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He Is Likely to Be Elected to the Mayoralty by Acclamation.

One More Out For Aldermanic Honors Makes the Third In the Field.

Since The Miner announced yesterday that Mr. A. L. McKillop had retired from the mayoralty field it is generally conceded that Mr. Frank Fletcher will be elected by acclamation. This gives general satisfaction to those ratepayers who are in favor of a broad and far-seeing policy of municipal improvement. They think that the narrow-minded policy that has characterized the civic government while Mr. Houston has occupied the mayoralty chair has already done enough harm to the City and look upon Mr. Fletcher, who has always been one of Mr. Houston's strongest opponents, as just the man to bring about the reform. Mr. Fletcher has a firm grasp on civic affairs and during his term as chairman of the public works committee substantial progress was made without the muddle that was attended a great deal of the work done at other times. That Mr. Fletcher is also familiar with the finances of the City was evidenced by the manner in which he "showed up," the hollowness of Mr. Houston's pretensions two years ago that the City had a substantial surplus at the end of the latter's term. Mr. Fletcher was once a Houston man. That was when he first ran for council, but two weeks had hardly elapsed before he refused to be entirely controlled by the Mayor and since then Mr. Houston has had no more staunch opponent than Mr. Fletcher, who has stood for all that was progressive in civic government. The Houston forces will not bring out a candidate. Mr. Houston himself would gladly run if he thought he had the ghost of a show, but as even he himself does not think that, there seems to be no doubt that Mr. Fletcher will be unopposed. No Houston candidate could beat him. The ratepayers of Nelson may therefore congratulate themselves on the termination of the reign of Houstonism and the commencement of a broad and public spirited government that will not be actuated solely by spite and prejudice.

Now that it is assured that there will be no mayoralty contest the cry of death to the Bonnington Falls Power Company will probably be allowed to die. Mr. Houston has urged with all his might to elect men who would keep the power company from entering the City. That he was trusting solely to the gullibility of some of the ratepayers to take the matter seriously is evident, as even he knows full well how ridiculous the cry was. No Mayor or Council can keep the Bonnington Falls Power Company out of Nelson and no Mayor or Council can let it in of their own accord. It is a matter that rests solely and entirely with the ratepayers and with which Mayors and Councils have nothing to do, when the ratepayers once express themselves. It is simply a matter for by-law and until the ratepayers vote on it no council could enter into any contract with the company. It will therefore be seen how ridiculous it is to claim support for any candidate on account of his stand regarding the power company.

When the time comes for the revision of the civic voters' list it is expected that a large number of names will be struck off if any person takes the trouble to object to them. Someone evidently interested in the election was instrumental in placing on the list a lot of names that had no right to be there. Four or five names are entered for one small shack on which there is not quarter enough rent paid to entitle one of the so-called householders to have his name on the list. But there is so little interest taken in the campaign that it is likely no one will object to them.

The Aldermnaic contest is a very tame affair. Today Mr. John A. Irving announces himself a candidate. He is one of Nelson's most successful business men, favors a progressive policy and can give his time to the city. Last year he made a very good run and was defeated by only one vote. He is the only new candidate in the field and makes the third to announce himself. Mr. Selous is still the whole thing in the West Ward. Mr. McKillop was asked by The Miner if he would run for alderman in that ward. He answered, "Most definitely, positively, irrevocably, unchangingly, NO." The reporter didn't bother him any more. Dr. Arthur says he will not run but Will Irvine probably will. If others are being talked of it is being kept rather quiet. Mr. W. G. Gillette, who has been mentioned informed The Miner this morning that he positively would not run. Nominations are a week from next Monday and next week should bring out a batch of candidates from which the electors can take their choice.

WANTS TO TRADE.

England Offers Jamaica For a Slice of the Philippines.

New York, Jan. 4.—A special to The Journal and Advertiser from Washington says:

The British colony of Jamaica will be given in exchange for a fair share of the United States colony of the Philippines. This is an international trade which will be probably the result of acquisition by the United States of the Danish Antilles.

In official circles it is thought that Great Britain will not want the island of Jamaica if the United States will not only be able to command the approach from the east, but it will, from its point of vantage, control the ocean east of the Danish Antilles from the magnificent base which will undoubtedly be established there.

It will be interesting to recall that when the United States amended the Hay-Pauncefote treaty the British press idea was that if Great Britain was forced to yield there should be some compensation to Great Britain. What Great Britain's demands will be are not clearly known. It is understood, however, that she will endeavor to have the modus vivendi of the Alaskan boundary made permanent.

AGUINALDO DEAD AGAIN.

New York, Jan. 4.—President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California, who is now in the city, has received information to the effect that Aguinaldo is dead and that his death occurred no less than six weeks ago. The news has been kept secret, it is said, for the purpose of prolonging the rebellion.

SPORTING MAN DEAD.

New York, Jan. 4.—Henry Phillips, a man well known in sporting circles in this country and in Canada, whose home was in Montreal, died in Roosevelt hospital today of apoplexy. The dead man was formerly manager for John L. Sullivan, the pugilist, and was Sullivan's backer when the champion fought Charley Mitchell in France.

SHOW AN INCREASE.

London, Jan. 4.—The customs receipts for the six months ending December, 1900, show an increase of $6,753.10 over 1899.

SHOT HIS BROTHER.

Simcoe, Ont, Jan. 4.—G. C. Shyne, aged 16, was accidentally shot dead by his brother, Edward, aged 18, at North Walsington, five miles from here yesterday. Edward was in the act of loading a breech loading double barrelled shot gun when the cartridge accidentlly discharged, the contents striking Grover with fatal effect.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The charge of killing and murdering Mrs. May Atcheson has been laid against Charles O'Reilly, ex-fireman, who was last week charged with doing bodily harm to the woman. O'Reilly is alleged to have brutally assaulted Mrs. Atcheson, which caused her death.

FIRE LOSSES LIGHT.

Hamilton, Jan. 4.—Hamilton's fire losses only totalled thirty-four thousand last year.

INCREASE IN CUSTOMS.

Hamilton, Jan. 4.—Customs receipts for 1900 at this port totalled $806,501.65, an increase of $67,533.60 over 1899.

HILL BUYS COAL FIELDS

Reported Sale of Crow's Nest Collieries to Great Northern.

Said That Jim Hill Has Put Through a Deal Involving $5,000,000.

A despatch to The Miner from St. Paul, Minn., this morning announced that negotiations had been completed whereby James J. Hill, the Great Northern Railway magnate, had purchased the assets of the Crow's Nest Coal Company. Rumors that such a deal was on have been appearing in various papers for some weeks and now it appears that they are borne out by facts. The first intimation that the Great Northern was at least anxious to get the coal was the announcement a few months ago, that it was about to build a branch line to the coal fields. Now comes the word that it has purchased outright the coal fields. This will mean a great deal to Fernie as the practically unlimited capital behind the new owners will mean that the output of the mines will be more than doubled and that they will be operated on a gigantic scale. Some people will see in this partial confirmation of the rumors to the effect that the big railway corporations, the C. P. R., the N. P. R., and the Great Northern have formed what might be called a trust. At all events a few years ago they were at deadly enmity and rate wars were somewhat common, while now everything is lovely between them. Right here in Nelson the C. P. R. has taken over the bulk of the Great Northern business. C. P. R. interests have always been behind the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company and why the Great Northern is allowed to go in and buy up a great tract of coal lands that the C. P. R. crosses is one more thing to puzzle about.

In the course of an article on the deal the Spokesman-Review says:

The Great Northern has secured a practical monopoly of the vast coal fields of the Crow's Nest Pass country, in British Columbia, at an expenditure, it is said, of over $5,000,000. It has also decided to build a railroad from Great Falls, Mont., on its branch, the Montana Central, northwesterly 150 miles to tap these fields. This line will cross the present mainline of the road near Blackfoot, Mont., and will probably also form a connection on the eastern slope of the Rockies between the Canadian Pacific and the Great Northern main lines.

It has been known locally for several months that James J. Hill was after this property. Tests of the coal have been made in the engines used on the Great Northern, and the results have been most satisfactory. The Great Northern, with its engines and its large ocean steamers, consumes, it is said, nearly 2,500 tons of coal per day. The coal expert of the road recently spent several weeks inspecting the coal properties of the Crow's Nest Pass country.

The first result of his visit was the purchase of Mr. Hill from the Canadian Government of 10,000 acres of coal lands on Pincher Creek, about 10 miles south of the Crow's Nest Pass land. The first move in this matter of purchase was made about three weeks ago, but did not become public until yesterday.

Late this afternoon The Miner received the following despatch:

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Robert Jaffray, one of the capitalists interested in the Crow's Nest Coal fields, interviewed regarding the report from St. Paul that J. J. Hill had taken possession of them, says there is no truth in the story, that the sale of the fields has never been mooted, that the origin of the report is proabbly due to the fact that negotiations were completed with Mr. Hill for the purpose of forty carloads of coal per day for the Great Northern from the coalfields.

HELD OUT THE COSTS.

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 4.—Magistrate Field of this town was sent up for trial yesterday by Magistrate Morrison, Ingersoll, charged with neglecting to return costs of criminal cases before him. The specific charge is that he failed to put in $3 costs on a case in which J. Denman was the defendant.

DR. WARDEN FOR MODERATOR.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—The Toronto Presbytery has unaniomusly endorsed Dr. Warden for the next moderator of the general assembly. He was nominated by the Montreal Presbytery a short time ago. It is likely his appointment will be made unanimous.

AN EARLDOM

Honor Bestowed Upon Lord Roberts by Queen Victoria.

A belated dispatch telling of the movements of Lord Roberts on Wednesday, reads: Cowes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 2.—The steamer Canada, having Field Marshall Lord Roberts on board, anchored off Osborne at 11.45 a. m. today. The ships in the roads were gaily decorated, the sea front was elaborately decorated with bunting, and venetian masts with festoons adorned the route to Osborne House, at the entrance of which was erected a unique tribute of the Queen's appreciation of the Field Marshall's work in the shape of an arch of laurel. This was the first time such an arch had ever appeared there in honor of any subject of her Majesty. After Lord Roberts' audience with the queen he will join the Canada at Southampton and remain on board till morning.

A large crowd awaited Lord Roberts' arrival. A party landed from the launch at 3:30 p. m., which was the signal for deafening shouts of welcome. Princess Beatrice, in her capacity of Governor of the Isle of Wight, and the Duke of Connaught, representing the queen, awaited Lord Roberts, whose arm was still in a sling as the result of being thrown from his horse in South Africa. He was warmly greeted and the party started in Royal carriages for Osborne House. The route was lined with troops and thronged with cheering sightseers.

The Queen bestowed an earldom on Lord Roberts with a special remainder for his daugnters. He was also made a Knight of the Garter.

Lord Roberts stopped on his way at the town hall of East Cowes, where eulogistic addresses of welcome were presented to him. He then resumed his drive and entered the grounds of Osborne House by the Prince of Wales, entrance and proceeded up the noble, troop lined avenue to her Majesty's Isle of Wight residence. After a hearty reception in the council chamber by a number of Princes and Princesses, Lord Roberts was ushered into the presence of the Queen. His audience with her Majesty was quite private.

Replying to the addresses at the town hall, Lord Roberts said that he regretted his return was not accompanied by immediate peace, but he added, while he feared hostilities would continue for some time, he had implicit confidence in Lord Kitchener and had no fear regarding the outcome. He concluded with an eulogy to the magnificent army of Greater Britain, all the components of which, he pointed out, pulled together splendidly.

"Remainder," as referred to in the dispatch from Cowes, is "a provision for the passage of patent of nobility to a special successor or line of succession in default of male issue on the decease of a present holder."

The only son of Lord Roberts, Lieutenant Hon. F. H. S. Roberts, died December 17, 1899, of a wound received at the Tugela River. For gallantry in atempting to rescue the British guns, abandoned on that occasion, he was recommended for the Victoria Cross, and the Queen, as a mark of appreciation of the young man's valor and the services rendered by Lord Roberts to his country previous to his departure for South Africa, took the occasion when Lady Roberts visited Windsor Castle a few days before she sailed for the Cape, to hand her a small parcel saying:

"Here is something I have tied up with my own hands, and that I beg you will not open until you get home."

Lady Roberts found that the parcel contained the Victoria Cross worn by her dead son.

WIND BLOWS--- SNOW FALLS

Storm Which Envelops Nelson Seems to Be Quite General.

Entire Pacific Coast Inflicted. Six Feet of Snow at Yreka.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—From reports received here the gale which struck this city last night seems to be raging not only on the southern coast but all along the lines from Santa Cruz to Cape Flattery. The waves are rolling mountains high at Fort Ross. Old timers report by telephone that it is the worst storm ever known in that locality. The bay on the Oakland side was so rough that the ferry steamer Newark was withdrawn from service and the freight boat Mount Eden turned back to port. Craft on the water front had numerous narrow escapes. At the Cliff House the wind blew at the rate of sixty miles an hour and the waves broke over the road way. A number of windows in the Cliff House were broken and the entire structure seemed threatened with collapse. Trees and fences were torn down by the wind and several pedestrians were injured, one young woman being rendered unconscious by being blown against trees and telephone poles.

Yreka, Cal., Jan. 4.—Snow to the depth of 72 inches has fallen since Wednesday evening, and the storm has not ceased. Buildings have collapsed under the tremendous weight. South bound trains, engines and snow plows are snowed in at different points in the country on the line of the railroad. The Fort Jones and Etna stages have been out since yesterday morning trying to cover a distance of 18 miles. It is feared that the passengers and driver are helpless in Trescott Valley mountains. Two hundred and twenty-five excursionists, from this country and as many from Southern Oregon and other points, are in San Francisco unable to return on account of the blockade.

Reno, Nev., Jan. 4.—Much damage was done here and in this vicinity by last night's terrific wind storm. A south bound passenger train on the Nevada, California and Oregon Railway was struck by the gale at Doyles, 40 miles north of Reno, and was hurled from the rails. Four passengers and three trainmen were hurt. R. W. Perry's livery stable a three story brick building, and one of the largest in town, was demolished. Mr. and Mrs. Perry and their children were buried in the debris but almost miraculously escaped serious injury. Other buildings sustained lesser damage.

CLOSED UP TIGHT.

For the First Time in Many Years Chicago Saloons Lock Up.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—After midnight yesterday morning the saloons of Chicago were closed more tightly than ever before. A second warning, delievered to the saloonkeepers by the police in no uncertain terms, caused the downtown all night places which have hitherto ignored the order to draw their shutters at the stroke of midnight, and search in out of the way places for rusty keys to lock the doors. The order was final and imperative, and was obeyed as such. The threats of raiding the saloons and backing up patrol wagons to the doors to carry off the liquors, accompanied by warrants for the arrest of the proprietors, were freely made by the policemen who notified the saloon keepers.

LATEST FROM DAWSON.

Str. Victorian Arrives in Vancouver From Skagway.

Vancouver, Jan. 4.—The steamer Victorian has arrived from Skagway with 40 passengers, mostly from Dawson. They had left as late as December 16, making quick time over the ice. A. F. Lauder of Seattle was the latest passenger, and he came out on a bicycle.

Mrs. Ballinger, wife of Dr. Ballinger, who left Dawson on December 6 for Skagway and completely disappeared, also came out by the Victorian. She heard nothing of her husband, who, it is feared, met with foul play, and she is now on her way to seek assistance of relatives in Seattle. She will immediately return north to further prosecute the search. There is no clue and the conclusion that he was foully dealt with is entirely theoretical.

An application for a new trial for John F. Slorah, who murdered his mistress, was refused at Dawson on December 14 and the sentence of hanging on March 1 will probably take its course.

The wrecked steamer City of Tepeka is reported to be in good shape and will probably be successfully raised.

HIS MANY GIFTS.

Dr. Pearsons Gives $50,000 to Carleton College in Minnesota.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Dr. D. K. Pearsons completed his great benefactions for the Nineteenth century, amounting to more than $2,500,000, by mailing a check to Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. The last donation makes a total of $50,000 which Dr. Pearsons has given to the Minnesota institution. He also gave a check for $25,000 to Frederick Crosby, treasurer of Lake Forest University.

This gift was on a promise made last February when Dr. Pearsons offered $25,000 on condition that $100,000 be raised for the university endowment fund. By Saturday night $92,000 had been obtained and the remaining $8,000 was raised by collections in the Presbyterian churches of Chicago on Sunday. The endowment fund now amounts to $726,000, of which Dr. Pearsons has given $125,000. The trustees of the University will attempt to raise $100,000 for new buildings to be expended as follows: Gymnasium for the academy, $30,000; science building for the university, $40,000; recitation building for Ferry Hall Seminary, $30,000.

DECREASE IN DIPTHERIA.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—A remarkable decrease in deaths from diptheria, compared with 1887, is shown by figures just compiled by the Provincial board of health authorities. In 1887 there were 1,786 deaths from this cause. Last year the deaths from the same cause only totalled 599. Increased isolation and the discovery of the antitoxine remedy have brought about the change.

WIRE NAIL INDUSTRY.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Nail manufacturers and hardware dealers of Canada began their annual meeting here yesterday. The wire nail industry was the subject of yesterday's discussion. Other nail industries will be discussed at subsequent meetings. It is stated that although the present Government have reduced the duty on nails forty per cent., yet the manufacturers report a prosperous year and can still undersell the American product.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—George Stephens has been appointed contracting freight agent for the C. P. R. at Nelson, B. C., succeeding H E. Macdonnell, appointed district freight agent.

CENSURES THE CHIEF.

Chatham, Ont, Jan. 4.—The coroners' jury returned a verdict of drowning in the case of Pat Kennedy who, it was thought, had met with foul play, but censures Chief Jarvis of the fire department for neglecting to attempt a rescue. The chief left the scene with a hook and ladder truck and appliances before Kennedy went down.

COAL MINERS STRIKE.

Halifax, Jan. 4.—Mine managers were in conference at Truro this morning. At the close they refused to give out anything. It is reported that the Intercolonial authorities have been instructed to detain all coal received at Truro. This is taken to indicate that a general strike of coal miners in Nova Scotia is inevitable.

POPULATION OF ONTARIO.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—The registrar-general's estimate of the population of Ontario for the year just closed will total 2,350,000.

BANQUETTED BY ORANGEMEN.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Hon. Clark Wallace and E. F. Clarke, were tendered a banquet by local Orangemen last night in honor of their re-election to the House of Commons.

ABOUT THE TAX ON ORE

Howard West Shows How He Has Been Wrongly Quoted.

Nelson Tribune and Rossland Miner are Taken to Task.

The Nelson Tribune, in its efforts to excuse itself for its position on the 2 per cent. ore tax question, has stirred up a discussion which is fully explained in the following from the pen of Mr. R. T. Lowery, editor and financier of the New Denver Ledge:

In the Christmas Number of the B. C. Mining Record, Howard West contributed a very well written article showing the opportunities offered to capital investing in Slocan mines. The article was reproduced in The Ledge, and the Nelson Tribune took the liberty of using a statement made by Mr. West regarding the 2 per cent. ore tax to make it appear that Mr. West was an advocate of the tax. This was bad enough, but The Rossland Miner makes it worse when it says:

"Howard West, an assayer of New Denver, through the columns of the Nelson press states the duty of 2 per cent. on the output of ore less the freight and treatment charges is one that cannot work a hardship to the mine owner. Mr. West bases his statement on the following figures. Confining his remarks solely to the silver-lead industry of the Slocan, he puts the average value of the ore at $96.85 per ton. The freight and treatment charges are set down at $37.60, leaving the taxable value of the ore at $59.25. This gives a yield to the Government at the 2 per cent. rate of $1.18½, leaving the mine owner net $58,06½, out of which he has only to pay the mining charges, i. e., the costs of extraction. But, as is well-known, the exports from the silver-lead mines does not approach in value those of the copper-gold. According to the statistics presented by the Victoria Board of Trade at the end of the fiscal year on the 30th of June last, the Port of Kaslo showed a total of $961.316, whereas Rossland was credited with $4,961,348. It is thus apparent that Mr. Howard West should show that the tax which he declares is not oppressive to the smaller portion of the mining industry is equally equitable to the major, and vastly greater, part."

Mr. West endeavors to straighten the matter out in the following letter to the Miner:

Editor Rossland Miner:

Sir,—Kindly allow me space for a word of explanation in regard to an editorial that appeared in your issue of Dec. 25, last, and which has just been brought to my notice, in which you make me to pose as an ardent advocate of the two per cent. tax on ore. As a matter of fact neither through the columns of the press nor personally by word of mouth have I ever given utterance to anything which may be construed into an expression of opinion upon the subject.

The statements contained in the Nelson Tribune on which your criticism was based, were written, presumably by the editor of that publication, entirely without my sanction, and resulted evidently from a misunderstanding of an article of mine which appeared in the Christmas Number of the B. C. Mining Record. As the object of this article was to present the mining industry of the Slocan in as favorable a light as possible, consistent with truth, for the purpose of attracting capital, I fail to see wherein this would be furthered by dwelling upon one of the palpably unfavorable features—from the standpoint of the investor—connected with mining throughout the Province.

The figures which I was enabled to give were the averages for the last five years, computed direct from the annual report of the Minister of Mines.

Whatever construction The Tribune may be pleased to place upon them concerns itself alone, and in repudiating any responsibility for the opinions there set forth I must decline to have my name brought into the discussion either one way or the other.

Yours truly,

HOWARD WEST.

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The editor of Mr. Houston's paper and keeper of Mr. Houston's conscience has worked himself into a state of excitement over the two per cent. tax on the output of metalliferous mines. He says that it is not a hardship on the mine owners, and adds that his paper is "the only daily newspaper in the Province that dares say so." From the frequency with which the habit has been indulged, we would naturally conclude that it does not require much courage on the part of our contemporary to misrepresent a fact or to boldly challenge the truth. We would venture to amend the statement to read that "The Tribune is the only daily newspaper in the Province that is ass enough to say so." Because some of the mines are declaring dividends there can be no hardship in taxing every ounce of metal that is produced, notwithstanding all the operations connected with the development and working of the mines are subject to the usual taxation. Why should mine owners be singled out for special taxation, any more than grocers, or bakers, or newspaper publishers? It is not so much the hardship—a better word would be the injustice—of it, however, as the extreme folly of such a tax, at a time when all interested in the welfare of the Province are endeavoring to attract capital for the development of our mineral wealth. The unreasonable increase of the tax itself is an unjust discrimination, but to fly in the face of investors in this fashion is an act of imbecility.

"There is an unmistakable revival of interest amongst us on the subject of Newfoundland," says The Toronto Globe. If there is, it is a pity the evidences of it are so carefully kept concealed. Not one in a thousand Canadians mentions Newfoundland once in a month. The Globe does not see the remotest resemblance to a revival, but the words quoted serve excellently as the introduction of an article intended to revive interest in the ancient colony. If it is to be taken as an indication that the Government contemplate the renewal of negotiations or the union of Newfoundland with the Dominion, readers will forgive the amiable deception and wish that better luck may attend the next conference of delegates. It is high time the confederation of British North America was rounded off by the inclusion of the big island out in the Atlantic.

It is said that the company who have obtained possession of the Fairview coal deposits will work them in opposition to the Crow's Nest people, with the view of controlling the entire coal and coke business of the Interior. That, at least, means competition. The members of the company are also the controlling spirits of the C. P. R., to whose manipulation the people of Nelson are indebted for the recent increase of one dollar a ton in the price of the hard coal of Anthracite. If the competition is to branch off in that direction, the people of the Interior will have reason to wish that the Van Horne syndicate had kept out of Fairview. It is a bad thing to let the fuel of a country fall into the hands of a monopoly, or to be subject to manipulations that may at will be turned to the increase of private dividends.

Out in Victoria they are discussing whether last Tuesday was not the first day of the Twenty-first century, and so hot is the dispute that they are making wagers over it. This is extremely gratifying to the friends of the Capital living outside, as it is the first instance on record of that city being ahead of time. There would be much less surprise if they were disputing as to whether it was not the beginning of the Twelfth century.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE WEST WARD.

I beg to announce myself as candidate as Alderman for the West Ward at the coming civic election, and solicit your vote and interest.

HAROLD SELOUS.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Electors of the East Ward:

I have been requested by a number of electors to offer myself as a candidate. If elected I will do what I can to keep the water and electric light systems of the city thoroughly efficient and operated at a profit. I favor the construction of an electric power plant on Kootenay River.

Respectfully,

JOHN A. IRVING.

January 3rd, 1901.

A CARD.

To the Ratepayers of the City of Nelson:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—Having been requested by a number of friends (ratepayers) in this city to become a candidate for alderman in the East Ward, I may say I have plenty of spare time on hand, and would be pleased to devote a portion of it toward attending to your interests, not only in the East Ward but throughout the City generally. Should you deem my services acceptable, and honor me with a place at your municipal board, I shall do my best to merit the confidence placed in me. Faithfully,

JOHN PATERSON.

Nelson, B. C., December 24th, 1900.

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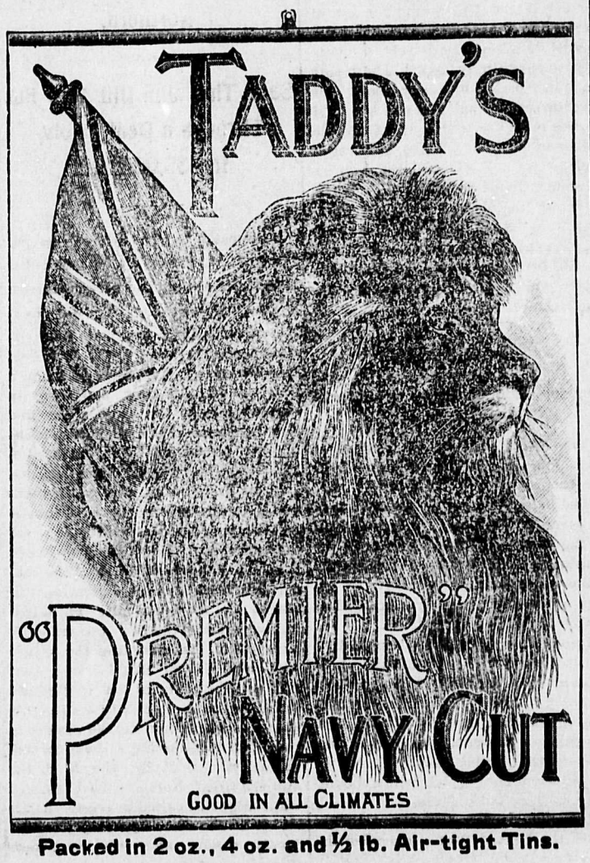

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It is a curious question, so pertinent and so provoked by the daily sight of households in which there is "one vacant place," that it would appear a natural one also: "How would I best like to be remembered? In what way would I desire that my memory should be kept green?" But very rarely is this a matter of speculation, and yet more rarely of direction, and when death enters the door the first effort of all who are bereaved is to show zealously that they are sorry, without any further thought. And in many cases the home is plunged into a gloomy isolation which deprives it of all its natural charm.

Many widows see with alarm the quick reaction of the young hearts of their children and find in every spontaneous revival of happiness among them a sign that the head and father is forgotten. Out of this come an artificial form of life and an unreal conduct of family affairs which, like all unreal things, are inherently without value.

Every sorrowing mother in the world has felt an indignant fear arise in her heart that the one out of sight is forgotten because a jolly brother and bright girl sister are ready to laugh again and feel the old spirit of rhythm moving their young feet. But we may not turn the course of life out of its deep groove because one human heart has fled from earth. The stir of the pulse and the joy of youth and strength are happily made to surmount the waves of sorrow as surely as a swimmer comes rejoicing out of the strong surf, and this does not mean disloyalty or heartlessness.

There is—we cannot shut our eyes to it—an element in society which says that there is neither time nor place for sorrow in the world and whose aim is clearly to see no shadows and hide everything disagreeable and distressing. We are not concerned with this small minority of the great human family, but are thinking of the average home out of which a good father or mother has gone or where some dear son or daughter is no more seen. In such homes people do not willingly or easily forget, and the vast majority are more than ready to cherish every token of tender remembrance. There is a tenacious holding of all the memories which the daily intimate details of a lifetime have implanted in the hearts of those who are left.

It becomes a very important matter for decision how a family should best order its contact with the world so as to live in wholesome relations with society and yet be true and loyally tender to the dead.

As the very primal point from which to look forward, we want the living to remember the dead lovingly. Every act which is unnatural and purely done from conventional usage, against the will and wish of the living, tends to lessen the warmth of that affection which we would hope to keep from ever growing cold. Far indeed would I be from seeming to disregard a reasonable yielding to what traditionally is deemed the fitting manner of expressing the deepest outward respect. What we feel clearly does not suffice. One of the rights of the dead is decorous observance of common usage concerning them. But side by side with this stands the absolute right of the living to healthful use of their faculties and of cordial contact with their fellows, without which no mind is entirely sane.

It would surely seem both rational and sensible to revert to the judgment of those we would honor by our mourning. Take a family left fatherless. Would it not be a wholly reasonable procedure to endeavor to honor the lost head by carrying out his views? Yet in how many households out of which has gone a genial, sympathetic, cheerful father follows a reign of darkness? In the home of a man whose nature had been marked by love of social merriment, whose cordial interest had endeared him to his kindred and neighbors and who felt hospitality to be a positive duty, we are sometimes shocked to find a once open door closed to all except the few nearest relatives and a pervading coldness and silence, which it would have been impossible for him to endure, filling the rooms he had loved.

There can be no more beautiful and vital way of honoring the dead than by making others happier for their dear sakes, and the selfishness which yields to the demand of personal loneliness and grief, by losing interest in everything outside its own narrow limits, can neither make a memory strong and faithful in the world whence the man has departed nor kindle new desire that he were once again alive.

If we would insure that a name we honor shall not cease to be spoken, we must ourselves maintain for it a living interest and warmth. The friends a man has loved and whose friendship gave half the sunshine to his life have their just claim to be continually received for his sake with a warm hand and a true hospitality. The pursuits he enjoyed should be made pleasant to his children. Death is indeed victorious when it not only takes out of our homes a beloved personality, but at the same time kills all that he animated by his spirit.

It is largely a custom when an abiding grief has come to sit at a fireside to let its shadow dim all the former festivals of the year. The whole radius of a large family circle are year after year almost ashamed to enjoy either Thanksgiving day or Christmas lest they seem to be thoughtless of one missing and ever dear presence. I do not underrate the effort it may cost, but surely any brave woman is equal to the effort of restraining the weakness of her own heart and calling her children and her grandchildren to gather about the table, after their old custom, and seeing to it that they speak lovingly of old days and of him who made them bright.—New York Post.

Lady Vernon's Studies.

Lady Georgina Vernon, daughter of the tenth earl of Haddington, is well known as an authority on dairying as an occupation for women. She spent some time in Normandy studying into French methods in cheesemaking. She strongly urges the practicability of dairying for women as a self supporting industry, but says that cheese would be the most profitable branch of the work. Most of the bad butter, she claims, comes from small dairies with only two or three cows.

WEAPONS OF ANIMALS.

Claws, Teeth, Horns and Hoofs All Come Handy at Times.

Many animals, including both those that kill and those that are killed, are endowed with special means of offensive and defensive combat. The latter are often furnished with weapons of effective value, such as the horns of cattle and goats and the hoofs of horses.

Even some of the largest animals which are not carnivorous and may be said to have no enemies possess special organs that they can use for inflicting wounds. Such are the tusks of elephants, the horn of the rhinoceros and the antlers of the moose. Their primary purpose, however, is to aid in procuring food and in cleaving a way through forest and jungle.

With beasts and birds of prey weapons of attack are indispensable. Among the most highly developed are the retractile claws of the cat family, the cutting and tearing teeth of the wolf family and the talons of eagles and hawks. Even in lower forms of life we find highly specialized weapons, chief among which are the fangs of venomous serpents and the stings of bees, wasps and hornets, rendered far more effective by the presence of a powerful and sometimes deadly poison.

While noting the liberal endowment of creatures that prey upon animals, we must not lose sight of the fact that certain vegetarians are also equipped with weapons of combat. The males of the bovine and the goat tribes in the wild state use these weapons largely in their combats with rivals of their own species, while the females employ them chiefly in defense of their young.

The bull fights with the head down, often with the eyes closed, and the horns, being usually short and nearly straight, can be used only one at a time, aided by the toss of the powerful neck. The horns of the cow in all the commoner breeds are turned somewhat forward, so as to be of the utmost service, and the faithful mother fights for her calf against dog or wild beast with her head raised and eyes wide open.

A stag brought to bay sometimes presents his antlers to the hunter. With some species these branching horns are shed at certain seasons, and during their renewed growth are for a time soft and useless as weapons. They gain strength and toughness at the season when rivalry and battles between the males are in order, and it is therefore natural to infer that the antlers are intended chiefly for this purpose.

Against many foes, however, man included, the deer family find their best weapons in their hoofs, with which they strike and cut as with knives, sometimes killing dogs, wounding hunters and at other times cutting coiled rattlesnakes into pieces.

Russian Fairy Tales.

A book of fairy tales was the cause of the expulsion and consequent ruin of 175 persons at Poltova. A pupil at one of the state schools there was caught in the act of reading this book of fairy tales, which had been prohibited by the censor on the ground that certain of the tales might be applied to Russian conditions and Russian politics. The boy explained that the caretaker of the school buildings had lent him the book. The principal of the school reported the caretaker to the police, and on the ground of this denunciation the offender was sent to Siberia.

The officials of the institution, together with several parents of pupils, were so indignant at the conduct of the principal that they drew up a protest describing his denunciation as a mean and despicable act. The only consequence was that the officials lost their posts, and, together with the residents who had signed the protest, were expelled from the province of Poltova for three years. The order of expulsion was extended to all the relatives of the offenders, so that 175 persons were sentenced to this severe punishment on account of a book of fairy tales which in other countries is given to every child to read.

Women Students In Russia.

If a Russian woman wishes to study at any of the universities in her own land, etiquette does not allow her to do so until she is married. Not infrequently she goes through the civil ceremony of marriage with a man student whom probably she has never seen before, and this marriage is quite legal, though perhaps the couple may never speak to each other again. On the other hand, if they like each other and they so desire, they are married for life. If they do not, the marriage is dissolved when their university course is finished, and they are free to marry some one else.

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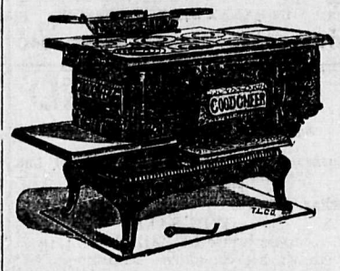

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NEWS OF THE TOWN

Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Wilson will move into their new store during the first part of next week.

Mr. J.A. Knauf is having plans prepared for a two story residence to be erected at the corner of Cedar and Silica streets.

Dr. O. Rose, who has been confined to the General Hospital with an attack of typhoid fever, has recovered and it is expected that he will leave the hospital today.

Certificates of improvements were today issued to Aaron H. Kelly on the mineral claims, Golden Giant, Gold Bell and Tip Top Fractional, all situated on 49-Creek.

Lieut. Beer has received six applications from young men anxious to join Baden-Powell's South African Constabulary force. No instructions regarding enrolling men have yet been received.

The Nelson Transfer Company lost its highest priced horse last night. The animal was all right on Tuesday morning when it was hitched up and after one trip to the wharf and return became ill and growing rapidly worse died last night.

The Masonic dance in the Opera House last night was a most successful affair. The attendance was just what could have been desired, the floor was in splendid condition and the music by Millward's Orchestra of six peices was excellent. Those in charge of the affair are to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts.

There is excellent ice at the skating rink now and there will be skating every night. Both curling sheets are now ready. Tomorrow night the Rocky Mountain Rangers Band will be in attendance to provide music for the skaters. On ordinary night the cars will run to the rink every twenty minutes and on band nights every ten minutes, leaving on the hour. Tonight the first hockey game of the season will be played.

The storms on the lake are slightly interfering with the barge traffic. The officers of the Moyie tried several times to place a barge, heavily loaded with cars, at the C. P. R. slip last evening but failed and the barge drifted ashore. Captain Short, who is engaged in running a steamer on the Arrow Lakes notified the local C. P. R. officials that a heavy north wind is blowing and that the temperature is 3 degrees below zero.

The storm which is keeping the majority of Nelson citizens indoors today is not by any means an exclusive affair. It is doing business all over the west and is playing havoc with shipping on the Pacific Coast. In California it is severe and the snowfall there is enormous. The dispatches tell of one place where six feet of snow has fallen since Wednesday night. The Miner cannot vouch for the truth of the statement, however.

The first game in the President vs. Vice-President series in the Curling Club was played last night. The rinks were President, A. H. Buchanan, lead; P. E. Wilson, W. A. Macdonald, Judge Forin, skip—11. Vice President, Principal Soady, lead; A. G. Gamble, Dr. Arthur, W. W. Beer, skip—10. It was a good game and won only in the last end. The games in this series will be continued regularly. The two sheets of ice are in excellent condition.

The time for receiving tenders for the construction of the Federal building to be erected here this year, expired on Wednesday, and the contractors who handed in their bids expect to hear from the Department of Public Works in the near future. As far as can be learned there was only one contractor from Nelson who placed a tender. Although the cost of the building has not been given out, it is stated on good authority that the building will necessitate an expenditure of about $75,000 or $80,000.

The work done throughout the City under the Public Works Department of the present City Council is about completed. In connection with the sewers, about 50 feet in one of the alleys of Addition A is to be completed. Considerable rock work in connection with the excavating of Victoria Street from Josephine Street east, is to be done. A small portion of Baker Street at the corner of Ward is to be macadamised, but probably the latter work will not be done during the existence of the present Council, as the cold weather has put a stop to all work in that connection. If the weather moderates, a large force of men will be engaged and the other work will be completed as soon as possible.

TO EXPLORE AFRICA.

S. G. Pearson of Nelson Heads a Party Who Will Go to the Interior.

Mr. S. G. Pearson, of the firm of Archbold & Pearson, of this City, will head an exploring party that will go into the interior of Africa to look for valuable mineral, agricultural or other openings for capital. Mr. Pearson leaves tomorrow morning for London where his party will be formed and from where the party will set out. He is not yet thoroughly familiar with all the plans that have been made for the undertaking which is being financed by wealthy English capitalists and until he reaches London he will not learn the details. The party will probably number about fifteen white men who will go in from Zanzibar and strike due west until they reach the interior when they will turn southwards. The trip will likely consume nine months. Travelling will be done by ox wagons and a staff of native servants will accompany the party. Mr. Pearson will return to Nelson when he has finished with the undertaking, which will be about a year from next spring.

Mr. Pearson has already had considerable experience in Africa, but has never been in the territory which he is now about to explore, his work having been confined to the more westerly regions. There is good reason to believe that the ground he will now cover is rich in minerals and if the party is successful in locating any the capitalists sending it out will follow it by the development of the resources of the Dark Continent. Mr. Pearson's Nelson friends will join in wishing that he finds all sorts of gold mines or anything else that will make the trip highly successful.

From time to time, whenever transportation facilities will allow of it, Mr. Pearson will write of his experiences to The Miner and it is safe to say that his letters will be read with great interest.

INTERESTING VISITORS.

Two Bonapartes Who Were Guests at Windsor Castle.

London, Jan. 4.—By far the most interesting of recent visitors to Windsor Castle were Prince Victor Napoleon and Prince Louis Bonaparte. The head of the French Imperial family and his only brother have been paying a visit of some duration to the Empress Eugene and owing, it is said, to the personal influence exerted by the latter, Queen Victoria graciously consented to receive the two princes, who are by the way, still in deep morning for their uncle, the late King of Italy. Prince Victor—or rather, Prince Napoleon, as he now prefers to be called—is thought by many people to greatly resemble his famous namesake; he lives in Brussels, and is, according to his friends, fully persuaded that the twentieth century has in reserve for him an imperial crown. He is friendly to this country, and disassociated himself from the attacks made by the French press last winter.

PNEUMONIA AT DAWSON.

Late Dispatch Says the Disease Has Become an Epidemic.

A Dawson dispatch dated, December 18, published in The Daily Alaskan of the 19th, says:

Dawson is stricken with a terrible epidemic of pneumonia. There have been five deaths in as many days from the dread malady, and others are suffering from it. People are greatly worried. Typhoid is also epidemic, but it is subsiding and it is generally believed that the worst is over.

The smallpox has about disappeared. There are now only two smallpox patients in the entire district. Five thousand vaccine points were received today and it is announced that compulsory vaccination, to include every man, woman and child in the city and on the creeks is to proceed at once. Twenty-five hundred points were received some time ago.

ADVERTISE ALWAYS.

"How is it," said a Philadelphia business man to John Wanamaker, the merchant prince, "that while many of your competitors advertise more largely—some of them only—on Friday and Saturday, you keep your great advertisements in the papers every day?"

"Well," said the great merchant, "on certain days, as you mention, there is a special inclination to shop. I reason that I should cultivate the buyers on other days also. It is to my advantage to do so, as it makes shopping easier for both shoppers and clerks. Besides that, I am for selling goods, and I would just as soon sell on Tuesday as on Friday, and on Wednesday as on Saturday. I consider the one or two days' advertising weekly as good; but I regard it as a serious mistake not to keep it up on the other days, or to try to draw special crowds on Saturdays."

THE TALK OF THE TOWN.

The talk of the day in Monteal is the opening of the magnificent new building erected on the best site of the principal street by The Family Herald and Weekly Star. The Family Herald's contemporaries are paying it the highest compliments. The new building is said to be the finest newspaper building in the world. This is saying a good deal for Canada. The Family Herald and Weekly Star has made gigantic strides.

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TO TAKE CANADA'S CENSUS.

Count of Population to Begin in April —Last Enumeration Inaccurate.

An Ottawa dispatch says: Canada is making preparations to count her widely separated family. The fourth decennial census of the Dominion will be taken during the first week of April next, but the task of enumeration will require at least one month in which to complete it. It will cost about three-quarters of a million dollars to take the Canadian census, and it will occupy the space of three years to complete the whole work. The census of Great Britain will be taken on Sunday, the 31st of March, and the enumeration is supposed to be made in one day. The same plan is adopted in France and Belgium, but in each of these cases no attempt is made to do more than secure a count of the heads of population, while in Canada, as in the United States, the custom has been to aim at securing a correct record of the industrial life of the country and other data.

To make the forthcoming "solemn inquest of the nation" and to complete the Canadian census of 1901 will require a small army of between 8,000 and 10,000 enumerators and other officials.

Census taking is an old institution in Canada. The first official census of New France, as it was then called, was taken in 1665, a little more than half a century after Champlain laid the foundation of Quebec. The population of the country was found to be 3,215 souls. During the remainder of the seventeenth century eight censuses of New France were taken, and twelve in the eighteenth century. When, in 1790, the year in which the first census of the United States was taken, the population of the American Union was found to be 3,929,214, the population at that date of what is now the Dominion of Canada was 220,000. In 1861 all the Canadian Provinces were taken, except British Columbia, but ten years later all were enumerated. The census of 1881 and that of 1891 were taken on the 5th of April, the date then fixed for census-taking throughout the British empire. It is probable that the Canadian census of 1901 will be an imperial census also, although it is not the best time of the year for getting about. The last Dominion census was most disappointing and discouraging to Canadians. The total increase in population fell far below general expectations. In some of the Provinces the population remained about stationary, while in one, New Brunswick, there was an actual decrease. It is anticipated that the showing at the coming census will be most reassuring in regard to population, as well as to the industrial development and national progress generally. Immigration during the past four yars has enormously increased in the West, and the number of actual settlers in that region has reached a figure hitherto unprecedented in Canadian history.

A feature in the present immigration statistics of the Dominion is found in the extensive movement across the border which is going on from the Western States. Mr. Frank Pedley, Canadian superintendent of immigration, who has just returned to Ottawa from a trip through the Western States, reports that the work done during the past season has been highly satisfactory. The number of new settlers whom Western Canada received from the American side was not only large, but these people were of the best class. He calculated that about 16,000 farmers had arrived in Canada from the United States during the past summer, and that with their money and effects they brought with them about $7,000,000 of capital.

The Canadian agent in Nebraska, for instance, reports that from January to November he sent to Canada 1,500 farmers. They took with them money and effects to the value of $1,000,000. The Minnesota agents sent 1,200, with property amounting to $800,000. Michigan contributed 2,000 persons, and South Dakota 800. The outlook for a large migration of farmers and others from the Western States into Canada early next spring, Mr. Pedley says, was never brighter and promises to be a record-breaker.

FORTUNE IN THE MISELTOE.

Georgian Has Made Money in Providing Wreaths of Holly.

In Georgia there is a farm devoted to mistletoe and holly growing. It is owned by the Cartledge family, consisting of mother and two daughters, but the daughters do the farming. It all began through the failure of the elder sister to make an immediate triumph in art, to study which she went to New York. She realized in the great city, as she never could have in her rural Southern home that talent for art is too great to leave much hope for special distinction, and wisely concluded to turn to something that would bring more speedy results. Being an observant young woman, Miss Cartledge noticed that holly and mistletoe brought extremely high prices and bethought that on the 50 acres at home in Georgia both grew wild in abundance. She returned home, and she and her sister began to prepare for making the neglected luxuriance of marketable value. In the months of January and February following they set out ten acres of young holly trees with their own hands. Their colored farm hands would not plant a holly tree for worlds, as they believe that if they did they would die as soon as the tree became tall enough to cast a shadow the measure of their graves. Last Christmas the sisters found the trees so grown that they required thinning out, and the trees that were removed were sent North for Christmas trees and brought high prices, as they were symmetrical and covered with large, rich berries. They plant the mistletoe berries under the bark of old oak trees, in a crack or hole, where they can get a hold as they germinate.

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Spokane Mining Stock Exchange Quotations

This morning' Spokane quotations as received from The Miner's special correspondent:

NAME.	ASKED.	BID.
Blacktail	10	9¾
Butte & Boston	1⅝	1
Crystal	5½	4⅜
Deer Trail Con.	2⅝	2⅛
Evening Star	7	5
Gold Ledge	2	1⅝
I. X. L.	21	18½
Iron Mask	..	34½
Lone Pine Surprise	7¼	6¾
Mountain Lion	27	24
Morning Glory	7½	7
Morrison	3½	3
Princess Maud	1⅝	1¼
Quilp	25½	23
Rambler-Cariboo	26¼	25½
Reservation	4¼	3¾
Rossland Giant	2⅜	2⅝
Sullivan	13½	13
Tom Thumb	13½	12
Waterloo	2⅜	2¼
American Boy	10⅝	..
Conjecture	4	3⅜
Dewey	2⅜	2⅛
Miller Creek	3⅜	2⅛
Flag Hill	..	1⅛
Hercules	4½	4¼

Sales—Blacktail, 2000 at 10; Lone Pine, 2000 at 7, 2000 at 7; Rambler-Cariboo, 1000 at 27¼ buyer 60, 1000 at 26¼; Waterloo, 5000 at 2¼.

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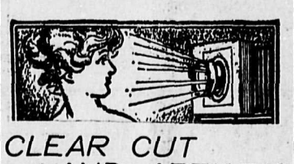

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