placed in low dungeons in the city walls, where they were drowned by the rise of the tide, adding that, "Cruelties too horrible for an official report are detailed to me every day, and it seems that the cry of outraged humanity would soon compel Spain to abolish middle age warfare."

He speaks of the influence of the church as the greater bar to progress in the island.

INFLUENZA IN RUSSIA.

The Epidemic in St. Petersburg Ascribed to Variations of Climate.

London, Jan. 6.—Advices from St. Petersburg show that there is almost universal sickness in that city. The principal sickness is a severe form of influneza which is ascribed to the unusual weather, which after beginning with the customary frosts, suddenly became mild and rainy. Serious floods in the rivers now are emphasizing the evils of bad drainage, and sanitation. It is generally remarked that the climate in that part of Russia in which St. Petersburg is situated has changed in the last few years. Instead of a continuous frost during the winter there are continual variations of temperature from one extreme to another.

CANADIANS GET A PLUM.

McKenzie and His Associates Win Out in Havana.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 6.—Word reached this city today that the franchise of the Havana Street Railway Company had been secured by the Toronto Street Railway Company, in which Henry A. Everett of this city, is interested.

"I am interested in the Toronto Company as a stockholder only" said Everett. "I hear from Toronto today that the company has secured the Havana franchise and is also operating the road."

ESTERHAZY INTERVEIWED.

London, Jan. 6.—The Daily News publishes this morning an interview a special correspondent in Holland had with Major Comte Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy, author of the Dreyfus Bordereau. The correspondent says: "I found him in a small typical Dutch hotel. His face betrayed the ravages of the anxiety of recent months and he is terribly lonely. He told me he had hardly spoken to any one since he left England, he declined to say anything about the enquiry now in progress before the Court of Cassation but did indulge in a violent anti-Jewish tirade."

GORDON FOR CUBA.

London, Jan. 6.—Mr. Lionel E. C. Gordon has been gazetted British Consul General for the island of Cuba. Mr. Gordon was until recently British Consul at the city of Mexico. About 15 years ago he was British Consul at Havana, where he married an American lady.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE ATTACKS SKAGWAY

The Empire Theatre Burned to the Ground.

NEW STRIKE RECORDED

Mahoney Makes a Record Trip Out From Dawson—Stories of Fresh Bonanzas Found.

Victoria, Jan. 6.—Another batch of Klondikers arrived from the north this morning, all from Dawson, by the Steamer City of Seattle. There were also about sixty passengers from the south eastern Alaskan coast.

The arrivals from Skagway have news of a big fire which occurred there on New Year's day about 8 o'clock in the evening. It destroyed the Empire theatre, the largest variety house in the city. The cause of the fire was the explosion of a lamp in the dressing room of one of the variety actresses, who was preparing for the performance. The women lost all their clothing, being obliged to hurry out of the building with nothing but the tights and stage dresses in which they stood. The loss will be about $15,000. Two buildings on either side of the theatre were razed by the fire department, and the store of H. A. Bauer and Company, two doors away, was considerably damaged.

According to the passengers, had any wind been blowing, there would be no more Skagway now. A heavy gale blew from the mountains for several days previous, but fortunately for Skagway it subsided a few hours before the fire.

M. A. Mahoney, who was one of the Klondikers who arrived by the Seattle, has broken the record for the trip out. He left Dawson on December 14, with T. A. Monroe, with whom he raced to the salt water on a wager of $1000. Mahoney was an easy winner.

J. C. Duffie, of Deadwod, Colo., who was a passenger from Skagway, left the Atlin district on Christmas day. He brings news of the discovery of three new creeks in that district, Union, Horse and Quartz creeks, all emptying into Surprise Lake.

J. W. Lancing, superintendent of construction of the military barracks at Fort Selkirk, reports that big finds are being made at the head of the McMillan river. Two men left Selkirk many months ago to prospect the head waters of the McMillan river. They took with them two years provisions and were last heard from about 200 miles above the McMillan, where them are said to have made a big strike. Shortly before Mr. Lancing left Selkirk, a miner named Taylor, arrived with $11,000 in gold dust, which he said he had taken out of the placers at the head of the McMillan in six weeks.

Major Bliss, of Fort Selkirk contingent, is now on his way out. He had just reached Skagway when the City of Seattle sailed and is expected to arrive by the next steamer.

RUSSIA MALIGNED.

Daily Graphic Says There Are No Russian Soldiers at New Chang.

London, Jan. 6.—The Daily Graphic asserts that it has the highest authority for denying the stories that Russian troops are at New Chang and elsewhere in Manchuria. It says that there is not a single Russian soldier outside of Port Arthur and Talien Wan. The facts are that a number of Russian soldiers and peasants have been imported by the Russo-Chinese bank to work on the railway in Manchuria. Some of these have been armed for police service in accordance with the agreement with the Chinese government and it is these who have been mistaken for soldiers.

HUNGAARIN RIOTS.

People Are Dissatisfied at Non-Renewal of the Ausgleich.

Buda Pest, Jan. 6.—The first fruit of the Hungarian Diet's failure to renew the Ausgleich with Austria promises to be a riot, and several meetings of students have been scheduled here for the purpose of passing resolutions not to fulfill their military duties during the extra-constitutional condition created by the Emperor's decree of a provisional Ausgleich, which leaves many of the laws in a state of suspension. Members of the independent party are planning a parade through the streets. A large section of these are bent on trouble and will probably not be appeased.

The Government has requested the mining recorders of the different mining divisions to send in a report on the Geological features of their respective districts, together with a list of the shipping mines therein.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

At this writing there are two candidates in the field for the Mayoralty, the present occupant of that position, and Mr. H. G. Neelands, an old resident who stands high in the public esteem and a successful business man. For the six positions of Aldermen six gentlemen have announced themselves, Mr. G. Frank Beer, Mr. Henry B. Thomson, and Mr. P. E. Wilson in the East Ward, and Mr. Frank Fletcher Mr. R. M. Macdonald and Mr. A. L. McKillop for the West Ward. These latter form an independent ticket, having no connection with the contest on either side for the Mayoralty. We believe that to be well advised, as cliques or combinations in municipal affairs are not desirable things. We do not know whether other candidates will offer as Aldermen, although from the character of past administration we would expect a full ticket in the interest of the present Mayor. Possibly, too, Mr. Neelands may have designs of completing a ticket; but as he has no personal interest to serve by his election, and consents to run only for the purpose of introducing better methods of civic government, we can well believe that he would be content with any six gentlemen actuated by the same unselfish motives as his own.

The six who have consented to run for aldermanic honors are among our best citizens. They have no axes to grind, no jobs to put through. They stand for good, clean civic government; that and nothing else. It will be safe to elect them. It may be very unsafe not to elect them. Between Mr. Neelands and Mr. Houston, we cannot understand how any elector having the interests of the city at heart can hesitate in his choice. Mr. Houston claims that he has given efficient, honest, economical government to the city. That is as it may be. Many will characterise it as a story fit for the marines. But granting that it is so, if the gentleman supposes that he is the only person who has brains enough or honesty enough to creditably conduct the affairs of the city he is mistaken. And by electing another whose honesty will partake of a different character, we shall put an end to one-man rule and to many another objectionable feature of Mr. Houston's administration. The claim that the present Mayor should be elected to carry out enterprises now in progress would, if valid at all and in this instance, be equally valid at the end of his next term, and the next, and so on until old age incapacitated him from further service. Because the business of a municipality is continuous, the affairs of one term necessarily running into the next. Let us not be imposed upon by childish pretences. Mr. Houston is not necessary to the government of this city, however splendid his abilities and however exalted his character. And as a change in methods is highly desirable, it will be better to make him content with the two terms he has already enjoyed and to put Mr. Neelands in his place.

COPPER MINING IN YUKON.

The Canadian Mining Review, Ottawa, comments with considerable severity on the recent regulation governing the disposition of lode claims in the Yukon, providing that the Minister of the Interior may grant locations and licenses for mining copper on certain conditions. These, generally, are that locations shall be limited to one square mile; that boundary lines shall run north, south, east, or west, certainly a most arbitrary and singular requirement, considering the topography of the country, and that no person can be granted more than one location within a radius of ten miles. If the ground so located shall contain iron, coal, or gold, the locator shall have no right to those minerals, which may be staked by another person. A worse feature than any of these, however, is the imposition of a royalty of five per cent of the gross value of the copper produced.

The Mining Review thinks that if the Department had intended to discourage copper mining in the Yukon it could not have hit on a better plan. It is either badly advised, or very ignorant, or disposed to most michievous interference. In other parts of Canada the royalty on copper is no where greater than two per cent on the gross; and why more should be exacted in the Yukon, where cost of mining and transportation are necessarily so heavy, is not easily comprehensible to the ordinary mind. The Government were encouraged by public opinion when they decided to make the Yukon self-sustaining by exacting a royalty on gold; but it was not desired that it should be as excessive as it is. That on copper, excepting to large corporations with unlimited capital, it is virtually prohibitive. Was that the intention?

At first reading, the Bill to protect those two members of the Legislature may prove a little startling. But it is not as bad as it looks. Neither in the Dominion nor in the other Provinces is it permitted to hold election trials during a session, and there is good reason for such a provision. If in the Lillooet case the question is one of disputed qualification only, it is quite proper that the sitting member should be protected against the penalties in such cases. We are not sure from the wording of the Bill whether it is intended to set aside the present petitions. If it is, an injustice to the petitioners is contemplated, which is all the less defensible because wholly unnecessary. It might easily be provided that the existing petitions be kept alive until the period of immunity expires. That may be the intention, but the meaning in respect to this point is far from being clearly expressed.

We are desired to state that the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company has no connection with the Spokane Falls and Northern Telegraph Company. It is a pleasure as well as a satisfaction to know this, as it explains away what appeared at the time as most unaccountable conduct on the part of the Railway Company in connection with our failure to get a news service from Spokane on a recent occasion. For this the Railway Company was not responsible.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The American Open Door.

It is stated that, while the Americans will take Porto Rico and Hawaii right into the Union in a trade sense, they will treat Cuba and the Philippines as separate States, commercially speaking That is, Cuban and Philippine goods will have to pay the Dingley duties to get into the United States, and American products will enter Cuban and Philippine markets on precisely the same terms as Canadian and all other foreign articles; while Hawaii and Porto Rico will be regardetd commercially as States of the Union. If this policy be actually adopted, we shall see in it the American version of an "open door." The idea would be, of course, to render Cuba and the Philippines surely self-supporting while making them as free to foreign traders as to their own people. In the case of Cuba, the reason for such action probably rests upon the understanding that this island was not to become a spoil of the late war. The whole purpose of the war was to set the Cubans free; and, whatever may be thought about the measure of self-government which it will be prudent to allow them, it certainly would be farcical to deny them the privileges of buying goods from anybody but their liberators on any pretence whatever. As for the Philippines, it has been whispered for some time that President McKinley had an understanding with the British Government with regard to the whole question of the management and protection of these islands before he made up his mind to demand them at the hands of the Spanish Commissioners; and, if this be so, no doubt a part of that understanding was that British goods were to be received at Philippine ports on as favorable terms as those from the United States—Montreal Star.

Partisanship Gone Wild.

It is said a number of Government members will not take their seats; a very alarming statement truly—till one learns that it is made (for home consumption only) by the enterprising press organs of the disgruntled party. And that brings us to the poor, old, battered-up, collapsed party, that can no more be put together again than Humpty Dumpty What a funny Opposition; no crazy quilt ever raffled at a church bazaar could rival this Opposition for craziness of design and absence of idea. It will be most laughable to hear them attacking the Government, every man singing his own song and in all keys ever heard in political music It is going to be a session full of fun and excitement. On the Government side they will be playing follow my leader, and on the Opposition benches a roaring game of blind man's buff will be the caper. The Times will endeavor to keep accurate count of all the history that is manufactured—Victoria Times, Jan 3.

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TAKE NOTICE that I, V. C. Rackliff, will apply to the Gold Commissioner of West Kootenay, B. C., thirty days after date, for a license to sell liquor by retail at my hotel, located at Sirdar, 15 miles from Kuskonook, in the West Kootenay district

V. C. RACKLIFF.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 9th day of Dec., 1898

Notice of Application For Liquor License.

Take notice that I, Charles Olson, will apply to the Gold Commissioner of West Kootenay, B. C, thirty days after date, for a license to sell liquor by retail at my hotel, located at Sirdar, on lot 1, block 50, in the West Kootenay district. CHARLES OLSON.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 15th day of December, 1898. 953

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TIME CARD NO. 2

Taking Effect 1:00 o'clock a. m., September 1st, 1898. Pacific or 120th Meridian Time.

WEST BOUND First Class Passenger Leaves Daily	Time Card No 2 Sept. 1st, 1898. Stations	EAST BOUND First Class Passenger Arrive Daily
8.30 a. m.	Kaslo	3.30 p.m.
8.55 a. m.	South Fork	3.05 p.m.
9.45 a. m.	Sproule's	2.10 p.m.
10.00 a. m.	Whitewater	2.00 p.m.
10.08 a. m.	Bear Lake	1.50 p.m.
10.20 a. m.	McGuigan	1.38 p.m.
10:34 a. m.	Payne Tram	1:23 p.m.
10.35 a. m.	Cody Junction	1.22 p.m.
10.45 a. m.	Sandon	1.15 p.m.
Arrive Daily		Leave Daily

CODY BRANCH

Mixed Leaves Daily	Stations	Mixed Arrive Daily
11:00 a. m.	Sandon	11:59 a.m.
11:10 "	Cody Junction	11:30 "
11:25 "	Cody	11:35 "
Arrive Dal		Leave Daily

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TRAINS AND STEAMERS ARRIVING AND DEPARTING FROM NELSON.

7:30 a.m.—S. S. Alberta leaves for Kuskonook and way points Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

8:00 a.m.—S.S. Moyie leaves for Kootenay L'd'g and way points Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

9:00 a.m.—Train leaves C. P. R. station for Slocan City, daily except Sunday.

9:40 a.m.—Train leaves N. & F. S. station for Rossland, Spokane and way points daily.

10:05 a.m.—S. S. International arrives from Kaslo and way points daily except Sunday.

11:00 a.m.—S. S. Kokanee arrives from Kaslo and way points daily except Sunday.

2:20 p.m.—Train arrives C. P. R. station, from Slocan City and way points, daily, except Sunday.

4:00 p.m.—S. S. Kokanee leaves for Kaslo and way points, daily, except Sunday.

4:30 p.m.—S. S. International leaves for Kaslo and way points, daily except Sunday.

5:30 p.m.—Train arrives N. & F. S. station, from Spokane, Rossland and way points, daily.

6:50 p.m.—S. S. Moyie arrives from Kootenay L'd'g and way points, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

6:30 p.m.—S. S. Alberta arrives from Kuskonook and way points Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

6:40 p.m.—Train leaves C. P. R. station for Robson, Rossland, and all Main Line points, daily.

10:30 p.m.—Train arrives C. P. R. station, from all Main Line points, Rossland and Robson, daily

Steam tugs Kaslo, Angerona, Red Star, Hercules, Surprise and others ply on Kootenay lake to and from Nelson, but have no regular times of arrival and departure.

Transportation Companies are requested to give notice to the Miner of any alterations in the time of arrival and departure from Nelson.

LODGE MEETINGS.

NELSON LODGE, No. 23, A. F. & A. M. meets second Wednesday in each month. Visiting brethren invited.
G. L. LENNOX, Secretary.

I. O. O. F. Kootenay Lodge No. 16, meets every Monday night, at their Hall, Kootenay street. Sojourning Odd Fellows cordially invited.
A. H. Clements, N. G. Fred J Squires, Sec.y

COURT KOOTENAY, I.O.F., NO. 3138 meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month in the K of P Hall. F W Swancil, C. D. S. C. R.; J R Green, C.R.; J. Farkiss, Secy.

NELSON LODGE, NO. 10 A.O.U.W., meets every Thursday in the I.O.O.F. hall. G C Williams, M.W.; W S Smith, Rec.-Sec.; J. J. Driscoll, Financier; F. J Squire, Receiver, and P. M. W.

NELSON L.O.L. No. 1692 meets in the Mac Donald block every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting members cordially invited.
John Tove, W. M.; F. J. Bradley, R. S.

NELSON LODGE No. 25, K. of P. meets in Castle hall, McDonald block every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. All visiting knights cordially invited.
R. G. JOY, C. C.
(820) GEO. ROSS K. of R. and S.

NELSON LODGE, I. O. G. T. Meets in Castle Hall, McDonald Block, every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting Templars cordially invited, JOHN TELFORD, Chief Templar.
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ROBERT FREY.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 19th day of December, 1898.

The York County Loan & Savings Co., of Toronto.

INCORPORATED 1891.

Subscribed Capital, $3,000,000; Total Assets Paid Dec. 1897, $466,109.92; Net Earnings for '97, $40,530.32. C. F. Broadhurst, Supt. for Kootenays. Joseph Phillips, Pres; A. T. Hunter, Vice-Pres; V. Robin, Treasurer; E. Burt, Supervisor.

C.L. MILLS, Ag't for Nelson.

Agents will call and explain the system.

NELSON'S FROSTS

THE LAST COLD SNAP WAS SIX YEARS AGO.

What People are Enduring Through Not Taking the Proper Precautions.

Many of the residents of Nelson are now beginning to recognize the error of their ways, the foolishness of building summer houses, laying their drainage pipes outside their houses, their water pipes an inch or two below the surface of the ground, and generally designing their habitations as if they were living in California instead of British Columbia. As a rule the winters here are comparitively mild, and frozen pipes are few, but from time to time King Frost descends in his might, and discomfort is the lot of those insufficiently prepared.

Six years ago, the winter of 1892-93, there was a similar cold snap to the one now being experienced. Old residents say that the thermometer on one occasion reached 30 degress below zero, while for several days it remained at 8 or 10 below. The lake froze over, navigation was suspended and an excellent sleigh road was made across the lake. History is repeating itself. The lake is again frozen over, and it seems very doubtful if the steamers will be able to keep it open, although the steamers are now larger and more numerous than they were at the time of the last great frost.

Steamboat men who come into the city yesterday reported that, with the exception of the Narrows, the river was practically frozen as far as Balfour, and that it would be easy to reach that place on skates providing one kept near the bank. As a result plans are already being made by more energetic for skating excursions to that place on Sunday.

But while the frost is a source of enjoyment to the younger members of the community, householders are experiencing great discomfort. There is hardly a house in town but where the pipes are frozen. Many have burst and flooded the rooms. The water supply in the city reservoir is failing from the same cause, and if a conflagration were to start now, it is hard to say where it would stop.

Nevertheless the hard frost will not pass away without having done some good. In the furture the houses will probably be more warmly built, and the plumbing more carefully done, while the transportation companies will awake to the fact that open waterways cannot be counted upon with certainty all the year around.

STILL SHY ONE THOUSAND.

Gold Commissioner Turner Has Not Yet Found His Check.

Gold Commissioner John A. Turner is still mourning the loss of the $1,000 check mailed about two months ago to his brother in Winnipeg. Nothing definite has been heard in regard to the check up to date, and while Mr. Turner is sure that it has been stolen, he is not sure that it will ever be presented for payment.

"The post office authorities at Ottawa" said Mr. Turner to a Miner representative yesterday, "are still doing all they can to discover the leak and I have some information from them which leads me to believe that the check was stolen in Winnipeg. Until it turns up, however, or for several months at least, I will be out the thousand dollars. And then, in order to use the money, I will be compelled to give the bank security so that they would secure themselves against loss in the event of the check turning up at a later date."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

On Monday all the clases at the Nelson public school will be opened.

The Steamer Kootenay and Minto now run from Arrowhead to Nakusp only.

There will be a hockey practice this evening at the Crystal Rink and all players are requested to attend.

The City Engineer reports that owing to the severe frost very little water is now coming into the City reservoir.

Mr. H. T. Wilgress, right of way agent for the Penticton extension of the C. P. R. is staying at the Phair.

Rinks skipped by Dr. Forin and Mr. Tamlyan played last night at the Crystal Rink, Dr. Forin winning, 10 to 7.

If your name is not on the voters list, and you are entitled to a vote, don't forget to appear in court at the City Hall today.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Hospital Aid Society will be held in the school of the Presbyterian church, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Owing to the difficulties encountered in the ice, and an exceptionally large amount of freight the Steamer Kokonee did not get in until 1 p. m. yesterday.

The subject of the sermon at the evening service at the Presbyterian church tomorrow will be "Why I believe the Bible to be the Word of God."

A meeting will be held at the Rev. R. Frew's house on Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock for the purpose of re-organizing the Woman's Missionary Society.

His Honor Judge Forin will hold a special meeting of the County Court on Monday afternoon at 2:30, at which he will hear naturalization applications.

The extreme cold has so much impeded work at Gray's Sawmill, that the mill has been temporarily closed down. Operations will be resumed as soon as the weather moderates.

When the Steamer International arrived at Five Mile Point yesterday morning, it was found that her plates had been pierced by the ice so she did not attempt to come on down to Nelson.

Messrs. H. S. Forest, C. H. Dixon and H. B. Brown of the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway, arrived in Nelson yesterday evening on Mr. Dixon's private car. They will leave this morning.

The annual general meeting of the South Kootenay Board of Trade will be held at the Board of Trade rooms on Monday evening at 7:30. The officers for the ensuing year will be elected at the meeting.

The C P. R. train leaving Nelson at 6:30 a. m. makes the same connections as did the train which left at 6:40 p. m. Thus the change of schedule means a gain of 12 hours in the trip to the Coast.

A lime light service will be held in the Salvation Army Barracks tonight by Ensign Staiger, of Spokane, entitled "A Torn Bible," and "Sowing the Seed." An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged.

Services will be held in the Methodist church on Sunday as usual. The morning subject will be "Winning Heaven by Renouncing Earth," evening subject, "The Old Clock." Services will be held during the week as usual.

The lake was frozen up yesterday for a distance of about nine miles, and affords excellent skating. Venturesome skaters were to be seen all over the lake, and two men walked across to the powder magazine yesterday morning.

A masquerade will be held on Tuesday evening at the Nelson Skating Rink, at which prizes will be given to the best dressed lady and gentleman, and also to the most comic character. The admission fee will be 25 cents.

To give some idea of the severity of the frost on Thursday night. M. F. J. Squires rowed home that evening, breaking his way through the thin ice, while yesterday morning he returned to Nelson on the ice pushing the boat in front of him.

The pastor and officers of the Methodist Sabbath School desire to thank all those who contributed gifts and candies for the enjoyment of the children on the occasion of the entertainment and Christmas Tree Thursday evening and also those who helped by their work to make the entertainment a success.

On Thursday evening a boom of piles which was being towed down the lake by W. W. West, got frozen up. The boom was accordingly left about two miles up the lake with a beacon light on her. Later on the Alberta came down and ran into and broke the boom. Fortunately owing to the ice, none of the piles got away, nor did the Alberta sustain any damage.

AT THE HOTELS.

The Phair—E. C. Musgrave, R. Musgrave, F. Holton, B. Morton, Kaslo; H. M. Stevenson, Ainsworth; W. Hargraves, Winnipeg; H. T. Wilgress, Greenwood; L. C. Ellis, London; A. E. Rand, New Westminster; Mrs. McShane, Miss Macdonald, Vancouver; G. L. Peck, New Westminster.

The Hume—F. T. Schooley, Vancouver; R. S. Hardman, Spokane; R. E. Smith, Kamloops.

PUERIO EXHUMED.

The remains of Guiseppe Puerio, the Italian who was murdered last August, have been exhumed and examined by Chief Constable Bullock-Webster and Dr. Brodie, the object of the investigation was to examine the skull for evidences of bullet wounds. It has been rumored that Puerio was shot in the head before having his skull crushed, but no signs of bullet wounds were discovered. Antonio Bruno, who was twice tried for the murder last November is still in the Provincial Jail awaiting another trial.

A CARD OF THANKS.

The teachers of the Nelson public school who undertook the entertainment of the visiting teachers at the recent convention of the Kootenay Teacher's Institute desire to thank all those of the city who contributed in any way to help the teachers in their efforts to afford the visiting fraternity an enjoyable time. As so many came gladly forward with generous offers of assistance, lest one should be inadvertently omitted, no names have been mentioned, but one and all are heartily thanked. The teachers can vouch for the enjoyment by the visitors of their stay in the city, for their appreciation of the hospitality of the citizens, and for the happy anticipation of their next visit to the City, when the Insttute again comes here in 1901.

BIRTH.

BEASLEY—On January 6th the wife of Mr. H. E. Beasley, of a son.

Meterological Report.

(Observations taken by A. H. Holdich.

DATE	DAY	HIGHEST	LOWEST	SNOW FALL	BAROMETER
Dec 30	Friday	25.0	14.0	0.00	28.00
Dec 31	Saturday	18.0	15.0	0.05	28.00
Jan 1	Sunday	26.0	15.0	0.20	27.60
Jan 2	Monday	22 0	17.0	0.58	27.50
Jan 3	Tuesday	20 0	3.0	0 00	27.80
Jan 4	Wed'day	6.0	-5	0.00	28.10
Jan 5	Thursday	7.0	-1	0.00	28 30

MISCELLANEOUS

MUSIC LESSONS.—On piano organ or guitar, by Mrs. W. J. Astley, Robson street two doors west of Stanley. P. O. Box 130.

WANTED—A position as manager and book keeper for an hotel. Has had good experience and can give good references. Apply Miner office.

WANTED—An intelligent boy to study law. Apply to Elliot & Lennie, solicitors, etc., Nelson, B. C.

To the Independent Electors of the City of Nelson.

To the ndependent Electors of the City of Nelson:

Having been presented with a requisition bearing the signatures of a great many of the ratepayers of the City of Nelson, asking me to stand as a candidate for the honorable position of Mayor of our city at the coming elections; and having been urged to do so by a large number of others; I take pleasure in announcing that I am a candidate.

In so doing I feel assured that all of you desire to see our City take that place in the Province to which she is entitled, and to that end my humble serivces will be devoted.

I believe that the year upon which we have just entered will be the most important in determining the City's future; that necessary public works should be undertaken, and that, where practicable, and in the best interests of the City, such work should be done by day labor; that in the administration of the affairs of the City there should be no sectional feeling and no favoritism remembering that we are all equal as ratepayers, and have the welfare of the City as our common cause, first, last and all the time.

I further believe that competent officials superintending the different public departments will advance and conserve the best interests of the City; and that a better distribution of the City's business among proper committees, will insure a termination of the one-man rule of the past.

If elected, I am ready and willing, as Mayor, to assume my proper share in the administration of the City's affairs;, but I believe that the aldermen should be intrusted with a fair proportion of the government of the City.

I will advocate a substantial reduction in the salary of the Mayor.

I will endeavor to act in the best interests of the City, and treat my fellow citizens in the same way as I have luring my lengthy residence here.

H. G. NEELANDS.

Citizens' Independent Ticket For Aldermen.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NELSON:

We, at the solicitation of a large number of the citizens of Nelson, offer ourselves as candidates for aldermen at the ensuing Municipal Election.

Our candidature is not aimed at either of the prospective candidates for the mayoralty and we severally pledge ourselves to aid and uphold whoever may be elected to the position of mayor in all proper measures that may be in the best interests of the City, and to support any necessary public improvements such as the extension of the waterworks, sewerage and electric light systems and the grading and improving of the streets and laying requisite side walks in the city.

We consider that the equipment of the city's Fire Department should be augmented so as to afford our efficient Fire Brigade every facility for protecting life and property, and incidentally thus securing a very substantial reduction in the Insurance rates.

Our aim and object is the welfare of the City of Nelson, and to do all in our power to advance the City's interests by pursuing a judicious and progressive policy.

On these grounds we confidently ask for the support of the voters of the City of Nelson.

EAST WARD { G. Frank Beer. Henry B Thomson P. E. Wilson.

WEST WARD { Frank Fletcher. R. M. Macdonald. A. L. McKillop.

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Slocan City, Jan. 4, 1898.

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1 House	7 Rooms
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"Dear uncle, what is there could shake my regard for you? From childhood upward who has been my idea of manly integrity? My uncle! Speak on, then. I will be firm."

Thus said the young gambler, whose face was all purity and sweetness, but in whose glance lurked a little something—er—who shall say what?

"No, no! After all, why should I crush your young life? Why not leave you the flawless gayety and hope of youth? There, I will not be selfish. Let it pass."

"As you will, uncle. It is not for me to importune you. It is naturally no affair of mine."

"But that, then, it truly is. Listen, Louis—hush!—you know that I live in luxury, that I have gold in plenty and no thought for the morrow?"

"Yes, yes; it is true."

"Did you never guess whence came my fortune? Would you—would you—young, eager and of unstained honor, have daily visited a lonely old man these many years had you known? Alas, I fear not!"

In breathless suspense the young man waited. Would the money he hoped to inherit, which he had paid for with so many visits of duty, descend to him tainted with fraud? Would it come to him blotched with blood? If so—if so—well, it should make no difference.

"Louis," came the mysterious whisper, "when I die, you will with frantic sorrow, grief and unalterable regret find that my money was—was"— And the old man's emotion rose up and choked him.

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"I don't know: I've never read any of them."

A Long Felt Want.

Jinks—I've struck it now sure. Bound to make my fortune in six months.

Winks—What have you invented this time?

"A patent improved collar button. You know how it is when you drop a collar button. It always rolls all over the room and then disappears forever. Well, I've invented a self acting constrictor attachment which turns the collar button into a tack the instant it touches the floor."

"But tacks sometimes roll."

"Yes, but always stop where you can easily find them by simply taking off your shoes."—New York Weekly.

Cheerful Soul.

"Good gracious, Bridget! I never dreamed that when I gave you an afternoon off you'd come back lugging one of the funeral wreaths!"

"Oi am goin to sind it to me sister's husband's aunt, poor soul! She has been sick foive weeks, an Oi think it might cheer her up."—Indianapolis Journal.

His Inference.

Bilger—Yes, I always like the cold weather. I'm never sorry when winter comes.

Anstey—Say, how did you break your wife of the house plant habit, or is she one of the few that never were addicted to it?—Chicago News.

Prosperity.

We are glad to hear so many Georgia editors saying in their bright columns that "the world's all right," for this means that subscriptions are coming in at a lively rate, and that all the wood is in for the winter.—Atlanta Constitution.

In Boston.

Robin—I always kiss my wife when I leave the house in the morning.

Dobbin—I've heard that some men will do almost anything as an excuse to get away from home.—Boston Transcript.

Foiled.

"Woman!" he hissed.

She looked embarrassed. "What has been the use," she sighed, "of all my strenuous efforts to make a man of myself?"—Detroit Journal.

It Seems Not.

"Stubrust, the critics say your book shows great promise for your future."

"Future? Great Jupiter! can't a man ever do anything good and then quit?"—Detroit Free Press.

Not So Very New.

Young Lobby Lounger—Have you seen Mlle. Charmli, the new premier danseuse?

Old Graybeard—Not since I was a boy.—New York Weekly.

Answered.

He—Would you marry me if I was poor?

She (dead sure that he is rich)—Of course I would.—Syracuse Herald.

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Mining Stock Quotations.

ompiled by H. G. McCulloch, mining brok- Nelson, B. C., P. O. box 465.]

Name of Company	Par Value.	Price Asked
Nelson, Slocan and Ainsworth		
American Boy	1 00	6
Athabasca	1 00	43
Arlington Con	1 00	6
Dundee	1 00	28
Gardavelles	1 00	11
Dellie	1 00	10
Elsie	1 00	—
Exchequer	1 00	7½
Fern G. M. Co	25	55
Gibson	1 50	10
Hall Mines	£1	68
Idler	1 00	10
London Hill	25	25
Nel-on-Poorman	25	45
Kaslo Montezuma	1 00	25
Noble Five	1 00	17
Rambler Con	1 00	25
Reco	1 00	1 20
Slocan Star	50	1 25
Two Friends	30	10
Wonderful	1 00	5
Washington	1 00	10
Trail Creek		
Butte	1 00	1½
Caledonia Con	1 00	5
Commander	1 00	13
Deer Park	1 00	19½
Enterprise	1 00	10
Eureka Consolidated	1 00	9
Evening Star	1 00	5½
Georgia	1 00	3
Good Hope	1 00	2
Grand Prize	1 00	4
Giant	1 00	5
High Ore	1 00	2½
Iron Mask	1 00	1 00
Iron Colt	1 00	10½
Jumbo	1 00	45
Lily May	5 00	19½
Mayflower	1 00	6
Monita	1 00	10
Monte Cristo	1 00	14
Mugwump	1 00	3
Novelty	1 00	5
Phoenix	1 00	5
Poorman	1 00	13
Red Mountain View	1 00	1
Rossland Homestake	1 00	5
Rossland Red Mountain	1 00	21
Silverine	1 00	4½
Silver Bell	1 00	5
St. Elmo	1 00	5
Virginia	1 00	38
Victory-Triumph	1 00	91
War Eagle Con	1 00	2 95
West Le Roi Josie	1 00	27
White Bear	1 00	8
Miscellaneous.		
Alpha Bell	1 00	7
Caribou (Camp McK)	1 00	1 25
Waterloo (Camp McK)	1 00	7½
Caribou Hydraulic Con	5 00	95
Chapuie	25	8
Golden Cache	1 00	5
Ore. M. & M. Co	1 00	—
Old Ironsides	1 00	—
Smuggler	1 00	19
Tin Horn	25	12
Van Anda	1 00	44
Winchester	25	12
Fire Mountain	1 00	—

New York, Jan 6—Lead, firmer; brokers' $3 75; exchange, $3 97½ to $4 Copper stronger, brokers, $13.50, exchange, $13.50 to $13.60.

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There was a time when the idea prevailed that the Hall Mines was the only mine near Nelson. This idea has now been dissipated. The success of the Athabasca and the California is well known but there are other properties near here which are rapidly advancing into first rank. The Granite and Royal Canadian groups have long been known as promising properites but since taken over last spring by a strong syndicate they deserve more serious consideration.

Both of these groups are being operation on a large scale by the Duncan syndicate.

The Granite group which is situated on Eagle Creek consists of six claims. The Granite, Red Rock, Tamarack, Ice Grouse, White Swan and the White Swan Fraction. Through these the White ledge, originally opened up on the White mine belonging to the Nelson-Poorman group, has been traced and uncovered by ground sluicing and trenching in eight different places, while the White Swan ledge upon which considerable development work has been done upon the Eureka claim further south, undoubtedly also runs through the group. Dams have been put in and preparations made to ensure the location of this ledge by uncovering the ground to bed rock in the spring.

The development on this property consists of a double compartment shaft, known as the Drummond shaft, now down 140 feet following the dip of the ledge at an angle of 40 degrees. The richness of the ore body may be judged from the fact that 400 tons of ore averaging $37 a ton have been taken out while sinking the shaft. A level has been started at the 70 foot level, and is being driven north and south. It has been driven about 200 feet in the latter direction and shows a continuous body of ore, assays from which run from $60 to $100 to the ton. A second level, at a depth of 130 feet has been recently started, and a motor has been installed to expedite the sinking of the shaft. Upon the Red Rock, a southerly extension of the Granite, ground sluicing has exposed the ledge in several places. On this property the vein is flatter, and a shaft, known as the Duncan shaft, has been sunk on it to a depth of 60 feet showing a continuous ore body to that depth, and of equally high grade as that taken from the Drummond shaft.

The developing plant consists of a 30-horse power boiler, with hoist, power drill and pump. There is a good comfortable camp, blacksmith shop, stable, magazines, etc. At the mouth of the Drummond shaft ore bins have been erected with a capacity of 500 tons.

The Royal Canadian group consists of the Royal Canadian, Colorado, Nevada, Ray, and Mocking Bird, in all about 130 acres in extent, and is situated about one mile west of the Granite group, though not quite at such a high elevation. Upon this group two ledges have been proved, one on the Colorado, and the other on the Royal Canadian. On the latter property three levels are being driven, giving between levels two stopes, one of 75 and one of 50 feet. In driving these levels, work on which is being igorously pushed, several hundred tons of ore, averaging $27 to the ton, have been taken out. This property is being very conveniently and economically worked, as the levels are being driven on the strike of this ledge, thus there is no dead work to be done, neither will there be any necessity for hoisting or pumping for years to come.

On the Nevada, the most westerly claim of the group an immense quantity of very rich float has been found, and along the trenches which have been dug for the purpose of locating the ledge single pans of sand have yielded from 20 to 25 cents. Preparations have been made for a systematic effort this spring to locate the source of this float. The government trail crosses this group, and on it a good camp has been erected close to an excellent spring of water.

On both groups there is an unlimited quantity of good timber, and the company has ensured the profitable working of their properties by very wisely securing the only steady and efficient water-power in the neighborhood, namely a grant of 60 miners' inches from Sandy Creek, where a dam 60 feet long and 14 feet high has already been put in, and a flume line 4200 feet in length has been graded, ready for the construction of a flume next spring. The company will thus be able to avail itself, at all seasons, of at least 60 miners' inches of water under a head of 700 feet, developing 100 available horse power.

The mill site is an ideal one, situated at the foot of a slope near Kootenay outlet, directly north of the Granite, one mile distant. The erection of a 20 stamp mill will be proceeded with as soon as weather permits in early spring, while specifications have been prepared and tenders called for an aerial ropeway from the Granite bins to the storage bins at the mill site. The ore can thus be transported at a cost not exceeding 10 cents a ton. An evenly graded wagon road is to be constructed from the Royal Canadian, on which a gravity surface tramway will be finally laid. The company has also acquired some 40 acres of Wood's preemption adjoining the mill site.

The ore on both properties is a free milling quartz, and it is estimated that the concentrates will average from $75 to $90 a ton and will be cheaply treated at the Hall Mines smelter. Forty-five men have been steadily employed on the property since April, but in the spring the force will probably be trebled.

Captain Duncan is now in London perfecting arrangements with his directorate for the vigorous completion of the projects of the company, while the general business is being looked after by Mr. J. Laing Stocks, with head office in Nelson.

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ROBERT IRVING,
Manager.

Kaslo, B C, Dec 29, 1898.

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