

P. A. O'FARRELL ON THE ROSSLAND BANQUET

A Long Letter and Verbatim Report.

MARTIN'S DOWNFALL

The Attorney-General's Miserable Mistake
Criticism—Strictures on Eight-Hour and Alien Bill.

The Rossland banquet has become one of the leading subjects discussed in connection with the present political crisis. Mr. P. A. O'Farrell deals with it exhaustively in the Rossland Miner as follows:

For many reasons I have been loath to touch on the Martin incident at the Mackintosh banquet. It was painful and unseemly, and it seemed to me that as the banquet was an international one, it would be best to cast the shadow of silence and of charity over Mr. Martin's performance. But like Banquo's ghost, that incident will not down, and it has assumed serious proportions on account of Mr. Semlin's request for Mr. Martin's resignation. It has, therefore, become a matter of wide extended interest, I am sorry that it should be so, but that will not alter the case. No more brilliant or distinguished gathering ever assembled in British Columbia than that present at the Mackintosh banquet. England, Scotland, Ireland, and every Province in the Dominion was represented there, as well as the United States of America. There were men who had achieved honor and renown in every walk of life, and in every land, and these men were there proud and happy to do honor to a Canadian who had done some service to his country, and who had conferred immense benefits on British Columbia. All went merry as a marriage bell till the Hon. Joseph Martin rose to respond to the toast of the Provincial Parliament. From this banquet he had a most cordial reception. He was received exactly as a representative of the Provincial Government should have been received; that is with honor and respect. And his very kindly allusions to Governor Mackintosh were warmly applauded. But Mr. Martin's speech, the longer it was continued, seemed to become the more and the more stale and the more unprofitable. It grew into a "talk" told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing. There were Americans and Europeans there who knew nothing of "Joe" Martin, but who were anxious to hear the Attorney-General of the great Province of British Columbia. He had a fine opportunity to talk to these men, and to outline to them and to the country the policy of his Government toward the mining industry. Another would have seized the opportunity and reaped therefrom a golden harvest for himself and for his Government; but Mr. Martin turned an opportunity for a triumph into one of woeful disaster. With a wild eye and a rasping voice he sat up till his plattitudes and innuendoes began to pelt him and the majority of the banqueters grew tired and weary. The buzz of conversation and the clink of glasses and the humorous laugh were heard on every side, and Mr. Martin's talk was no longer heard. But he still went on for all the world like an unappreciated end man on a variety stage, uttering senseless things. Suddenly he seemed to recognize that all interest in him and in his speech was gone, and with equal suddenness he leaped from dullness and inanity to fury and madness. He roared out at the top of his voice: "I will not be silenced by hobos in evening dress." This immediately aroused the attention of every guest in the banquet hall, and the wild sally was received with a shout of laughter. Some of the younger men shouted back: "You are the hobo."

And at this, Mr. Martin, in loud, resonant tones, shouted: "Thirty-five thousand dollars have been appropriated by my Government for a court house at Rossland, but tomorrow morning I shall cancel that appropriation." This declaration, repeated again and again, put an end to all chance of his being heard, and Mr. Martin had to sit down. The guests in that hall would have no more of him. Men like Mr. E. V. Bodwell and Mr. McNeill looked on at the scene with grief and shame, for they felt that a man in his high position had degraded himself in the presence of men of eminence from other lands. After this Mr. Martin rushed out of the room with the face of a fury and the air of a madman. Looking at him I thought of Nero and his wish that the whole world had only one head that he might sever it with a single blow.

In the lobby of the hotel Mr. Martin encountered one of the younger men who had been enraged by his insulting remarks, and it required the chief of police and all the influence of Governor Mackintosh to protect Mr. Martin from physical violence. Meanwhile

Mr. Eberts was arousing ringing cheers from the guests by a peculiarly happy speech. These cheered Mr. Martin, and they seemed to have aroused again all his worst passions, and he rushed to the door of the banquet hall and made most unseemly interruptions while Mr. Eberts was speaking. By this time the scene had really become comical and the banqueters determined to treat the whole affair as a species of light comedy. Mr. Edwin Durant took the floor and delivered a brilliant speech, which made people forget Mr. Martin and his performances. Later on it was noticed that the Attorney-General had returned to his seat, and Mayor Goodeve asked that he be permitted to make a personal explanation. A respectful silence immediately ensued, and Mr. Martin said: "I wish to state that Rossland will get its \$40,000 for a court house, but you hobos in evening dress can go to the devil." After this outburst he left the banquet hall, and there was heard no more.

No sane or sober man would have played the part acted by Mr. Martin that night. I have seen no public man before make such a woeful exhibition on a festive occasion, and every man of sense and generous feeling to whom I spoke expressed the sincerest pity that a man of Mr. Martin's position and standing in the Dominion should have been guilty of conduct at that banquet unbecoming the most untutored rustic or any man with the slightest claim to be classed as a gentleman. I must positively affirm that nothing had occurred in any way to justify Mr. Martin's conduct. An allusion had been made to the alien law in a very diplomatic manner by Mr. Mackintosh. He told how the London Financial World regarded the enactment and feared the operations of the alien law. But this was done in elegant form, and nobody suspected that it could possibly arouse the ire of Mr. Martin. It is true that the vast majority of the men seated at the festal board felt keenly the injustice done to the Kootenays by the eight-hour law passed last session by Mr. Semlin's Government but there was no exhibition of feeling against Mr. Martin on the account. Had Mr. Martin been wise and prudent he could have played on the feelings of that audience and won their plaudits, as Mr. Eberts subsequently did; but he played the fool's part, and must suffer the consequences.

And now that Mr. Martin and his conduct as Attorney-General are before the Province, it is well once for all that the people of the Province should know that the eight-hour law is received in the Kootenays with universal disapprobation. The silver-lead mines of the Kootenays are no longer wages to the toiler, good dividends to the capitalists and revenue to the railroads. There is gloom and poverty in a thousand homes where a year ago was comfort, happiness and money. Millions have been spent building railroads to the silver-lead districts. Millions have been spent opening up and developing these mines, and the eight-hour law has locked up in the mountains of the Kootenays all the treasure which these millions were spent to exploit and recover. All the enterprise and opportunity and business and trade which has been built up in that country by ten years of unremitting toil and labor is suddenly paralysed by a law fathered by the present Government. Nobody in the Kootenays demanded an eight-hour law except, perhaps, the gambler on the bluff man, who haunted for greater opportunity to fleece the working miner. In Rossland, where there are great machinery plants and shaft mines, an eight-hour shift has become a necessity. In the Slokan such a law was undesirable, unnecessary and vicious. The passage of such an act stamps those responsible for it as utterly unfit to shape the destiny of the Province. It has paralyzed industry and brought grief and suffering and disappointment into thousands of happy homes. It is incomprehensible to the people of Kootenay that Mr. Semlin or Mr. Cotton should have ever permitted the enactment of such a law; and the only way that they can redeem themselves before the country is to proceed immediately to its repeal.

The alien law is a lesser evil. It was conceived in ignorance, enacted in folly and is a disgrace to British Columbia as well as to the age we live in. Over in East Kootenay, in a lovely country, is a beautiful young city growing up by the shores of Morice Lake. Six years ago an Indian boy was lonely as an Indian boy. Today that whole district is jingled up by good wagon roads and good trails, and the woodman, the miner and the capitalist are prospecting there. In those five years James Cronin and John Finch, two aliens, have spent \$70,000 building wagon roads and trails and cabins and houses, and developing mines, paying the way for a great and prosperous mining industry. The Government of the Province gave \$300 toward building the roads of the district. John Finch and James Cronin have spent \$10,000 building roads over the same district. Is there a sane man in the Province who does not believe that it is more men like Finch and Cronin that British Columbia needs? The pseudo statesman who would exclude men of the type of James Cronin from Canada are blunders of the worst kind. Today British Columbia is attracting the attention of the world, and has become the brightest jewel in the diadem of the mighty British Empire. But let it not be forgotten that it was aliens like Dan Corbin and P. A. O'Farrell and Jim Cronan and O'Hara Durant and Bill Hennessey that broke the almost infinite silence of the Kootenays, and waked into life and industry and labor an empire of bound-

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FROM EASTERN CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND

Street Car Riots in London Continue.

THE FRENCH FISHERIES

Disastrous End to a Spree—New Locomotives for the C. P. R.
From Montreal.

Ottawa, July 13.—Mr. McLaughlin, Lindsay, Ontario agent of the department of justice of that place was before the public accountants today and completely cleared himself of the statement made by Col. Hughes that he taxed farmers 20 per cent. for claims collected by him while at the same time he charged his foe to the Government. The investigation proved a farce and Somerville suggested that Hughes should pay the costs.

Montreal, July 13.—The first of a series of monster new locomotives intended for the fast new locomotives between Montreal and Ottawa has just been turned out of the local shops of the C. P. R. Three others will follow. The specimen on view today is the largest locomotive engine ever made in Canada. It stands fully 15 feet high, while the driving wheels are seven feet high, while the weight of the engine alone is 80 tons. It is built to give a speed of 83 miles an hour, with a train composed of six coaches. The locomotive is of the type known as the Baldwin. Nine weeks ago the plans had not even been drawn for the construction. The engine is now on the track ready for service. Short trial trips have been made with the most satisfactory results.

Brantford, Ont., July 13.—James O'Reilly, cigar maker, aged 34, drove into the country on a spree with Thos. Cunningham. Early this morning his horse was captured near town with O'Reilly's lifeless body entangled in the reins. It was dragged for over a mile. Cunningham told contradictory stories and an inquest was ordered.

London, Ont., July 13.—Cars manned by police are running. A. H. H. Way, a prominent citizen, was committed for trial on the charge of breaking car windows. Summonses are issued for a large number of rioters.

Montreal, July 13.—The Richelieu and Ontario steamer Spartan ran on a mud bank near Summerstown, Ont., last night. She was more than half a mile out of her course, and it is supposed her pilot mistook the fisherman's lights for the range lights. She was towed off this afternoon by the tug Heginald and proceeded up the river unharmed. As it was on an up bound trip there were but few passengers aboard.

Frontenac, July 13.—After various informal conferences held between the manufacturing confectioners of the United States in convention here it was practically decided today that the projected combine Co., could be pulled through.

THE TRANSVAAL

Oom Paul is Beginning to Get a Hurtle On.

Pretoria, July 13.—The Volksraad today adopted the preamble of the franchise law which declares that the necessity exists for the immediate adoption of the same, thus avoiding the three months' previous publications required by the constitution. The decision of the articles of the law is now in progress.

CHANGE IN BANK RATE.

London, July 13.—The Bank of England has increased its bank rate from three to four and one-half per cent. New York, July 13.—The Commercial Advertiser' London financial cable says: The bank rate was raised to 3 1/2 per cent today and accordingly three months' bills were quoted at 3-5/8 to 3-1/2. Six months bills quoted at 3-7/8 to four. These rates, however were really nominal as little was done.

FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND TONS OF DYNAMITE

The Hamilton Powder Company Prosecuted.

\$200 FINE IS IMPOSED

The First Step in the Right Direction Is Taken by the City to Abate the Great Danger.

The hearing of the charge against the Hamilton Powder Company for storing powder and explosives within two miles of the City limits came on yesterday before Magistrate Crease.

Mr. S. S. Taylor, Q. C., who appeared for the Company, began by objecting to the information on the ground that the same did not set out in which court his client was to appear. The information had been laid before Mr. Crease as Police Magistrate whereas it should have been before him as stipendiary magistrate for the County of Kootenay. This objection was got over by Mr. Crease amending the information.

A second objection was that there was more than one offence charged in the same information.

This objection was noted. Mr. Wilson, who appeared for the City, began by calling Mr. Newlin Hoover. Mr. Hoover said that he lived across the lake opposite the C. P. R. wharf. He did not know how far from the City.

Mr. Wilson tried to elicit, from the witness, who owned the building in which he lived, but Mr. Taylor objected to the question on the ground that ownership of the property must be proved by the owner.

Mr. Hoover went on to say that he took charge of a brick building with a white roof which was used for storing powder but Mr. Taylor objected to him saying who owned the powder. Mr. Hoover, continuing, said he was in the employ of the Hamilton Powder Company and that he was paid by their agent Mr. G. Tunstall. Several objections were raised by Mr. Taylor as to the relevancy of the witness's answers but the magistrate disallowed them. However he pointed out to Mr. Wilson that he was hardly putting the questions in proper form and he must avoid leading his witness. Mr. Taylor urged that as this was a technical case every technical rule must be strictly observed.

The witness continuing that upon the 8th July, the day on which the offence is named in the information as having been committed, he was in the building which contained a number of boxes which he presumed were full of dynamite or giant powder. Mr. Taylor strongly objected to this portion of the evidence as being merely an expression of opinion. The witness said that the cases were full and were marked as containing each 50 pounds of dynamite. One box had been opened that date and contained then about 25 pounds of dynamite. He had also opened a box that was in the building on the 8th July and it contained 50 pounds of dynamite. There were also six kegs in the building each containing 25 pounds of black powder. The dynamite boxes were marked with the name of the Hamilton Powder Company and also with the size and weight of the dynamite therein contained.

His duties were to deliver the powder at the C. P. R. and Government wharfs and to fetch the powder from the cars as it arrives. Cross examined by Mr. Taylor, the witness said that he saw the broken keg referred to on the 8th July. He could not swear as to the exact amount contained in each case as he had not weighed them nor could he see through the unopened boxes. He took a pre-emption on the land now occupied by the building referred to on February 8, 1892. He did not know then that the Government had reserved the land as a site for a powder magazine but he saw a notice in the Gazette shortly after to that effect. The first intimation he had of the Government's reservation was when Mr. Hodgins came over to start the building of the magazine.

He saw the Gold Commissioner about it and was told that the building could not be stopped.

Mr. Taylor pressed the witness to say that he knew about the reserve before the pre-emption, but Mr. Hoover resented this. Mr. Crease tried to smooth the witness down. Mr. Hoover said he was ready to answer the magistrate any question he put to him, but not Mr. Taylor, who he thought had insulted him by his questions. Mr. Crease then shortly interpreted to the witness the rule of the court but Mr. Taylor still had some difficulty in getting direct answers to his questions. Witness admitted that the building had

been used for the storage of dynamite and powder continuously since 1892.

Mr. Wilson shortly re-examined the witness as to the circumstances attending his pre-emption.

In answer to the magistrate the witness said that there were over 900 boxes of dynamite in the building on July 8. He moved the boxes in himself and they were all full ones. The building was used for no other purpose than for storing these boxes and kegs of black powder. The contents of the broken boxes were exposed. All the dynamite there was current stock and saleable.

Mr. Frank Fletcher was then called. He stated that he knew the building referred to by Mr. Hoover. The president and agent of the Hamilton Powder Company had frequently told him that it was their property.

In 1892 he surveyed Hoover's pre-emption and gauged the distance of the same from the City limits by triangulating from a point 200 feet below the C. P. R. wharf. The distance from the City was under 60 chains. He had not got his field notes with him but could swear that no point on Hoover's pre-emption was more than a mile from the City limits.

A number of objections were raised by Mr. Taylor to the witness's evidence chiefly because they were matters of opinion, the building in question not having been erected when the survey was made. Cross examined, Mr. Fletcher said that he had not measured the actual distance from the building known as the powder magazine to the city limits. He based his knowledge of the same on measurements made from the very spot on which the building stands.

The City limits were clearly defined by the official plan. The boundary is the ordinary high water mark. This closed the case for the prosecution. Mr. Taylor then called Mr. George Tunstall, the agent in Nelson for the Hamilton Powder Company. He said that the building known as the powder magazine had been erected in 1892 by permission of the Provincial Government and had been used continuously since that date. The City had not officially notified his company to vacate the building. The original cost of the building was \$1800 and if the powder was moved it would mean a further \$300. The company would then have to purchase land and erect a new building. At present no suitable site had been obtained by the company.

Cross examined witness stated that on July 8 there were about two carloads of dynamite in the magazine. The permission was given by the Provincial Government in general terms for use for storing powder and did not apply to the Hamilton Powder Co., in particular. He had never seen the permit and therefore could not swear to its terms. The company objected to moving unless they received some compensation from the City. Though he had not received official notice of the prosecution, until he was served with the summons, he had seen in the local papers that the City Council had determined to take proceedings.

Mr. Taylor then addressed the court for the Company. For more than two hours he ably and carefully went into all the points on which he based his defence. These may be condensed into three heads. In the first place the act defines a powder magazine as a building wherein more than 200 pounds of gunpowder or more than 10 pounds of other explosives are stored. Mr. Taylor pointed out that indirect evidence went to show that not more than 150 pounds of black powder was in the building on the 8th July but that no evidence had been adduced to show that there was one ounce of any other explosive. Dynamite might or might not be an explosive but no proof of it being so had been shown in this case, therefore it must be assumed that it was not.

Secondly the magazine had been erected in 1892 whereas the City was only incorporated in 1897. The Explosives Act was not retrospective especially with regard to vested interests and the City limits therein referred to only applied to cities in existence when the act was passed (1888). It would be a great hardship if cities were allowed to be built near to old established powder magazines and then call for the removal of the magazines without compensating the owners of the same.

Thirdly the fact that the Hamilton Powder Company were indicted for keeping a common nuisance in the Supreme Court made it illegal to prosecute the company in the inferior court for the same offence. Mr. Taylor cited a number of cases to substantiate his contentions and also criticized the evidence of Mr. Fletcher as being merely matters of opinion, and that of Mr. Hoover as evidence of an interested party. Mr. Wilson replied shortly but with considerable effect. Answering Mr. Taylor's points he said that as to the first point dynamite was obviously an explosive just as whiskey was liquor under the Liquor Acts. As to the second point the Act of Incorporation distinctly gave the City all the rights and privileges of existing cities, of which was to remove powder magazines from its limits. As to the third point, the indictment against the company was for an offence committed in June whereas this prosecution was for a repetition of the same offence on another date viz., on July 8.

The magistrate in summing up said that when the City was incorporated all existing statutes would survive for its benefit. The Explosives Act prohibited any powder magazine being kept within two miles of the City limits. It was unreasonable to assume that the legislation would not, in a young country, taken into consideration the rights of cities of the future when framing the Explosives Act. Mr. Fletcher's evidence as to the

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN CAPITALISTS COMBINE

Most Powerful Syndicate in the World.

CHINA TO BE THE FIELD

The Combination Is Supported by the Governments of England and the United States.

New York, July 13.—The Tribune tomorrow will publish the following: A business alliance of American and English capitalists has been recently formed which is of unusual interest and importance because of the leading positions held by these men on both sides of the Atlantic, because of the many millions of dollars involved in it, because the United States Government is about to be asked to give it his official sanction and moral support, because England has already approved of it, and because the field of its operations is beyond the jurisdiction of both nations.

The announcement of this alliance was made yesterday, Thursday, by W. F. Whitridge, of the firm of Cary and Whitridge, who now fills the place left vacant by the death of ex-Senator Bryce as the chairman of the executive committee of the American-China Development Company. The company is one party to the agreement and the other is the British and Chinese Corporation. This makes a combination of the most powerful capitalists in the world. The field of their activities is China.

THE CAPE PARLIAMENT.

Exciting Scenes Are Anticipated on the Opening Day.

Capetown, July 13.—The Cape Parliament will open tomorrow and exciting scenes are anticipated, owing to the attitude of Premier Schreiner on the Transvaal question. A large number of Opposition members favor his impeachment. In the meantime the Afrikaner party is stirring up a Boer agitation and doing its utmost in this direction. An attempt to hold a loyalist meeting at Worcester this afternoon was frustrated by the Afrikaners, who precipitated disgraceful scenes, forcibly dragging the Royalists speakers from the platform and expelling them from the hall amid jeers and insults. The military authorities here are purchasing horses, mules and wagons, and preparing to forward supplies to Kimberley.

MAMMOTH SCHOOL OF SALMON.

Five Miles Wide and of Unknown Length.

Seattle, July 13.—A Post-Intelligencer special from Whatcom, Wash., says: While C. H. Shubbe and D. N. McMillan were coming across from Stuart's island last Monday their steamer ran through the largest school of salmon ever seen on the sound. It was five miles wide and of unknown length. The salmon were so thick that the little steamer had difficulty in getting through. At one time she was lifted completely out of the water.

THE GUATEMALA SCARE.

Washington, July 13.—The state department is waiting with anxiety developments in Guatemala. It is premature to say a decision has been reached to send the Philadelphia from San Francisco to that country and it may be that the presence of the Gunboat Vixen on the east coast will be regarded as sufficient for the present; but there are hints of foreign action that might involve a repetition of the Corinto incident and in that case probably it will be deemed necessary by our Government to have stronger naval representation at the seat of trouble. It is said at the state department that the financial conditions of Guatemala threaten severe loss to the American citizens. So far the United States Government has not consented to take any joint action with England, Germany or any other nation to bring pressure to bear upon the little Republic.

HOW THE CZAR'S BROTHER DIED

Brest, July 13.—The Schlesische Zeitung declares the death of the Czar's brother, the Grand Duke George, who passed away July 10, was due to a bicycle accident. While wheeling over the hilly country about Abbas Tulan in the Caucasus, the paper adds, the Grand Duke met with a mishap which caused such a loss of blood that he died on the spot where the accident occurred.

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THE PROPER COURSE.

The President of the Board of Trade is showing a proper regard for the dignity and self-respect of that body in issuing a call for another meeting, to consider the recommendations of the Council in respect to the subjects to be submitted for discussion at the conference of Boards to be held next month at Rossland. The more the affair is considered, the more discreditable appears the action of the meeting on Monday last. It is utterly without reason or excuse. If a Board of Trade cannot discuss a matter so immediately and directly affecting the business interests of the community as the Eight-Hour law, there can be no possible reason why Boards of Trade should exist. That law is not without influence on every business carried on in the Kootenays, from running railways and steamboats down to selling peanuts. Boards of Trade are supposed to exist for the purpose of protecting and promoting legitimate commercial enterprises of all kinds, and where any of these are prejudiced or injured they are expected to interest themselves sufficiently to inquire into causes and to suggest remedies. That is the principal function of a Board, and to pretend that it cannot be exercised in case of some question that may happen to have become involved in politics is too inexpressibly stupid to deserve a moment's thought. There is no subject at present engaging the public attention that presses so strongly for the fullest and most deliberate discussion as does this Eight-Hour law. Not only the law itself would call for this, but the results springing from the enforcement of it render its discussion a matter of first importance with all the Boards of the district. They may approve or condemn; that is as it may be; but the circumstances render it impossible that it can be ignored.

And when the meeting is held, it is to be hoped that the members who have intelligence enough to understand the situation and spirit enough to resent the indignity put upon the Board the other night will attend in force and administer a fitting rebuke to the mischievous element that apparently exists for the sole purpose of making trouble. It is high time it were stamped out. Nelson has outgrown the methods of the camp boss and bully, and aspires to something more respectable as well as more useful. The time has gone by when this City can be made the plaything of any coarse person who mistakes insolence for wit and assurance for public spirit, and the fact cannot be too clearly or emphatically expressed. The threat of secession is too silly to cause the least anxiety to any one. There will be no secession, or it will be so insignificant that it will be too much ashamed to make open demonstration of itself.

DOMINION DAY FUND.

A correspondent writes: "For many days the local papers gave prominence to the list of subscribers for the Dominion Day celebration. Not a word has yet appeared showing how the large fund was disposed of. Is it not about time the subscribers had a glimpse of the balance sheet?" If it concerned ordinary men only, governed by ordinary motives, this would be a pertinent question under the circumstances. But as the subscription in question would seem to have been raised for the benefit of one man and his coterie of friends, the contributors will probably be told that they have nothing to do with a balance sheet and that they may content themselves with the honor of having had their money expended for them. It was a large sum, about four thousand dollars in all, reckoning the entrance fees with subscriptions, and men of delicate and sensitive natures would have lost no time in rendering an account if entrusted with the control of it. But in this case the money was raised, not to celebrate Dominion Day, but to render John Houston still more distinguished; and as that remarkable individual is neither delicate nor sensitive in his nature, he will consult his own pleasure about accounting for it.

One little incident will serve to show how completely it was regarded

as a Houston celebration, rather than a civic display of patriotism on the occasion of a Dominion anniversary. The committee in charge of the boat races made several purchases for prizes at the different jewellery stores in the City, distributing the patronage as equally as possible between them. When this came to the ear of the great John there was sulphur in the atmosphere, and before the day was much older the members of the committee were compelled to cancel their purchases at two of the stores, the order having been issued that everything required for the prizes should be obtained from John's favorite and from him alone. The members of the committee made the mistake of supposing that it was citizens' money, contributed for a public purpose, whereas it was John's money, which he had been graciously pleased to accept from a number of humble and devoted subscribers.

It requires courage to suggest a balance sheet in a case such as this. But still there are those curious enough to make the demand, basing it on the old-fashioned idea that every honest man is expected to give an account of his stewardship. But whether forthcoming or not, it is pretty safe to predict that Nelson will contribute to no more Dominion Day celebrations in this loose fashion. On future occasions there will be a responsible official authority, as a guarantee that a citizens' fund will be administered according to the will of the citizens and without injustice to any.

At last the policy of laissez faire has for the time being ended and the great danger which looms over the town has received its first blow. Yesterday, after a prolonged sitting the magistrate convicted the Hamilton Powder Company for an offence under the Explosives Act and inflicted a fine of \$200. It is to be hoped that the City will not be content with this alone but will continue their active crusade against the powder companies until they will either be compelled to move or waste their substance in paying considerable fines. An ingenious and novel point raised by the defence was that dynamite was not an explosive substance unless so proved to be in the case. This is, to the layman, hair splitting with a vengeance. "Sir," said a lady to a well known Cabinet Minister from whom she was endeavoring to obtain a direct answer to a pertinent question, "if anyone were to ask you in the House of Commons whether black was white, you would reply that 'the Government had no information which would permit me to express an opinion to the contrary.'"

If reported correctly there were one or two speakers at the Orangemen's festival on Wednesday who rather overstepped the bounds of good taste and moderation in their zeal for their particular religious tenets. It is said that abuse of opponents in law and in politics will often bring a man to the fore. Possibly those who ostentatiously practice religion hope in like manner to benefit themselves materially by obeying this precept. But to those who love moderation, tolerance and fairness, such sectarian gas is highly objectionable and can only bring the authors of it into contempt.

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The Sergeant Instructor From Winnipeg Will Be Present on Monday— A General Muster.

There was a parade last night of the Nelson Rifles. Capt. A. E. Hodgins issued orders for a general parade on Monday night, July 17, when the sergeant instructor from the Winnipeg great instructor from the Winnipeg will be present and detail future drill nights.

NELSON CRICKET CLUB.

The Match between the Banks and Club team yesterday ended in a victory for the former by 35 runs. The batting of Messrs. Heathcote, Wilson and R. Macfarland was decidedly good.

Table with columns for player names and runs scored. Includes names like Winter, Macrae, Haines, Lay, R. Macfarland, etc.

CLUB TEAM.

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Mr. Merrifield informed the Miner last night that the first carload of pipe for street mains had been shipped from Portland on Wednesday and will be here on Monday next.

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TROUBLE OVER THE DIVISION.

Canadian Pacific Move in Kootenay Passenger Business.

Previous to July 1 an agreement was in effect in accordance with which passengers for the Kootenay country by the way of the Canadian Pacific and the Soo were privileged to return via Spokane by either the Northern Pacific or Great Northern. The Canadian Pacific has just notified the officials of the above mentioned roads of a discontinuance of this exchange of business.

FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND TONS OF DYNAMITE

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distance was in his opinion quite sufficient. As to dynamite not being an explosive he thought that the prosecution should have strengthened their case by giving direct proof of this; still Mr. Hoover's evidence tended to show that the dynamite, being current stock and in good condition, was undoubtedly an explosive within the Act.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Alex. Kellet of Mattawa, Ont., is visiting friends in the City.

Mr. Wm. Martins, of Martin, Eros, Roseland, is among the visitors to the City.

The agent for the Hamilton Powder Company arrived in court yesterday prepared to accept a verdict "without" the option of a fine. His tonsorial artist had given him an uncommon close crop.

L. M. Rice, district engineer for the Canadian Pacific railway, is authorized by the statement that they will have trains running into Columbia from Roseland over the Columbia & Western by August 15.

The annual picnic of the St. Saviour's church Sunday school will be held next Tuesday when the steamer Moyie will convey the excursionists to Balfour. There will be a programme of sports and other attractions during the day.

The Board of Works was supposed to have met last evening but only the Mayor and one other member turned up and there was no meeting. A special session of Council has been called for tonight to consider the electric light extension question.

Many parents who owe the lives of their little ones to the tender care of the Crickmay Hospital will be thankful to know that Mrs. Pollok's little boy is now almost out of danger.

The Lyceum Company played "Othello" rather a small audience at the Opera House last evening. The performance was first class and merited a good attendance. Miss Hext as Desdemona was very good indeed and Mr. D'Oize's Iago was a clever piece of work.

The summons against E. Traves for commencing the erection of a building within the City fire limits without

having first deposited a plan of the same in the office of the City building inspector came on the morning before Magistrate Crease and was adjourned by consent until Monday morning.

A recent Chinese convert to Christianity in Nelson was nonplussed when the collection plate was held in front of him and inquired what the money was for. "For the Lord!" he was told. John contributed a dollar. On the following Sunday when the plate came round the Celestial inquired who the money was for this time, and received the same reply. "For the Lord!" whereupon he remarked: "What a matter with the Lord—him bloke alle time?"

An entirely new attraction will be offered at the Opera House tonight and Saturday. The Millar Bros. Famous Diorama. The diorama illustrates various objects and scenes of interest. The scenes are real works of art. The mechanical effects are marvelous and extremely realistic. All are magnificently colored. In addition to the diorama a number of refined and entertaining specialty features are introduced. The press speaks very highly of the organization.

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE CO

A Change of Importance to Local Insurers Made in the Bylaws.

New York, July 13.—The New York Life Insurance Co., yesterday amended its bylaws so as to provide for the sale of all its holdings in stocks. The company's holdings in this line are about \$4,000,000. The attitude of the foreign Governments under the jurisdiction of which the New York Life does business was the primary cause in leading President McCall to take the step.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

San Francisco, Cal., July 13.—The United States transports Newport and Ohio bearing the Oregon volunteer regiment from Manila, arrived here tonight. The vessels were sighted early in the afternoon and soon the clanging of bells and the firing of cannon announced that the first batch of returning volunteers from Manila were nearing the shores of California. As the transports slowly steamed up the harbor, the soldiers gathered in excited groups on deck and some climbed into the rigging where they shouted and cheered like mad. The health officers boarded the vessels, which changed their course towards the quarantine station, where the doctors will make a thorough examination of the men. It is yet undecided whether the volunteers will be allowed to land in San Francisco before returning to their Oregon homes.

Metereological Report.

Table with columns for DATE, DAY, HIGH, LOW, RAIN, BAR, WIND. Includes dates from July 6 to July 12.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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A mine may be ruined by poor management. The better way to avoid such a disaster is to employ an expert operator, who, while seemingly spending a lot of money, will actually be working to ultimate perfect economy. —Mining Record.

Columbia, July 13.—J. B. McArthur, president of the Columbia Townsite company and also president of the Rambler-Cariboo Consolidated Gold and Silver Mining Co., leaves for Spokane Monday to be present at the stockholders' meeting July 15, when they will transfer the registry from the American to a Canadian company, and increase the capital stock to \$1,250,000. The company will be known hereafter as the Rambler-Cariboo Mines, Ltd.

In the White Grouse district work has commenced on the Copper and Storm King Groups. Hugh Sutherland's Toronto syndicate has a working bond upon the seven claims comprising the two groups, in which they agree to spend \$50,000 in development work within two years. H. B. Trethewey will superintend the work.

A. E. Rand, of New Westminster, has purchased from D. W. Moore the Ocean claim, on Payne mountain. The price is \$10,000, with \$500 down and the balance in one, three and six months. A large number of men will be immediately put to work on the property.

P. A. O'FARREL ON THE ROSSLAND BANQUET

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less wealth and resources. Former Provincial Governments welcomed with open arms the advent of such men, and the question is now being asked all over Canada and the Dominion and even in England itself, whether the fate of the great western Province has not fallen into the hands of political charlatans of the worst description. Those who saw and heard Mr. Martin at Rossland felt that the destiny of the Province was in dangerous hands, for it "needed no ghost to come from the grave to tell them" that this man is utterly unsuited to the high position he holds.

N. P. R. WIN THEIR SUIT.

St. Paul, Minn., July 13.—The Northern Pacific won over one million acres of land today in the suit of the Government to declare void part of the land granted off the road which was based on the question whether the terminus of that road was at Duluth or at Ashland. The decision of the United States Circuit court of appeals was handed down this afternoon and is in favor of the company's contention that Ashland is the terminus.

THE YUKON CHARGES.

Sir Charles Tupper Comments on the Laurier Government.

Speaking at the Windsor Hotel last Monday the veteran Conservative leader, Sir Charles Tupper, said that, referring to the Yukon charges he could not help, but reiterate that the charges were of so grave and specific a character as to demand the most searching and impartial investigation on the part of the Government. They were just as specific as the charges made against Sir John Macdonald by the Hon. Mr. Huntingdon, charges which resulted in the overthrow of the Conservative Administration, although it was proven that Sir John personally was not implicated in the scandal.

"I again say that the Laurier Government refused the demand for an investigation for the simple reason that had it been granted it would not only have proven corruption on the part of the Yukon officials, but on the part of certain members of the Administration as well. The Government, for the time being, has balked an enquiry, but the time will come when it will no longer be able to shield itself behind its majority in the House. The people of Canada will demand an explanation of the way in which the government of the Yukon has been administered, and when such occurs, the tornado which struck Sir John Macdonald in 1874 will be nothing as compared with that which shall strike the Laurier Government."

Speaking of Conservative organization throughout the different provinces, Sir Charles said that it was almost perfect. He had every reason to be-

lieve that at the next election the result of the organization that had been going on for months past would be seen in the return of the Conservative party to power. "The Liberal Government," he said, "has violated every election promise it made the electorate, and in the coming campaign it will have to act on the defensive."

Sir Charles expressed the opinion that Sir Wilfrid had lost considerably the prestige he formerly enjoyed among his compatriots of the Province of Quebec. "He has been a competent leader, and the people of Quebec are disappointed in him" was the remark of the veteran leader of the Opposition as he brought the interview to a close.

LATEST FROM MANILA.

Manila, July 1.—On Tuesday the troops had an engagement at Mantupula on the south shore of the lake. They found 500 insurgents there entrenched near the rebels and a party of American troops numbering 185 landed and drove them by a sharp running fight to the hills where they were too strongly entrenched for a small force to attack them. Two of the cavalry men were wounded and the bodies of 10 insurgents were found. It is supposed that enemy's loss is 75. The volunteers are greatly debilitated in consequence of their hard campaigning through three months of tropical weather. Since the middle of May no volunteer regiment has a sick list less than 20 per cent. Most of them at present have 25 per cent, and few of the regiments have less than one-third their number on duty. Nebraska has suffered worst. It came in from San Fernando a few days ago with less than two hundred men in ranks. The South Dakota followed yesterday with 275 men on duty. The Montana and Kansas regiments at San Fernando have not more than 250 available men each. The morning after the Washington troops took Monon a week ago, only 208 men responded to the roll call. The Washington men have been engaged since March 12 in preventing the insurgent armies of the north and south forming a junction on Laguna Bay and they have been engaged at the same time with the enemy in opposite directions. Twenty-four of the Nebraska officers are on the sick list and the Montana, Washington and South Dakota regiments show 20 or more officers in hospitals or sick in their quarters.

The regiments have borne the brunt of the fighting. Their losses in killed and wounded ranged from 160 in the Montana regiment to 280 in the Nebraska. The Oregon regiment suffered severely. Of regulars the third artillery is heaviest loser. Its killed and wounded number 123.

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