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TUPPER SPEAKS AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Large Audience Assembled to Greet the Veteran Leader.

POWERFUL ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT

In an Eloquent Speech he Defends the Sending Out of Canadian Troops.—The Liberal Government is Denounced all Round.

It is not an unparalleled event for the leader of one of the great Dominion parties to visit Nelson, but it is of sufficient importance and rarity to warrant the great interest, not to say enthusiasm that was manifested yesterday Sir Charles Tupper was welcomed at the depot yesterday by a number of local Conservatives and then proceeded to the Phair Hotel, where he remained during the day and received a very large number of callers. In the evening the Smelter Band appeared, and, punctually at 8 o'clock preceded the grand old leader of the Liberal-Conservative party to the Opera House, where crowds awaited his coming. The Opera House was crowded, every seat was taken, all the standing room, and even the corridor was filled with interested listeners. Never did a larger or more interested audience assemble in Nelson, which included a large sprinkling of the fairer sex. The assemblage on the platform, besides Sir Charles Tupper, Mr. Charles Wilson, Q. C., and the chairman, Mr. W. A. Macdonald, Q. C., and a number of ladies, included Messrs. G. Neelands, R. W. Hannington, F Irvine, Melville Parry, T. G. Procter, J. A. Kirkpatrick, J. Stevenson, Dr. Sloddart, F. Fletcher, G. O. Buchanan, Captain Duncan, F. Elliot, H. S. Kinghorn, the Revs J. Robson and C. W Rose and others.

The proceedings were enthusiastic in the extreme. Sir Charles Tupper's stirring and patriotic words on Canada's attitude with regard to the South African war. With happy eloquence, he showed how Canada's offer of assistance to the Mother Country was justified to the uttermost by every argument of patriotism, manliness and gratitude. His convincing remarks were greeted with unanimous and rousing cheers which left no doubt as to the sentiments of the people of Nelson.

The chairman, Mr. W A Macdonald, opened the meeting with a short introductory speech, in which he welcomed people of both parties to hear the venerable leader of the Liberal-Conservative party. He then introduced Mr Charles Wilson, Q. C., of Victoria.

Mr. Wilson then stepped forward and delivered a short address, bearing chiefly on the advisability of drawing party lines in Provincial politics. The convention of the Liberal-Conservative party at Vancouver was attended by delegates from all parts, and declared for the adoption of party lines and also adopted a platform, with which resolution he was in complete agreement. The adoption of the Federal organization in Provincial elections saved one from impossible situations, and from the illogical position of alternately opposing and siding with the same men. For the good of the country, unity was necessary, and people should be willing to give way in minor matters for the general weal He said that he had not been formally asked to accept the leadership of the Conservative party of this Province, but said that he had been given to understand that he might be offered that honor, in that case he wished to say that he was prepared to accept the platform as set forth by that convention.

Mr. R. W. Hannington then presented Sir Charles Tupper with the following address on behalf of the local Liberal Conservative Association:

"To Sir Charles Topper, Bart.:

"We, the members of the Liberal Conservative Association of Nelson, B. C., offer you a hearty and sincere welcome on your visit to our City and assure you of our entire confidence and support.

"We are familiar with your long career in the service of the country extending for well-nigh half a century and we recognize how unsparingly you have devoted yourself to the welfare, not simply of the great party of which you are the leader, but of the Dominion and the Empire itself.

"Recent events occurring within the limits of the Empire have shown us that the Conservative party may yet have a duty to perform in seeing that the bonds uniting together the various members of the British Empire—bonds in the words of Burke "light as air yet strong as links of iron" may not be weakened or dissolved though the negligence or the dilatory action of those in power, through failure to grasp those ideas of imperial unity to which every loyal Canadian adheres. In such circumstances we know full well that you would be in the future, as you have been in the past, the first one to realize the need of the hour and to see that Canada is true to herself.

"We trust that your life may be spared for many years to the country that you have served so well, and to whose sons you have set a splendid example of patriotism and devotion.

"Signed on behalf of the Nelson Liberal-Conservative Association by

"W. A. MACDONALD, Pres.

"S. M. BRIDGES, Sec."

Sir Charles Tupper then rose amid cheers and made a brief and appropriate acknowledgement of the address which had just been presented him. Turning to the political situation, he said its key note was the unity of the Empire. It was the most important question of the day He referred briefly to Canada's magnificent institutions and country, which latter was just as good as that south of the line and where moreover, the ratio of the increase of the population was greater Canada was a great nation, not independent, as he hoped imperial bonds would never be severed, but self governing and also allowed to personally co-operate on matters concerning her interests, while it possessed the priceless privilege of British institutions. Cheers greeted his eulogy of the readiness of Canadians to volunteer. Speaking of the action of the Government, he said that as they were sending out a contingent he would not criticize their lack of promptitude, but was glad they recognized their duty to the country. The Dominion Parliament would meet on February 1, and if the Speech from the Throne proposed that Canada should pay all expenses connected with the contingents the estimates would be passed unanimously, at any rate so far as the Conservatives were concerned (loud applause). Those who raised the objection of no taxation without representation did not know what they were talking about. Great Britain had not demanded the payment of a dollar nor the services of a man from Canada.

"It is, I am proud to say, a demand on the part of Canada that her volunteers may go and fight side by side with the soldiers of the Mother Country in that great struggle now raging in South Africa."

The Government was only asked by Canada to financially support the brave fellows who have volunteered. There was no question of taxation. It was the spontaneous tribute of a free people, Canada and other outlying portions of the British Empire could rest secure knowing that their soil and their rights were absolutely secure. This unique condition was due to the all powerful British fleet which gave Canada immunity from that military expenditure which is grinding foreign nations. The miserable attempt to make this a racial question would be frowned down by the Canadian people, who would not tolerate politicians who thus appealed to the lowest and most ignorant elements to further their personal ends The argument that Canada had no voice in the declaration of war was beside the point, and moreover England, more than any other nation, hated war, had never engaged in an unjust one nor indeed in any war until the last resources of diplomacy had been exhausted.

PARTY LINES.

The speaker considered the introduction of party lines into Provincial politics not a matter of choice or argument, but an absolute necessity The Liberals had taken the initiative in the matter, and the Conservatives now had no alternative unless they courted a crushing defeat as a party. In the Ontario elections Sir W. Laurier had called upon the Liberal to support the Hardy Government as it was his "right arm." The speaker added that the aforesaid "right arm" was badly paralyzed, as the Liberal regiment in Ontario was tottering to its fall after 30 years of supremacy. The underlying principle of the British Parliamentary system, upon which the Canadian system was closely modelled, was the sovereign control of the people over the administration of affairs. The essence of this lay in the direct responsibility of ministers which could only be fully attained in the party system. Added Sir Charles:

"You might as well fight guns with broomsticks as fight the Liberal Government without drawing party lines in the Provinces."

The speaker then referred to former visits to this Province, the extraordinary rapid growth of the country, and the absolute necessity of making frequent journeys in order to keep in touch with the growing requirements of the West.

LOOKING BACKWARDS.

Sir Charles proceeded to give some interesting reminiscences of his early political career when on May 22, 1855, he was first returned from his native town in Nova Scotia He undertook the reconstruction of the local Conservative party in face of the opposition of several brilliant and leading men who afterwards became his political as well as personal friends, so now he did not despair of converting the most obdurate Liberal Glancing over the past record of the two great parties he said that Canada's present splendid and united condition was due to confederation, which was chiefly the work of the Conservative party. George Brown had joined hands with Sir John A. Macdonald for this purpose, but the later steps were taken in spite of the Liberal party led by Alexander Mackenzie and Edward Blake, who also opposed the construction of the C. P. R. tooth and nail. In so doing the Liberals did what they thought to be right, but events had proved them to be wrong. Then, as ever, they lacked faith in the future and resources of Canada, and the wise prescience of true statesmanship. Inter communication between the Provinces was absolutely necessary for the development and well being of Canada. Sir Charles then gave instances of Liberal blue ruin predictions, when it was decided to build the railroad.

ATTACKS THE LIBERALS.

The speaker then next entered on a scathing denunciation of the present Government, which, he said, had not kept one of its promises. The Liberals had promised free trade, and denounced the Conservatives' tariff as highway robbery, but the Hon. George Foster had shown that their tariff manipulations had resulted in a net reduction of 1 100 of one per cent! He instanced the failure to reduce the duty on cotton according to pre-election promises. Before the last general election the Hon. David Mills promised the Liberals would reduce expenditure by four millions, but the estimated expenditure for the forthcoming year exceeded that of the last Conservative Government by 14 millions.

Sir Richard Cartwright said that railroad subsidizing would be put a stop to as a source of "jobbery, corruption and peculation" but they had subsidized the Crow's Nest Pass Road at a cost of $11,000 per mile and Sifton had wanted to give Mackenzie & Mann two million acres for a 150 mile tramway to Glenora He criticized this contract which argued either incapacity or corruption. He also criticized the Hon. Mr. Blair's scheme for getting the Intercolonial Railway into Montreal. The speaker declared he was in favor of building the Crow's Nest Pass road, realizing the importance of cheap coke for the smelters, but he had practically arranged for a subsidy of $5,000 a mile, while the Liberals had given $11,000.

THE YUKON SCANDALS.

Sir Charles insisted that Mr. Sifton's administration of the Yukon was so corrupt that the "name of Canada has been smirched and made offensive in three continents." Sifton had replied by appointing his wife's uncle, Mr Ogilvie, who was an excellent surveyor but totally unfit to be a commissioner. The political beliefs and policy of Messrs. Blair, Sifton and Tarte could be summed up in the words of the Shah of Persia to his keeper of the Privy Purse when he saw the Alhambra Theatre ballet—"Buy 'em all" (Laughter and cheers.) The speaker added that a rude awakening was in store for these men

The veteran leader concluded his masterly address by saying that were he to consult his own wishes he would pass his few remaining years in private life, but he owed a debt to Canada, and, convinced as he was that the prosperity of Canada depended largely on the return of the Liberal-Conservative party to power he would be an ingrate did he not give that cause all the assistance in his power. (Prolonged cheers.)

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Onslow Newling and seconded by the Mayor, was then given Sir Charles, whose brief acknowledgement was greeted with three rousing cheers. The audience then dispersed singing the National Anthem

THE LOBSTER FISHERIES.

St. John, Nfld., Dec. 29.—The modus vivendi respecting the New Foundland French shore lobster fisheries will expire December 31. Serious trouble will arise on the coast if this agreement is not renewed The British Government is now anxiously regarding the action the colonial authorities propose to take. It is likely that the colony will agree to compromise the question, in view of the British difficulties in South Africa.

COAST AND COLONIES.

French Government Will Submit Plans For Their Defence.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Government will submit to the Chamber of Deputies, at the beginning of January, a bill providing for the defence of the French coasts and Colonies and to increase the strength of the fleet. This does not involve an increase in the expenditures.

The cost of the defence of the French coasts and colonies is estimated at 120,000,000 francs, spread over two and a half years. This sum will be provided for by 50,000,000 francs annually set aside to pay off certain bonds and which become free this year by the final payment of those bonds.

The expense of the increase of the fleet will be met by utilizing 55,000,000 francs of the 105,000,000 francs annually devoted to the construction of new vessels.

At the end of two years the whole 105,000,000 francs can be devoted to the new naval programme.

The total outlay which is estimated at 400,000,000 francs will provide, it is understood, for the construction of twelve first class ironclads, several torpedo boats destrovers and a large number of torpedo boats. Already the press denounces the scheme as "inadequate."

La Patrie says: "It is tantamount to a rejection of the proposal of M. Lockroy (former French Minister of Marine) to expend 500,000,000 francs for the immediate reconstruction of the French navy, because the present scheme only asks that 400,000,000 francs be expended within the next six years, while the building of the proposed ironclads will take almost as long."

WOULDNT DESERT A COMRADE

Remained With Him Through Yukon Winter.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Roy Moffatt, of Pembroke, Ont., left for the Yukon in August 1897, accompanied by Ed. Irving, A. McPhee and J. Ritchie. They proceeded by the Edmonton route and were delayed by storms, so did not reach the Yukon outer district until late in 1897. They had been joined by two Americans, Holmes and Belleveau, about two months after they crossed the pass. Finding the winter coming on and their provisions running short, they decided to proceed to Dawson, but Holmes had both his feet frozen in the meantime, and was unable to proceed, so Moffatt refused to abandon him to his dreadful fate, and he and Belleveau remained in the woods in the midst of last winter with the injured man, while McPhee and Ritchie started for Dawson to procure provisions, Irving having gone previously.

Ritchie and McPhee were delayed by heavy snowstorms, and when they returned they found the camp in which the three men had been left deserted, and a note in Moffatt's handwriting pinned on a post stating that they had left three weeks before their rescuers arrived. They had undertaken to journey back to a Hudson's Bay post some hundreds of miles away, taking the disabled man, Holmes, with them. On Tuesday last Comptroller White, of the Mounted Police department at Ottawa, received a dispatch stating that the police party had returned from Lapierre's house to Dawson City about December 11, having found two dead bodies on the trail. They were Moffatt and Holmes. The police also received information of Belleveau's death. Lapierre's house, where the police search terminated, is near the mouth of the Mackenzie River.

A FUGITIVE LOCATED.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 29.—Henry Williams, colored, who murdered William Lyman in McKay's lumber yard last June, and who has been a fugitive from justice ever since, is reported to be living quietly in the country a few miles from here. The police authorities are investigating.

MERCHANT KILLED.

Rigaud, Que., Dec. 29.—Wolff Siedon, a well known merchant of this place, is dead from injuries received by being knocked down by a locomotive of the Ottawa train last night while crossing the track.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Coast Cities Alarmed Over Its Appearance in Honolulu.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—The news received by the Aorangi, that the bubonic plague has reached Honolulu has created considerable alarm along the coast, and all the quarantine and health officers from San Diego to William's Head have been instructed to keep a close watch over incoming steamers from there and the other affected ports in the Orient. All will take strenuous precautions to prevent the introduction of the bubonic plague on this coast.

As the Aorangi did not bring mail from the islands, the details received of the progress of the plague were brief. Mail received via San Francisco by the steamer Centennial, which left the same day, however, not only confirms the news received by the Australian liner, but increases the death roll Up to the time of the sailing of the steamers there were six death The plague was confined to the Chinese portion of the city and this part of the port was under strict quarantine and no ingress or egress was allowed.

The residents of Honolulu are organizing to fight the plague. They have subscribed $25,000 to a fund being raised for this work.

THE FIFTH SESSION.

Some of the Bills Held Over Will Be Pushed.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—It is officially announced this morning that the fifth and probably last session of this Parliament will assemble Thursday, February 1st While the Government programme is not yet announced, it is generally understood some of the bills held over from last session owing to the desire of members to get away from Parliamentary labors, among which are the Minister of Railways' amendment to the Railway Act, respecting sidetracking townsites by railways, and regulations regarding running rules, the Minister of Justice's bill to amend the criminal code, abolishing lotteries, the Minister of Finance's bill respecting fraternal orders and the civil service act will be again pushed.

Changes in the franchise are also contemplated. It is understood the estimates will be smaller than usual and possibly the treasury will report a surplus to reduce the national debt

ORIENTAL WAR RUMORS.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—The City of London arrived here today from the Orient. Among the saloon passenger were Mr. Kenny, a returning United States volunteer from the Philinpines, and J. E. Smith, mate of the barketine Behring, of the Russian Sailing Company, which is now tied up at Petropaulovski for winter. Smith says the take of the company from the Russian seal islands was a small one this year, totaling 8,000. He had no news of the lost Japanese schooner Hinodo Maru. The Japanese fleet now engaged in sealing in far eastern sealing grounds are few; only nine vessels were there last season.

News was brought by the City of London that the position of Britain in the far East is now being gravely menaced by collusion on the part of France and Russia, in regard to further encroachments in China, while Britain is engaged in the Transvaal. France is extending her boundaries in Kwangchouwa, and, at the same time, Russia is further encroaching in Manchuria and the north.

INSURGENT BANDS RETURNING

Manila, Dec 29.—The insurgents who evacuated the coast towns between Dagupan and Vigan, fleeing to the mountains before the advancing Americans, are returning in small bands to the towns the Americans do not occupy, terrorizing the natives and Chinamen who showed friendship for the Americans. The natives and Chinamen are seeking the protection of the American garrison.

TERRIFIC BLIZZARD.

Corry, Pa., Dec. 29.—A terrific blizzard, the worst in years, has been raging in northwestern Pennsylvania for the past 24 hours and still continues About 18 inches of snow has fallen and with that already on the ground makes the depth on the level four feet. All the railways are suffering. On all roads huge snow plows are kept running to keep the tracks clear.

THE MOLINEUX TRIAL.

New York, Dec. 29.—Late this afternoon Recorder Goff adjourned court in the trial of Roland B. Molineux, until next Tuesday, on account of the New Year's holidays. Nothing of importance was elicited today.

REVOLUTION ENDED.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 29.—The Fernandez revolution can be said to be ended. Fernandez is fleeing with two hundred men to the Colombian boundary. The Government troops and the Minister of War, General Pulido, are back at Caracas.

WILL GEN. BUL... TRY ONCE... IN

May Make a Second Attempt to Relieve Ladysmith.

DESPERATE SORTIE FROM MAFEKING

According to Boer Accounts it Was Repulsed.—Bombardment of Ladysmith is Becoming Deadly—Latest News of the War

London, Dec. 30.—(5 a. m.)—The latest special dispatches from Chieveley Camp hint that some important movement is imminent. This is interpreted to mean that Buller contemplates a renewal of his attempt to relieve Ladysmith. It is reported by the same dispatches that the Boers have now retired to the north bank of the Tugela River, being afraid that the swollen river may bar their retreat. They are also moving their laagers nearer Ladysmith, probably with the intention of putting further pressure on the garrison which now seems to be suffering pretty heavily from the bombardment. It is difficult, however, to conceive that General Buller would make another frontal attack, especially now that the river is rising, and an additional indication that this is not his purpose is the fact that he has removed his headquarters back to Frere.

The Boer movements northward from the Tugela are quite in keeping with the enemy's usual plan of securing a safe line of retreat. It is known that further artillery is due to arrive for General Buller, but the belief is here that his force will then be too weak

The story of engagements with Kaffirs is very vague and cannot be explained pending the arrival of later dispatches

The Earl of Mount Edgecumb, brother-in law of Lord Lansdowne, says the War Office would countenance a scheme to enroll volunteers in a sort of preparatory stage in order to learn drills and the like.

The number of members of the House of Commons who have threatened to go to the front threatens to seriously affect the Government side

The Rotchschilds have donated £2,000 to the Buckinghamshire volunteer fund It is estimated that £200,000 will be contributed privately to volunteer funds throughout the country Already the fund for the relief of the families of soldiers exceeds £500,000.

Kimberley, Friday, Dec. 22.—Via Modder River, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—Before dawn today a detachment of the mounted forces, with artillery and light infantry, moved out in a westerly direction. The Boer artillery from Kamjperdam opened fire at Otto's kopje, Kimberley Fort replying with twenty shells.

The British force reconnoitered the outposts along Laseratte Ridge, the Boer patrols retreating. Having accomplished this and having discovered reinforcements approaching from Wimbledon Ridge, Colonel Chamier with the Royal Artillery exchanged a dozen shells as soon as the guns could be limbered up. Some 500 Boers poured in a heavy fire from their earthworks, the British finally retiring with the loss of one horse.

The movement showed that the Boers were still keeping their guns in the vicinity of Kimberley and are able to summon reinforcements rapidly. It also showed their proneness to vacate a position immediately when weaker than the opposing force.

London, Dec. 29.—The Prince of Wales has accepted the chief colonelcy of the Imperial Yeomanry and has contributed £100 for the use of the organization.

Pretoria, Tuesday, Dec. 26.—By way of Lorenzo Marquez, Thursday, Dec. 28.—Commandant Swart reports from the laager at Aloyn Kop near Zorust that he had an engagement on Friday, Dec. 22 with Kaffirs in the neighborhood of Derderpoort. The Kaffirs occupied a strongly fortified ridge and were all prepared for emergencies. After heavy fighting the Burghers captured the Kaffir position, losing three killed and five wounded.

Commandant Syman reports as follows from Molopok, "On Monday morning the enemy from Mafeking attacked one of our forts in force, with cannon, Maxims and an armored train, and so persistently that there was fighting right on the wall of the fort. But we have retained our fort. The British loss is reported at 55.

The other commanders report: "All quiet" with the exception of the usual bombardment of Ladysmith. General Lucas Meyer has recovered and returned to the front.

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily Mail asserts that several guns have been removed from the forts at Plymouth by night and that these will be sent to Capetown.

Ladysmith, Dec. 2.—Via Pietermaritzburg.—General White has had a slight attack of fever but he is now convalescent. The Boer shell fire has been very damaging recently. On Friday one shell killed six men and wounded nine. The same missile killed 14 horses, another just missed the Fifth Lancers lines, slightly wounding six officers. Several shells have fallen close to General White's house, compelling the removal of headquarters to another point.

It is reported that General Joubert is again in command of the Boers here. The military authorities appear confident but they are very reticent. Boers have been observed moving northward and westward in large numbers.

London, Dec. 30.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily News says: "A leading resident of Vrayburg who was released by the Boers saw 20,000 colonial from Griqualand West. He says colonial faces are to be seen everywhere in the Boer ranks.

London, Dec. 30.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Chieveley Camp, dated December 24: "Parties of Boers approached today within three miles of Chieveley Camp, threatening our watering parties, who are compelled to go some two miles owing to the scarcity of water. It is reported that the Ladysmith garrison made a sortie on Thursday and captured a hill.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 29.—The Commercial Travellers' Association have voted $1,000 to a fund to provide comforts for Canadian troops in South Africa.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 29.—The council of the Canadian Red Cross Society is considering the proposal to send a commissioner to South Africa to superintend the care of the Canadian sick and wounded.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—Your correspondent is informed this afternoon that the Mounted Rifles of the contingent will be divided into two regiments, the one drawn from points east of Manitoba under Col. Lessard, and the Northwest Mounted Police, a separate regiment, under Commissioner Herchmer, with Colonel Steele second in command.

The Laurentian and Montezuma will sail from Halifax on January 15 with artillery and one regiment of Mounted Rifles, the Pomeranian following five days later from the same place with the balance of the Mounted Rifles.

The postal corps will, it is learned be composed of smart young unmarried men.

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HARD ON HIMSELF.

"Beware of the candidate that is profuse of promises." That is not bad advice, although it does come from Mr. Houston's paper. Such men, it is added, seldom carry out their pledges. Mr. Houston is a candidate, and he publishes an election address that is composed of promises. He promises to so adjust the rates of public "utilities" that they will yield a profit. He promises to issue no debentures the proceeds of which will not be expended in undertakings that will not produce a revenue. This is in connection with his earnest desire to avoid "direct taxation," as if municipal institutions ever have been or ever could be maintained without. He promises to throw himself heartily into the work of street improvements; to make a beginning, as he expresses it, although those who have followed the proceedings of the present Council and kept an eye on the City Engineer have been under the impression that a beginning was made some time ago. He promises to put the City wharf in good repair. The curious thing about this it that the present Council have already taken steps to have the wharf enlarged and improved in a manner to satisfy all requirements.

Mr. Houston in the role of a moral reformer is something new and quite as surprising. But these are election times, and, as we see, he is a candidate. He promises to set his face against "saloon expansion," and to frown down public gambling. Just here it is well to repeat the warning—beware of the candidate who is profuse of promises. His next is a promise not to pass any but general by-laws; he will do the rest himself. He promises to make the companies who have obtained public franchises toe the mark. There is not the slightest indication so far, or the slightest reason to apprehend, that they will not do so; but the promise is cheap and ornamental, and—who knows?—may prove serviceable. He promises to make the fire department more efficient, by impressing more volunteers and procuring the very best equipment.

Here is certainly a profusion of promises; whether Mr. Houston intends to carry them out we shall probably never know, as the electors will refuse him the opportunity. But his paper declares that men who are given to profusion of promises are not to be relied upon, and Mr. Houston's paper ought to know Mr. Houston's mind. We do not know, however, that it would be either safe or fair to judge a candidate by his willingness to make promises. Something of his general character should be taken into account. When there are two candidates for one position, the electors should well consider the character of both, and determine in their own minds, from such reputation as they enjoy, which one would serve to best advantage and reflect most credit on the public judgment. The position of Mayor requires that personal reputation shall be a governing factor in making a choice.

"Laurier has done for the Empire what Macdonald refused to do," says The Montreal Herald, and the saying is paraded by the other organs. The reference is to the Canadian contingent. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has sent out Canadians to fight the battles of the Empire, while the late Sir John Macdonald refused to do so. The remark is so transparently stupid that there is little danger of its misleading. No man can take credit for the contingent. The one who comes nearest to deserving it is Sir Charles Tupper, whose appeals shamed the Laurier Government into action. But if it had not been for the growth of the Imperial idea during the past four or five years not even Sir Charles, enthusiastic Imperialist as he is, would have ventured to suggest the South African expedition. It was this Imperialism that was responsible for the first contingent, and that is constraining the Government to send a second. Not the Premier, but the people who must be given the credit. In Sir John Macdonald's time that Imperialism was not as fervent as it is *today*, and there was not a united Canadian people behind him to demand that Canada should take her share in defending the Empire. In no one respect has there been so complete a change within the past few years, so marked a development in feeling and sentiment of the Canadian people, as there has been in regard to the federation and oneness of the Empire.

Mr. Mansfield shows his faith in Kootenay by getting the syndicates he represents to put their money into it. That is the faith that tells. During his present visit, only a few months old, he has been instrumental in getting many thousands of dollars of British and French capital invested here, entitling him to the distinction of being one of the largest mining operators in the Province. The Joker deal that was completed two days ago involved an immediate cash investment of $76,500. This, however, represents but a small portion of the capital his various transactions have absorbed, and from his enterprise and pluck it is safe to predict that the end is not yet. There is room in British Columbia for several score of Mansfields, and it is to be hoped that the practical manifestation of his confidence in our mineral wealth will not be without its influence in attracting others of them.

In the West Ward at least the Aldermanic situation is taking shape. We understand that Mr. McKillop will accept a second term if requested to do so. The request is a matter of course; we are sure that nothing would please the vast majority of West Ward electors more than to obtain the services of Mr. McKillop for another year. Dr. Arthur has consented to offer as a candidate. Here are two good men; now for the third. Matters in the East are still in their formative state. The two surviving Aldermen for that Ward positively refuse renomination. This is a pity. But there are good men to select from, and the sooner their names are before the people the better it will be for all concerned.

Mr. Houston demands to know which of the candidates for Mayor is the more likely to stand out for the City's interest. We should say, Mr. Houston. Last year, when Mayor, he was so deeply interested in the City and so concerned for its welfare that he unloaded on to it an electric light plant for what is claimed to have been three or four times its value. If Ald. Fletcher has some old thing he intends to palm off on the City at a good stiff price he should at once make it known, otherwise judgment will have to go to Mr. Houston.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, January 3 1900, for the erection of a two storey warehouse and cold storage building on Front Street, for J. Y. Griffin & Co. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
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NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of Charles H. Macdonald will be held at the offices of Messrs Bowes & Wragge, solicitors, Baker street Nelson, B. C. on Wednesday, the 10th day of January, 1900, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., the 27th day of December, 1899.

NOTICE of assignment pursuant to the "Creditors' Trust Deeds Act" and Amending Acts.

NOTICE is hereby given that Charles H. Macdonald heretofore trading as general merchant in the city of Nelson, B. C. has by deed dated the 26th day of December, 1899, assigned all his personal estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution and all his real estate to S. M. Brydges of the said city of Nelson, accountant, in trust for the benefit of his creditors.

The said deed was executed by the said Charles H. Macdonald and the said S. M. Brydges on the 26th day of December, 1899.

All persons having claims against the said Charles H. Macdonald are required on or before the 26th day of February, 1900, to send to the trustee full particulars of the same duly verified, together with the securities (if any) held by them

Notice is hereby further given that after the said 26th day of February, 1900, the trustee will proceed to distribute the proceeds of the trust estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he has received notice and that he will not be liable for the proceeds of the trust estate or any part thereof, so distributed to any person of whose claim he has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., the 27th day of December, 1899.

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The best Kindergarten Combination ever invented for children or young people. Fully furnished with instruction book, crayons, etc., invaluable for home education.

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KOOTENAY SUPPLY CO. LIMITED—Vernon Street, Nelson, importers, wholesale grocers

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From a steam boat to a baby's rattle. Everything has a value at my store.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The Nelson Telephone Co are stringing new wires and generally improving their system.

Mr. T. J. Sims was yesterday mentioned as a probable candidate for aldermanic honors.

The drawing for an elegant phonograph will take place at J. J Walker's jewelry store at 8 o'clock tonight.

Thomas H. Ingram, of Columbia, and James Findlay, Granite, registered at the Hume yesterday.

Work will be commenced at once on the new sidewalk at the Madden Block. It is to be extended to Victoria Street.

Chief of Police Ingram, of Rossland, was in Nelson yesterday on official business. He reports everything quiet at the mining capital.

Mrs. Blanchard, hotel proprietress at Pilot Bay, and an old timer of the Kootenays, died yesterday, leaving a large family to mourn her loss.

The tram car yesterday appeared on the streets with a big advertisement on both sides inviting the public to the Opera House to hear Sir Charles Tupper address a meeting

Outside the office door of Registrar Hopkins announces that during short vacation his hours of business will be from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. The short vacation lasts from December 24 to January 3

There was a meeting of the Charity Organization called for last night, but as only a few members put in an appearance there was no business transacted. The next meeting will be on Wednesday afternoon.

The young lad Maslonka was before the Mayor yesterday morning and was given a sound lecture. He complains that his father beats him, while the paternal portion declares that the lad deserves all he gets in that way.

One of the workmen engaged in making sewerage connection with the new block of P. Burns & Co., had a narrow escape yesterday. The excavation runs under the street rails, and a passing tramcar caused a lot of earth to fall. The workman fortunately managed to get out of the way in time to avoid accident.

Acting Gold Commissioner Goepel is on the sick list. He was not in his office yesterday. Three certificates of improvement were registered yesterday at the local office. Two were in favor of Oliver Blair for the Wild Horse and X-Ray in the Ymir district. The Ophir, a claim owned by John B. Baxter, was the third.

There is every indication that the ball to be held at Fraternity Hall, on January 1st, will be a very enjoyable affair. The invitations issued are being accepted and the committee report the sale of tickets as very good. It is understood the number of tickets is limited, therefore early application should be made for them.

The Foresters of Nelson have elected the following officers for the ensuing term, and they will be duly installed at next meeting: C. E. Beasley, Chief Ranger; A. Carrie, Vice Chief Ranger; R. J. Steel, Rec. and Fin. Sec.; T. J. McCammon, Treas.; Rev. R. Frew, Chaplain; W. H Morrison, Sen. Woodward; Jos Laidlaw, Jr. Woodward; T. S. Humphreys, Sen. Beadle; E. K. Strachan, Jr. Beadle; S. M. Brydges, Conductor.

Walter Hopkins, a young man who formerly belonged to a volunteer company in Toronto, is anxious to return East in the expectation of getting a place in the next contingent for South Africa. Being without sufficient means to stand the expense of the journey, he is offering a rifle to be shot for at the Lake front on New Year's Day, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Those wishing to compete in behalf of so patriotic a purpose can enter for the contest on the ground.

KOOTENAY CURLERS.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for Next Year.

A meeting of representatives of the various curling clubs throughout the Kootenays was held at the Phair Hotel yesterday, the President, F. W. Peters presiding, and Dr. Kerr, of Rossland, acting as secretary.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Patron, Hon. C. H Mackintosh; President, J. S. C. Frazer, Rossland; Vice Presidents, M L. Grimmett, Sandon; Judge Forin, Nelson; H. A. Brown, Revelstoke; G. O Buchanan, Kaslo; Chaplain, Rev. G. McG. Gaudier, Rossland; Sec.-Treas., T. S. Gilmour, Rossland.

Executive Committee—F. W. Peters, Nelson; James Waugh, Kaslo; R. D. Markhill, Rossland; F. A. Tamblyn, Nelson; John Lawrence, Revelstoke, and J. G. Main, Sandon.

The following clubs were represented:

Rossland—Dr. Kerr, Geo. Williams.

Revelstoke—H. A. Brown.

Nelson—F. A. Tamblyn, N. T. McLeod

Kaslo—G. O. Buchanan, James Waugh.

Sandon—T. Lillie, F. W. Peters.

It was decided that the next bonspeil be held at Rossland before the winter carnival.

CANNERIES FAIL TO COMBINE.

Negotiations Fall Through at the Last Minute.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 29.—The proposed combine of British Columbia salmon canneries has fallen through at least for the present. Negotiations had reached the point where the final papers only required signatures for the payment of the purchase price of $1,200,000, when the canners refused to accede to certain stipulations of the New York capitalists who were interested in the proposed combine.

These American capitalists made the purchase conditional upon their having a controlling interest in the stock of the combine, 45 per cent. of which was to be retained by the canners. Instead of this combination of the sixty six canneries in British Columbia, forty-six of which are on Fraser River, fifteen miles from here, and twenty on Skeena River, several hundred miles to the north of Vancouver, it is now proposed to form what are practically a score of smaller combines, three or four canneries pooling issues and being conducted under one management. These twenty pools, while operating independently as to management, will probably act as a unit regarding prices and matters of mutual interest.

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For Fine Clocks and Watches

We have received a lot of Beautiful China Clocks at remarkably low figures. The fire timekeepers and will make useful presents

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Our Fresh Roasted Coffee of Best Quality, as follows:

Java and Arabian Mocha, per pound	$ 40
Java and Mocha Blend, 3 pounds	1 00
Fine Santos, 4 pounds	1 00
Santos Blend, 5 pounds	1 00
Our Special Blend, 6 pounds	1 00
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Monday, Jan. 1st

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WEEK'S ENGAGEMENT

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They will produce Operettas, Comediettas and high class specialties

Parisian Hair Dressing Parlors

Are now open. A large assortment of Hair Goods, Facial Treatments and Hair Tonic. Ladies should not be without our Rose Creams Room 1, Victoria Building.

NOTICE is hereby given that an 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, equip, maintain, and operate telephone and telegraph lines within and throughout the Province of British Columbia, and to construct, erect and maintain such and so many poles and other works and devices as the Company deem necessary for making, completing, supporting, using, working, operating and maintaining the system of communication by telephone and telegraph, and to open or break up any part or parts of the said highways or streets as often as the said Company, its agents, officers or workmen think proper, and for the purposes of the undertaking to purchase, acquire, or lease, and hold and sell and dispose of lands, buildings or tenements within the limits aforesaid, and to purchase or lease, for any term of years, any telephone or telegraph line established, or to be established, in British Columbia, connected, or to be connected with the line which the Company may construct, and to amalgamate with or lease its line or lines, or any portion or portions thereof, to any company possessing, as proprietor, any line of telephones or telegraph communication connecting, or to be connected, with the said Company's line or lines, and to borrow money for the purposes of the Company, and to pledge or mortgage any of the Company's assets for that purpose, and to receive bonuses or privileges from any person or body corporate, and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1899.

J. R. BROWN,
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3 Rooms and attic, 2 lots, corner Stanley	$1,500
4 Rooms, 2 lots, lovely situation	1,000
4 Rooms nice cottage, improved lot	900
5 Rooms, stone foundation, cellar full size	1,550
6 Rooms Vernon street, 2 lots, excellent value	1,950
6 Rooms, down town new, all conveniences, rented at $30	2,150
8 Rooms, large verandah, 2 lots, dead cheap	3,300
8 Rooms, all conveniences, 2 lots, new	2,600

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Corporation of the City of Nelson.

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Nelson that I require the presence of the said electors at the council chamber in the city offices on Victoria Street in the City of Nelson on Monday, the eighth day of January, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor and Aldermen.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination; and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on the 11th day of January, 1900, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon and kept open until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at the following places, viz:

For the East Ward—At the Phair Hotel Sample Rooms; Scroggs Block, on the east side of Josephine Street, between Baker and Victoria Streets.

For the West Ward—At the office of the Exchequer Gold Mining Company, on the north side of Baker Street, between Stanley Street and Kootenay Street, in the City of Nelson.

Of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualifications by law required to be possessed by the candidates for the office or offices mentioned above are as follows:

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the city shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of one thousand dollars or more over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Aldermen of the city shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of five hundred dollars over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise qualified as municipal voters.

Given under my hand at the City of Nelson, in the Province of British Columbia, the 28th day of December, 1899

J. K. STRACHAN,
Returning Officer.

HOLIDAY SWEETS

At Less Than Cost.

Joe Howson, having purchased the stock of Humphreys & Pittock, is selling the same at less than cost, as all must be cleared out by Jan 1st. The stock consists of new and choice

Candies, Nuts, Bon Bons

and is large and well selected. Seeing is believing. Save money by buying at the old stand.

THE

Bank of British Columbia,

NELSON.

Is now prepared to issue Drafts and Letters of Credit on Skaguay, U.S., Atlin, B. C., and Dawson City, Yukon District.

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can be rented for Concerts, Lectures, Dances, Banquets and every kind of entertainment. Good ante-rooms, cloak rooms, Kitchen and dining room furnished. For terms apply

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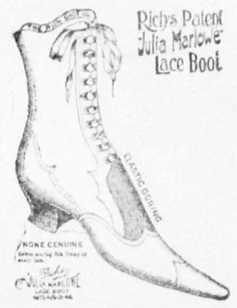

LILLIE BROTHERS, THE LEADING SHOEISTS.

MAYORALTY CONTEST.

To the Citizens of Nelson:

In response to numerous requests from business men, property owners and ratepayers, I offer myself as a candidate for Mayor of the City of Nelson at the approaching Municipal Elections.

Briefly stated, my platform is as follows:

If elected it will be my earnest endeavor to assist in more firmly establishing Nelson as the wholesale distributing centre of the Kootenay Country—the position for which she has been so admirably designed by nature.

In furtherance of this idea, I will continue my consistent advocacy of the construction of a wharf which will meet present and future requirements of the wholesale and other business interests.

I believe that the City has reached that stage when permanent street improvements have become an absolute necessity and that the cost should be met, as far as feasible, from current revenue and should the Citizens see fit to entrust me with the office of Mayor, it will be my aim to carry out a well devised system of street improvements.

It will be my policy to oppose the borrowing of money unless the same be used for the increase or establishment of Public Works producing a revenue to the Taxpayers.

I am opposed to any increase in the salary of Mayor, which would necessarily involve a reduction in salaries now paid an efficient staff of officials, or an increased burden to the taxpayers.

I am strongly in favor of maintaining the Fire Department in a position of thorough efficiency and would advise the adoption of modern equipments including a Fire Alarm System and the purchase of a chemical engine which would effect a reduction in all Fire Insurance.

It will be my consistent policy to safeguard the taxpayers against any attempts on the part of corporate bodies, carrying on business in Nelson, to encroach upon the rights of the Citizens.

In my opinion a sufficient amount of money should be expended upon the Parks of the City so that they will provide the Citizens with recreation grounds and opportunities for healthful enjoyment.

On all municipal works my policy will be to employ bona-fide residents of Nelson and to maintain the public standard rate of wages

I believe that the Public Schools in Nelson should be under the control of the City and that every effort should be made to establish a High School in our midst.

In concluding I wish to say that in the event of my election I will consider it my duty to share with the Council the responsibility of the Civic administration believing, as I do, that the assumption of entire authority by one individual is subversive of all constitutional Government, whether Municipal or otherwise. Yours respectfully,

FRANK FLETCHER.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that we the undersigned formerly carrying on business as Saloon keepers in the City of Nelson in the Province of British Columbia, under the firm name and style of Johnson & Smith, have this day by mutual consent dissolved the said partnership.

The said business will be continued by the undersigned Robert E. Smith who will pay all outstanding liabilities of the said firm and to whom all accounts due the said firm are payable.

Dated at Nelson that 23rd day of December, 1899.

A. N. JOHNSON
R. E. SMITH.

Witness: W. A. Galliher.

Waverly Hotel

NELSON, B. C.

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Great Mid-Winter
CLEARING SALE
FOR ONE WEEK ONLY

On Saturday Morning, December 30, will commence our Great Mid-Winter Clearing Sale. This sale has become a commercial necessity. Our shelves are loaded with Fall and Winter Dry Goods. Purchases for spring are enormous, and every day sees the arrival of new goods clamoring for a place in our store. Therefore on Saturday Morning, December 30, we will place on sale this immense stock of Dry Goods at prices that will insure a speedy sale.

Dress Goods.

Heavy Dress Goods at 15c and 20c per yard.
Fancy Dress Goods, regular price 35c, sale price 25c tne yard.
All Wool Serges in black, navy and cardinal shades, regular price 40c, sale price 30c per yard.
Tweed Dress Goods, regular price 50c, selling at 40c per yard.
Fancy, All Wool Dress Goods, regular price 75c, sale price 55c.
Fancy Dress Goods in Dress Lengths only, regular price 75c, for 55c per yd.
Fancy Dress Goods, regular price $1.00 sale price 75c per yard.
mmense range of Serges, Costume Cloths, Worsteds, Black Crepons, Etc., at sacrifice prices.

Blankets and Comforters.

All Wool, 6 lb White Blankets at $3.50
" " 7 lb " " " 4.25
" " 8 lb " " " 4 75
Good warm Comforters at $1.25, $1 50, $1.75 and up to $9.00 each. Greatly reduced from former prices.

Jackets and Capes.

The knife has been freely used in our Mantle Department.

Ladies'	$6 00	Jacket for	$3 00
	7 50	" "	5 00
"	10 00	" "	7 00
"	11 50	" "	7 75
"	12 50	" "	8 00
"	15 00	" "	9 00
"	16 50	" "	10 00
"	18 00	" "	11 00

A full line of Golf Capes at bargain prices.

Grey Flannels and Flannelettes.

Grey Flannels at 20c, 25c, 30c and up to 50c the yard.
Good Heavy Flannelete at 5c, 8c, 10c and up to 20 the yard.

Towellings and Table Linens.

Heavy Irish Linen Twilling at 8c, 10c, 12½c and 15c the yard.
Table Linen at 35c, 40c and up to $1.00 per yard.

Ladies' Suit and Tops Skirts.

Ladies' 12.50 Tailor Made Suits for $8.00.
Ladies' $15.00 Tailor Made Suits for $10.00.
Ladies' $18.00 Tailor Made Suits for $12,00.
A complene range of Suits all latest New York Styles at $14,00, $16,50 and up to $30.00.

Ladies' Wrappers and Underskirts.

Ladies' $2 00 Wrappers at $1 40
Ladies' 2 50 Wrappers at 1 50
" 3 00 " 2 00
" 3 50 " 2 25
" 4 00 " 2 50
Ladies' Underskirts at $2.75.
Ladies' Satana Mercerized Sateen and Silk Underskirts from $1.75 to $18.00 each.

Ladies' Night Dress and Underwear.

Ladies' Flannelete Night Gowns at 50c, $1,00, $1.25, $1.50 and up to $2.00 each. A cut of 25 per cent on former prices.
Ladies' heavy Undervests, long sleeves 35c each or 3 for $1.00.
Ladies' Fleece Lined Vests 50c each.
Ladies' Vests at 75c and $1.00.
All Wool Vests at $1.25 each.

This will not be a sale of any particular line of goods, but will affect each and every article in the store. We will again remind you that this sale will last one short week only.

MARTIN O'REILLY & CO.

MINING NEWS.

Greenwood, B. C., Dec. 28.—(Special Correspondence to The Miner).—There are about 50 men at work on the B. C. Copper Company's smelter here, and everything is proceeding steadily and satisfactorily. The boiler and engine house, 45x100 feet, is being erected, and the excavation for the flue up the hillside to the base of the stack is in progress. The site for the dam on Copper Creek has been surveyed, and it is expected that work will be commenced on it in about two weeks. The C. P. R. contractors are grading on two lines into the smelter from the Mother Lode track.

In this connection, there is a most important item of news to announce. The Mother Lode will ship one hundred tons of ore this week to the Trail smelter. The spur line is tracked to within three quarters of a mile to the mine and cars have been taken up to that point to receive the ore, which will be hauled down in wagons. Two cars will be shipped this week. This is the first shipment from the Deadwood camp over the new spur, and with the exception of a few carloads practically the first from the district.

OFF TO THE WAR.

Mr. David Clarke, hotel-keeper at Pilot Bay, and ex Mounted Policeman, has received a telegram instructing him to report at Calgary providing he can get the necessary doctor's certificate. Mr. C. D. Jarvis, of this City, will not go, as he anticipated, as he was unable to pass the medical examination.

R. B. Eaton left last night for the Transvaal. He expects to be attached to the Royal Canadian Horse. Mr. Eaton's many friends in Nelson assembled to wish him God Speed and gave him many tokens of their esteem.

HERBERT REMANDED.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Herbert, teller of the defunct Ville Marie Banque, was arraigned in the Police Court this morning and pleaded not guilty and was remanded for preliminary trial on Tuesday next.

EX-MINISTER FOSTER'S ADDRESS

Gananoque, Ont., Dec. 29.—Hon. G. E. Foster, ex-Minister of Finance, addressed a meeting of Conservatives last night. His speech was devoted to usual criticisms of the Liberal Government.

THE CONSCIENCE FUND.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The Customs' authorities received seven dollars conscience money today from a party in Minnesota who signs himself "One who wants to lead a better life."

INJURED MAN RECOVERING.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—John Healey, the man, reported dead from injuries received in falling off a train and having his feet badly frozen at Bowmanville, is recovering.

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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 16th 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,
Mackinnon Building, Granville Street, Vancouver, B. C.
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 Brisish 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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