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THE COMMISSION CLOSED IN NELSON

No Evidence From the Local Miners' Union.

A SHORT FINAL SESSION

J. Roderick Robertson Gives Some Interesting Testimony—The Silverton Resolution Not Endorsed.

Commissioner Clute concluded his enquiry at the Courthouse yesterday into the operations of the eight-hour law in this district. There were not a dozen persons in court, and the Miners' Union was represented solely by Mr. Walter Smith, who informed the court that he was not a member of the Nelson Union—Silverton was his headquarters.

Mr. Clute asked if any miner wished to be examined, and invited Mr. Smith to take the stand.

Mr. Smith complied with apparent reluctance. He declared that he was a stranger in town, and belonged to the Miners' Union of Silverton

Mr. Clute put into witness' hand a copy of the Nelson Miner of June 16, containing a resolution of the Miners' Union of Silverton, and asked if he could verify same.

Witness said he was not present when the resolution in question was passed, but he understood that such a resolution was adopted, adding:

"That resolution does not express the views of the miners. I am told that there were only eleven persons present when it was passed, and there are about 300 miners in the district These eleven men didn't represent the views of the Miners' Union as a body."

Among other clauses in the resolution referred to were the following:

"Resolved, that we will not love our enemies; that we will not turn the other cheek; that we believe that retaliation is right.

"In conclusion we firmly declare that we are good and true citizens organized to secure justice and not to wrong men; but we are not fools, and we will not reject the use of means effectual, just because they may not be conventionally popular."

Mr. J J. Campbell wished to know if the Miners' Union of the district were a part of the parent organization, and if so, was this resolution approved by that body.

Mr. Clute said that he had evidence to show that while each district union was empowered to deal with business affecting purely its own section all were subsidiary to the Western Federation of Miners

Mr. Campbell handed in a letter addressed to Mr. Fell, of the Athabasca mine It was from the Miners' Union of Nelson, calling for a conference between the mine-owners and the men, and specifying 48 hours in which to arrange for such meeting "or you will bear the consequences"

Mr. Campbell: "I would like to state that up to the time of the passing of the eight-hour law our management was not aware that such legislation was under consideration. I made enquiries at that time of the managers of the principal mines in the Kootenays and was informed by them that they were not aware of it."

Witness handed in the report of the proceedings of the Legislature of British Columbia containing the record of the passage of the eight-hour law; also a copy of the bill itself, pointing out that at the second reading there was no section restricting the hours of labor in the mines. The bill, as amended, however, and before passing its third reading limited the hours of labor to eight hours for underground work. He also submitted figures to show what the probable output of the mines of the Slocan would have been this year had it not been for the trouble over the eight hour law The total output, witness conservatively estimated at 79,200 tons. This would mean an expenditure of about $1,000,000 and about $700,000 might be added to this if these ores were treated in Canada. These figures only dealt with the silver lead ores of the Slocan—they did not include the Silver King or other mines in the Nelson division

The expenditure during the last year for superintendence, office expenses, foremen, engineers, firemen and general expense items at the Silver King mine was over $20,000. The interest on the capital invested at 6 per cent would be over $72,000. These expenses would not be increased had the output been one-fourth greater than it was, to any appreciable extent, nor would the working underground men ten-hour shifts have made any noticeable increase.

Mr. J. Roderick Robertson, general manager of the London & British Columbia Goldfields, Ltd., deposed that his company operate the Ymir mines, Enterprise mine, and properties in East Kootenay, Boundary, etc. His companies are all British incorporated in London and licensed in British Columbia. At the time of incorporation in 1896, the assurance was given that the mining laws of the Province were liberal, and that there were no labor troubles. The actual disbursement apart from interests given in part payment to vendors of properties purchased, amounted to over $750,000 in Nelson alone, while the disbursements in London to syndicates etc., operating in British Columbia would total a like sum The company was employing today about 75 miners besides about 150 men on construction work, and could employ 200 more miners without acquiring any more properties. There are 7,900 stockholders in the company, and it was safe to say that each of these would on an average represent a household of half a dozen persons. The supply of miners prior to the passage of recent labor legislation was not sufficient to provide good practical men for all then existing properties and for new properties being exploited. He estimated that had not labor troubles arisen, 1,000 more men could have been easily employed in British Columbia this year than were employed last year, and that this shortage, gained from the experience of the past three or four years, would necessitate a large number of miners being brought into the Province every year—probably 1,000 a year. Articles of association of their several companies are based upon a capitalization of some $4,000,000. He explained the method of forming British companies, pointing out its advantages, and said it was customary to issue circulars from time to time, apprising the stockholders or partners of any salient facts relating to their property. For example: Such an important matter as restrictive legislation and so-called labor disturbances or troubles is mentioned, so that the legislative enactments in British Columbia have doubtless been referred to in thousands of such circulars. The absence of any eight-hour law in Great Britain, and the fact that in none of the colonies have measures been passed interfering with the right of individual contract, made investors confident that if these matters were laid before the legislature of British Columbia relief would be given. A recent addition to the master and servant act, rendering it illegal to bring persons from other Provinces into British Columbia under contract, was also considered injurious to the mining interests. Mr. Robertson added: "In our opinion the passage of the eight-hour law, applying only to one branch of mining and not applicable to any other class of underground work, carrying trade, manufacturing or retail business of profession, has created a feeling of alarm and distrust hitherto unknown regarding investments in British Columbia. Money has to our absolute knowledge been diverted in other directions."

Mr. Clute asked witness' opinion as the removal of the duty on lead.

Mr. Robertson: "I think it would have a very stimulating effect. It is held to be a very unfair impost, and one that, in view of the already heavy expense that has to be incurred is sufficient in many instances to retard the development of certain claims which run high in lead and law in silver and other metals.

Mr. Smith asked witness through Mr. Clute, if he had given the eight-hour arrangement a fair trial.

Mr. Robertson explained that he was not a practical miner, but that the accounts proved conclusively that more work was done under the ten-hour day than with eight hours, and that the eight hour system was more costly. He would rather pay 50 cents extra and have ten hours work. "We find by experience," added Mr. Robertson, "that we get more work done in ten hours than we do in eight. In Idaho, Montana, Washington and other old and well-established mining countries, the miners work ten hours a day, and are paid $3 50. Surely in these places if they found it more advantageous to work but eight hours, they would have adopted the system long ago. But they still work ten hours. We have not 100 miners here for every thousand they have there, and yet there is no objection on the part of organized labor to working ten hours.

With regard to working eight and ten hours, in a new country like this prospects are being continually opened up, and the cost of bringing in supplies, making trails, etc., is great. Experience has shown that it is far more economical in such instances to convey as small a quantity as possible of supplies, and to devote all the money to developing the mine. When men can only work eight hours, it naturally retards the work, and makes it more expensive too.

"I have noticed a tendency in some quarters to create an impression that the miners of British Columbia, prior to the passing of this law, were trying to evade a full day's work. In my opinion the average miner in British Columbia was straight forward and energetic in earning his day's wage, and the relations between the miner and those for whom he worked were harmonious and satisfactory. The conditions of the mine were taken into account. Shaft work, or work done in wet places was better paid for and no man was called upon to work under dangerous or unhealthy conditions. This was the condition of affairs under the old law, and, except in a few isolated cases, good feeling still prevails.

This practically concluded the sitting so far as the Nelson division is concerned, and Mr Clute leaves this morning for Ymir from whence he will go to Rossland.

LOYAL CANADA.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 18.—Addressing the students of Queen's University yesterday, Principal Grant declared that the Canadian Parliament should be called together immediately so that the voice of the people of the crisis in South Africa could be heard. These reverses in the Transvaal, he said, will make us more united than ever before.

BULLER CROSSES TUGELA RIVER

Impossible to Form an Accurate Idea of the Engagement.

THE SOLDIERS CROSSED THE RIVER.

Could Not Retain Their Position in Face of the Boer Fire.—Lord Roberts to Have a Free Hand.—The Chronicle Makes Political Capital.

London, Dec. 19.—The Daily Mail hears from a hitherto reliable correspondent that General Buller, after a stiff fight, crossed the Tugela River. The correspondent also states that General Methuen's communications are cut.

London, Dec. 19.—(4:40 a. m.)—The War Office has been in communication with General Sir William Lockhart, commander-in-chief in India, with a view of ascertaining what troops can be spared from his forces and it is understood that, as a result of these inquiries a force will almost immediately leave Bombay for Durban, including four regiments of artillery, and horse and field batteries.

It is hoped that this force will reinforce General Buller within a month. The Duke of Connaught visited the War Office yesterday. Since the appointment of Lord Roberts as Commander-in-Chief in South Africa, the question of rank no longer bars the duke from going to the front, and as he has a strong desire to go it is believed that only the Queen's reluctance stands in the way. It is not unlikely that this will be overcome.

Lord Chesham, commanding officer of the Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry has been authorized to organize a force of 3,000 Yeomanry who will proceed to the Cape. The Yeomanry troops sent out, will be drafted so as to work together with the mounted infantry and mounted militia from Canada and Australia.

It is understood that the volunteers selected will not form a separate corps, but will join their linked battalions of the regular forces in South Africa.

Throughout the country volunteers are responding with the utmost alacrity to the official notice. Lord Lonsdale says he believes the Government will only accept from 20 to 50 men from each Yeomanry Regiment. It is asserted that many officers of the Volunteer Regiments are offering to go as troopers, if not accepted as officers.

The Times says editorally:

"Lord Roberts will have absolutely a free hand and may be expected to resume the original plan of campaign abandoned by General Buller under the necessity of relieving Ladysmith.

According to a dispatch from Capetown, General Sir Charles Warren, and his staff have started for De Aar. This seems to indicate that the fifth division will be sent to reinforce Lord Methuen, a decision which will meet with general approval, as the opinion is almost everywhere held that it would be useless to waste any more time by frittering away men between the various columns.

The Morning Post in another alarmist article remarks upon the difficulty of deciding such a crucial matter and says:

"Besides three generals in the field, all of whom need to be reinforced, there is the rebellion in Cape Colony to be reconsidered. This makes four pressing calls on the fifth division. The question, is who is to decide and on what principle? The Morning Post reviewing the various positions of the beleaguered commandants and garrisons says, "it is seen that the relief of Ladysmith is the most important emergency and that a victory in Natal would change the whole face of affairs" It also points out the urgent need of having the navy in readiness to move at any moment to protect the line of communication with South Africa, suggesting that "A quarrel with some foreign power might come any day without any British intention to have one."

Mr. J. B. Robison, the South African millionaire, writes to the Daily Chronicle re-asserting that the Boers have unlimited supplies of ammunition and ample stores of food, and declaring that statements to the contrary should be ignored.

No further news has been received from Capetown but the Cape Argus has a dispatch from a correspondent describing the battle at Tugela River, who says:

"General Barton carried the village of Colenso at the point of the bayonet and under a raking fire."

The few accounts of the battle that are yet to hand fail to give an accurate idea, but the statement that General Clery commanded destroys the current idea that he was engaged in some turning movement, and that the Tugela River battle was only part of a larger scheme of operations.

UNFAILING BRAVERY.

London, Dec. 19.—A correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing from Frer Camp, Natal, Dec. 15, and describing the Tugela River affair says:

"The Boers in great force occupied a strong entrenched position, commanding the river and reaching back about 800 yards from its further side. General Hare's brigade on the left, first attempted a crossing under a murderous Nordenfeldt and rifle fire.

"The Royal Dublin Fusileers, the Royal Inniskillen Fusileers, the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and the Connaught Rangers crossed with superb and unflinching gallantry, but the position on the other side was found utterly untenable. The British suffered heavily from a perfect hail of artillery and shrapnel, while their own artillery was very badly mauled. They were therefore obliged to recross the river.

"On the right General Hildyard's brigade displaying equal heroism, succeeded in entering the village of Colenso, but the Sixth Battery encountered a murderous fire and was compelled to retire, leaving their guns and ammunition and wagons on the veldt. The brigade was also obliged to fall back. Meanwhile General Barton's brigade also failed to take possession of Hlangwri Hill. The entire force retired on Chieveley. General Clery was in command."

London, Dec. 18.—Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford is quoted in an interview as saying:

"The issue of the war will depend more upon artillery than anything else especially at the siege of Pretoria and other places, where the biggest battles are expected, therefore I urge that all the naval guns which can be spared from the reserves and the other ships be mounted for field service immediately. This move is necessary as there are no quick-firing twelve-pounders of 1,200 weight in the army The Government should immediately commission every ship in "A" division of the navy as needful precaution against any nation seeking to take advantage of Great Britain's condition. No friendly nation could object. I am greatly pleased to see General Roberts and General Kitchener go to the aid of General Buller."

London, Dec. 18.—Mr. Geo. J. Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty, when distributing prizes to volunteers and riflemen in London tonight, said:

"I little thought when I accepted his invitation that I should address men to whom an appeal has been made to stand shoulder to shoulder with the regulars in South Africa. The possession of 250,000 volunteers will be regarded by the country I am sure, as a great element of security, and I am confident that they are all prepared to do their duty. The colonies are also prepared to do their share and Canada and Australia are to the fore welcoming the opportunity to go to the front." (Enthusiastic cheering.)

After praising the great services of the naval brigade in assisting the troops in the South African and testifying to the constant anxiety of naval men to be in the thick of the fighting, Mr. Goschen said:

"It is impossible to grant their desires, although these soldiers and sailors would be glad to go to South Africa in thousands because when 120,000 regulars have already left our shores the responsibility for the efficiency of our navy will be immensely increased.

"I believe the preparedness of the navy has contributed essentially to assist Britons to remain calm, and confident despite the black outlook. We have not only to look at South Africa but at the situation and at possible emergencies all around, and, without being an alarmist I would insist that we must sacrifice much to imperative duty that every ship be fully and properly manned."

Mr. Goschen concluded with an eloquent tribute to the unanimity of the country and the Colonies in supporting the Government in a grave crisis.

Sterkstrom, Cape Colony, Dec. 14.—(Thursday).—General Gatacre has issued a proclamation forbidding all persons living on farms to move about the district or to visit Sterkstrom, except on Saturdays and then only with passes, under pain of summary arrest. It is understood that the proclamation is directed partly to the prevention of the conveyance of any news regarding British movements.

TRAITORS SHOT.

London, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Frere Camp says that the bodies of two of the guides who misled General Gatacre at Stormberg were found on the battlefield, the men had been shot.

London, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Naauwpoort, Cape Colony dated Dec. 16 says: "The Boers brought a big gun to bear on the British near Narvaar Kop. The British pieces were too small to reach the enemy and after an intermittent artillery duel, General French withdrew under shell fire but without losses, to Arundel."

London, Dec 18.—The War Office tonight posted a revised list of the casualties in the battle of Magersfontein, giving 51 additional killed.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—It is suggested here that a company of volunteers be mobilized at Halifax to relieve the British garrision there, who could then go to South Africa.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 18.—The Minister of Militia is receiving applications from all over the Dominion and the United States with offers to go to South Africa. One officer comes from the western states and wishes to raise five hundred men.

London, Dec. 18.—General Lord Roberts and his staff will sail for South Africa on the Dunotter Castle, Saturday.

Melbourne, Dec. 18.—An Australian Mounted contingent of a thousand men will sail for South Africa before January 10. An additional New South Wales battery of artillery is to sail immediately.

BOUNDARY CREEK NEWS.

Mining and Other Intelligence From Greenwood City.

Greenwood, B. C., Dec. 16.—(Special Correspondence of The Miner)—The Golconda, Smith's Camp, is showing up splendidly under development. The company is running a tunnel at a depth of 200 feet to strike the old shaft at 350 or 400 feet distant. They are now in 70 feet, and are drifting on a vein of splendid looking ore which was encountered at forty feet from the south after passing through twelve feet of blue lime rock. The ore here is a blind vein, not being exposed on the surface, and was quite unexpected The lead is a well mineralized quartz carrying iron pyrites, and it is anticipated that a very large body of ore will be met with as soon as the main lead is tapped It is the intention, as soon as the tunnel is driven to a point directly under the old shaft, to make an upraise Six men are at work and all the necessary buildings, etc., have been erected.

All the mills at Fairview, it is understood, have closed down for the season.

The Granite and Banner, Camp McKinney, have ceased operations. It is understood that there are negotiations proceeding in the east for the purchase of this property.

City Engineer C. E. Alston is engaged in making investigationss as to the possibility of obtaining water supply from Boundary Creek, north of the city. He is finding the fall from Hall's ranch to the city and when that has been ascertained he will be in a position to know whether or not it will be necessary to go farther up the creek It is probable however, that it will be necessary to do so. The city engineer strongly favors a system of gravity as opposed to a pumping station and says it will pay the city to incur a much greater initial cost in conveying the water by pipes rather than erecting a pumping station which will entail a constant expenditure for operation and maintenance. It will be necessary to go high enough up in order to bring the water to the highest residential points. After the water works investigation has been concluded, the question of sewerage and drainage will next have to be considered and Mr. Alston is in communication with the various cities as to septic tank, and other systems, which would be adapted to the conditions of this city.

The Miner the other day in its Greenwood correspondence referred to the proposal of the City of Greenwood to apply to the Provincial Legislature for a charter giving power to build tramways in various directions. Quoting the reply of the Minister of Mines to the City Solicitor, it was added as a consequence "The project will likely be dropped.." The Miner in its heading mistaking the import of the paragraph, put it "The Tramway from Greenwood to Phoenix Likely to Be Abandoned." The paragraph in question only referred to the possible action of the city in regard to the general scheme of tramways it had in view. The tramway to Phoenix is a private venture, and though subsidized by the city, is going ahead, all the capital necessary being available. As soon as a charter is obtained from the Government under the Kelly Tramway Act, operations will commence.

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AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY

The Dublin Students do Not Miss the Chance of a Row—Tear Down the Corporation Flag.

Dublin, Dec. 18.—The honorary degree of Doctor of Law was conferred on Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, British Secretary of State for the Colonies at Trinity College today. There was a brilliant assemblage at the ceremony. The undergraduates gathered on the college grounds and sang patriotic songs Then they sallied to College Green, cheering vociferously and carrying the Royal Standard and the Union Jack. The latter was captured by the police, much to the annoyance of the students, who made a demonstration at the Mansion House, where they tore the green corporation flag to shreds and caused other damage The police were forced to interfere and the students returned to the college in an ugly mood. The students made a desperate effort to recapture the Union Jack but the police were too strong for them. In the meantime a hostile crowd had assembled on College Green, and more stringent measures were taken to keep the students within the gates.

Mr. Chamberlain and his wife and Lady Balfour when driving to the college were cheered at some points, but there was a noticeable difference of opinion among the crowds lining the streets While the procesession was passing from the Provost's residence to "Examination Hall" the cheering was deafening. The students lined the passages and held aloft Union Jacks under which the procession passed. Mr. Chamberlain appeared to thoroughly enjoy the demonstration. As the procession entered the hall, all present rose and cheered Mr. Chamberlain.

At the close of the ceremony, Mr. Chamberlain, in reponse to the cries of the students, said they had met under very disappointing circumstances. If the arrangement had been recent he added, he would not have chosen the present occasion to receive the honor from the University. Their minds, Mr. Chamberlain continued, were solemnized by the serious news from South Africa, but England had always been accustomed to hold her own in adversity. He would have them remember the Crimea and the period of the Indian Mutiny, when England met with greater disasters than she had just experienced, but eventually the nation sprang to its feet and recovered its equanimity and no doubt it would do so again. In conclusion Mr. Chamberlain exhorted the students now that he was one of their doctors, to practice the virtues of toleration and patience.

The students who attacked the Mansion House numbered about 150 They beat the caretaker who attempted to protect the corporation flag.

CALLED A HALT.

Buffalo Grain Elevator Men Want No More Changes.

Montreal, Dec 18.—W. J. Connors, head of the syndicate bearing his name which proposes to erect grain elevators in Montreal harbor had an interview with the Harbor Board today. Since the last interview, the Board pressed by local interests, has been adding protection clauses to the agreement. At today's meeting Mr. Connors stated bluntly that had to stop. They had reached a business-like agreement and if the Harbor Board proposed to go on changing and making the provisions more severe they could get somebody else to build their elavators. The Board entered into and discussed the agreement clause by clause, which was not concluded when the meeting adjourned.

STEAMBOAT MAN DEAD.

Sketch of the Life of the Founder of the White Star Line.

Mr. Thomas H. Ismay, founder and manager of the White Star line of steamers died at the age of 62 at his residence, Dawpool, Cheshire, England, on the 23rd ultimo.

AGUINALDO'S STEAMER FOUND.

Manila, Dec 18.—General Grant has discovered hidden in Subig Bay, a steamer the Boal Francisco, fully equipped and coaled. She is supposed to be the vessel Aguinaldo was keeping ready for his escape.

RECOGNIZED AT LAST.

Carpares, Venezuela, Dec. 18.—Spain, Italy and Germany have today indicated their recognition of President Castro's Government, which has now been formally recognized by all nations.

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SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The City Council yesterday came into line with the Board of Trade and the School Board in calling upon the Government to make Nelson a separate school district, deed over Block 49 for high school purposes, and appropriate $10,000 for the same object. The unanimity with which these resolutions have been passed shows that the people of Nelson want the change, and there seems no reason why the Government should not grant it. At present the school is managed from Victoria, an arrangement which has all possible drawbacks, and is not satisfactory to either party. The revenue derived from this district for school purposes amounts to about $5,000, and, as the cost of running the school comes to about the same, the Government will suffer no loss of revenue by transferring the control. Were the revenues collected locally there is little doubt but that this revenue would be increased by at least 50 per cent., with the result that the necessary additional teachers could be secured, the present teaching staff being wholly inadequate.

It would, moreover, be much more satisfactory to have the school managed here. The Department always fails to grasp the needs of the establishment, besides taking months to effect any trifling improvements that may be sanctioned. Nelson has a right to be a separate school district, and the Government will do well to accede to the request.

The last telegram that came in this morning was a bulletin stating that General Buller had succeeded in crossing the Tugela River after a stiff fight. Anxious to get the latest details for our readers, we caused the Vancouver operator to telegraph New York for further particulars, but at a comparatively late hour nothing beyond the bare fact was known there. If this report be true, and it is cabled as reliable those who have been swift to condemn General Buller on account of his failure the other day must now retract their strictures. The meagre details we publish this morning regarding the battle of Tugela river do not enable one to form a clear idea of what took place, though it seems certain that General Buller temporarily forced a passage, and that the guns, were lost on the north side of the river, not the south. Tugela River is but some 20 miles from Ladysmith, so, if the Daily Mail's cable is correct, General Buller should by now have joined hands with General White.

Mr. Bowes complains that "only the members of Church Associations are to be invited to assist in charitable work in the City." A more careful perusal of the paragraph to which he refers will show that such was not the intention. A number of private citizens met and decided to organize a society for the judicious bestowal of charity, and to that end decided to invite the various church associations, as representative bodies whose aims are in harmony with their own, to confer with them on the matter. This does not mean, and should not be taken to mean, that the advice and help of any philanthropic person, whether he belong to such an organization or not, will not be cordially accepted.

Where is the annexationist party in Canada? There was a time, and not so many years ago, when annexationist leanings were more than suspected on the part of several prominent Canadian politicians. Practically nothing has been heard of annexation of late, and now, when the Mother Country is passing through a period of trouble and suspense, Canadians from all parts of the world are eagerly seeking permission to help. Continental nations may growl and carp, but if they venture on overt acts they will find they have a world wide Empire to deal with.

The members of the present Council have put themselves on record as favoring the immediate placing of the City wharf into proper condition. Their time is too short now to permit of their doing the work themselves, but they will call for tenders and let their successors go on with it. Nelson is a large and growing shipping point and the wharf is in bad condition Some such action was necessary for the credit of the town.

Miss Palmer's proposed Kindergarten is a step in the right direction. A first class school for quite young children is much needed in Nelson. The little ones will acquire much useful knowledge, will be trained in habits of method and order, will be kept out of mischief, and, what is very important with children of tender years, will not be over worked.

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The City Solicitor Will Decide as to the Legality of the By-Law.—City Wharf to be Repaired.

There was a meeting of the City Council last night, the Mayor presiding. Ald. Fletcher, Hillyer, Kirkpatrick, Beer and McKillop were also present.

Resolutions adopted by the Board of Trade re City wharf and public schools were read. The one asked that the wharf be put in thorough repair, and the other that the Government be called on to make Nelson a separate school district and to cede Block 49 for high school purposes and vote a sum of $10,000.

Both resolutions were adopted, and the City Solicitor instructed to prepare an amendment to the School Act, so as to secure the rights and privileges asked for.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Hedley complaining of the practice of coasting on the public sidewalks of the city.

It was decided to inform Mr. Hedley that action had been taken.

Mr. Freeman-Lake asked for a sidewalk on Hall Street, between Silica and Carbonate Street. It was agreed to comply with the request.

A resolution adopted by the Mainland Underwriters' Association was read. It was addressed to the Council and set forth that should the City enforce the tax on insurance companies doing business in Nelson, the local rates would be raised 15 per cent.

Ald. Hillyer: "That is nothing more than a great big bluff. With the class of buildings going up in Nelson we ought to have insurance rates as low as those in Vancouver. I move that the clerk notify all these companies that this rate be levied. I would willingly pay the extra rate rather than be bluffed in this way."

Ald. Fletcher: "I was paying some insurance the other day and they tried to bluff me into paying this extra rate, but they did not get me to do it."

The Mayor: "It means a good deal to the City if this is put in force."

Ald. Hillyer: "Why should we allow these companies to bluff us in this way?"

Ald. Beer suggested that the matter be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

This was agreed to, a special meeting to be called for Friday afternoon to consider the subject.

On motion of Ald. Beer it was decided to purchase 1,000 house numbers at five cents each, and supply same to the public at cost price.

Ald. Fletcher drew attention to the fact that the rink was being supplied with light by the Kootenay Electric Co. He thought that if the City could not furnish the light, they should allow the company to supply it, but he would like to have it understood that they should have permission from the City before they undertook to supply light.

After some discussion it was decided to write the company to this effect.

A resolution was passed asking the Government to transfer the lands agreed upon so as to enable the City to carry out its arrangement with the C P R.

Mr. D. Morris, of the Economical Gas Co., appeared before the Council and asked that the roadway from Baker Street to the flats be rendered safe and passable. Referred to City Engineer.

The City Engineer submitted a report re improvements to the public wharf on Hall Street. He recommended that the wharf be raised at the shore and to the level of the C. P. R. track at Hall Street, that at the sawmill wharf the level be raised to the approximate average high water level of 18 feet above average low water level, raising the present wharf three feet at that point.

He recommended that the wharf be widened on the west side, utilizing the piles put in by the Government. To widen the wharf by 14 feet will require an additional row of piles, and make the new wharf 30 feet wide. The wharf to be raised, replanked and widened as suggested would cost about $4,000. It was decided to advertise for tenders.

The Board of Works recommended a number of public works, which were approved of.

It was decided to notify all taxpayers in arrears that they must pay up forthwith. The Council adjourned until Friday afternoon at 4 p. m.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Rev. Mr. Frew leaves for Ymir this morning and will deliver a lecture in aid of the Presbyterian Church of that place.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church held a social at Rev. Mr. Frew's rooms last evening and had a very enjoyable time.

Building operations were resumed at the Gas Works yesterday, the weather having moderated sufficiently to allow of the masonry proceeding.

Work was yesterday begun on the laying of the sheet iron roof on the new registry office. The building will be handed over by the contractors in the course of a few days.

The steamer Kootenay has been laid up temporarily for repairs, and the Minto is taking her run on the Columbia River, while the Trail is doing the Minto's work of hauling barges.

A meeting of the Conservative Association will be held this evening at the Board of Trade rooms at 8 o'clock. All members and intending members of the Association are requested to be present.

Word has been received at Nelson of the death by accident of William Heddle, brother of Robert Heddle, of this city. The deceased was employed at the Treadwell mine Alaska, and falling down the shaft, was killed almost instantly.

A petition was received at last night's meeting of the City Council to have the side walk on Ward Street, now running the length of the Madden Block extended to Victoria Street and thence to Silica. The matter was deferred for the present.

An attractive programme is being prepared for the concert next Wednesday on behalf of the wives and families of the "absent-minded-beggars," and a goodly assortment of articles for the auction sale has been collected. It is a good entertainment on behalf of a good cause and should be well patronized.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Nelson Curling Club was held last night in the Board of Trade rooms, A. H. Buchanan, president, occupying the chair. The election of skips for the season was proceeded with, and the ice committee was requested to see that the rink is properly ventilated and drained. It was reported that the prospects for the season are good, the membership of the club having turned the three score point. The first game will be between the rinks of the president and vice-president, and it is expected to be a very interesting affair.

The Malone-Tregillus block was finished on Saturday and yesterday Morrison & Caldwell moved into it. It will still be known as the Red Front Grocery Store, and is just now receiving the popular old hue. Work was started on the block on October 21, so that it is one of the quickest blocks put up this season.

A man was on Saturday sent over from Ymir with a letter to Chief of Police Jarvis, introducing him as a fever patient. The man was brought to the hospital, but as he was a supposed case of contagion he was refused admission. He was next taken to the lockup, where he was examined by Dr. LaBau, who pronounced it a case of measles. Private quarters were found for the sufferer.

Alexander Prentice, better-known as "Scotty" was admitted to the General Hospital on Sunday. The man has been drinking heavily of late, and on Saturday night he fell from the balcony at the rear of the Sherbrooke Hotel—a distance of about thirty feet. The man was carried in in an unconscious state and a doctor telephoned for, but the doctor did not respond. Then the police were summoned, but they had no place to house the unfortunate. He was consequently allowed to lie on some sacks on the floor of the hotel. Next day it was discovered that the man had broken two ribs in his fall, and then he was removed to the hospital.

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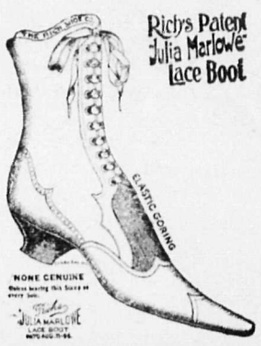

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D. McARTHUR & CO.

XMAS 1899.

A KINDERGARTEN.

Miss Palmer Will Open a School For Young Children.

Yet another school is to be started in Nelson, this time a day school for quite young children only. Miss Palmer, for the past three years governess for Mrs. J. Roderick Robertson has made arrangements to open a Kindergarten school in the near future. Miss Palmer formerly taught in Miss Matthew's Kindergarten at Victoria and there qualified for and obtained the necessary certificates. At first the school will be held in the school room of St. Saviour's Church, and twenty pupils have already been promised to attend when it is opened on January 2. When the snow goes in the spring six other very small pupils have agreed to come, so it will be seen that the establishment makes a good start. Miss Palmer intends to engage an assistant, and negotiations to that end are now proceeding.

The Kindergarten system of education for very young children has been practised for some years with signal success, so probably most people have some idea of what it consists. The children are taught as far as possible by means of object lessons, so that the children acquire knowledge almost unconsciously and are not given a distaste for work by premature drudgery over dry text books. For instance geography is taught by means of a sand table, whereon the youthful students heap up the mountain ranges and trace the rivers whose names and localities they are committing to memory.

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THE PACTOLUS GOLD MINES.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pactolus Gold Mines Limited, held yesterday afternoon, Ald. G. Frank Beer, was appointed managing director and it was decided to start work at once on a 150 foot tunnel to strike the vein on the Lost Boy, one of the claims of the Pactolus group, at considerable depth. The treasury stock offered for sale was subscribed for and the company has ample funds in the bank to continue work throughout the winter.

THE DESERVING POOR.

Editor Miner:

Sir—I think it is to be regretted that, according to your paper of Friday last, only the members of church associations are to be invited to assist in charitable work in the city. There are plenty of philanthropic people who may not belong to any church association. The question of relief for the deserving poor or even the poor who are not deserving, is one for the citizens. Yours, etc., J. H. BOWES.

Nelson, Dec. 18.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the "Companies Winding Up Act, 1898," and in the matter of the "Nelson Poorman Gold Mining Company, Limited," in liquidation.

Notice is hereby given that at an extraordinary general meeting of the Nelson Poorman Gold Mining Company, Limited, held November 17th, 1899, duly convened, a special resolution requiring the said company to be wound up was duly passed; which resolution at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting of the said company, also duly convened, and held on December 5th, 1899, was duly confirmed.

At such last mentioned meeting the appointments of William Murray Botsford of the City of Vancouver Province of British Columbia, as liquidator and Charles C. Bennett of the same place as inspector, for the purposes of the Winding up were confirmed.

Notice is also given (pursuant to "Companies Winding Up Act, 1898" section 10), that the creditors of and others having claims upon the said company, are required on or before the 10th day of January, A. D., 1900, to send their names and addresses, the particulars of their debts or claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them to William Murray Botsford, Merchants' Bank of Halifax, Vancouver, B. C., the liquidator of the said company.

Notice is further given that after such last mentioned date the said liquidator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said company among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 6th, 1899.

OSBORNE PLUNKETT,
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Solicitor for the said Liquidator.

Shareholders in the said company are requested to forthwith forward their share certificates to the said liquidator in order that the distribution accuring thereon may be speedily adjusted.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session; for an Act to Incorporate a Company with power to construct, build, equip and operate tramways in the Districts of Kootenay and Yale, in the Province of British Colymbia; to run and operate such tramways by electric steam or other power, as may be most economical or convenient; to erect and operate telegraph and telephone lines in and between all the cities, towns, villages and settlements in said Districts of Kootenay and Yale, with power to connect with other lines that may operate in or outside of such districts; to supply electric, steam, air, water or other power to other corporations, manufactories or individuals; to supply light to other corporations manufactories or individuals; to acquire and hold water rights for the purpose of generating power, whether for their own use or the use of other corporations, manufactories, or individuals to furnish and supply water to other corporations, manufactories or individuals in said Districts; to acquire and hold land, timber rights, rights of way and other property and easements, for the purposes of the Company, with all necessary powers in that behalf; to acquire all the assets, franchises, privileges and business of the Nelson Electric Tramway Company, Limited; to acquire all the assets, franchises, privileges and business of the Rossland and Sophie Mountain Electric Railway Company, Limited; to receive aid, either by way of bonus or otherwise, from any municipality in said Districts of Kootenay or Yale; to obtain exemption from taxation and other privileges from any municipality in said Districts of Kootenay and Yale, and all other usual, necessary or incidental powers and privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conductive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

Dated at the City of Nelson this 1st day of December, A. D., 1899.

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