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NOTHING OFFICIAL OF YESTERDAY'S FIGHT

Buller Probably Too Busy To Send News.

UNCONFIRMED RUMOR

Durban Report Says Dundonald Has Entered Ladysmith—Recruiting In Canada.

London, Jan. 23.—(4:30 a. m.)—General Buller has reported nothing of his operation on Monday; the official and press intelligence leaves the British bivouacked Sunday night on the ground they had won after two days fighting. The War Office turned everybody out of the lobbies at midnight. Apparently Lord Lansdowne was as much without news all yesterday as other persons were. Military men assume that fighting must have taken place and that it was probably more severe than on the two previous days. General Buller would not be likely to give the Boers leisure to add to the elaborate entrenchments, to arrange their artillery and to concentrate their forces. The special correspondents Sunday night were allowed to send the announcement that the battle would be almost certainly resumed the following day and hence official and popular anxiety is at a high tension.

Durban, Jan. 22.—The statement comes from an excellent source, Pietermaritzburg that Lord Dundonald has entered Ladysmith with 1,600 men. This is not confirmed from any other quarter but it is known that Lord Dundonald's flying column has been acting to the left of the advance.

London, Jan. 23.—The Daily Chronicle has received the following dated January 22, 4:15 p. m. from Spearman's Camp: "The Boers admit 31 casualties during General Lyttleton's skirmish on Saturday. General Warren continued pushing, though he is necessarily making very slow progress, as the Boers are numerous and strongly entrenched. Our infantry are working over paralell ridges with Lord Dundonald's cavalry lying well out on the left flank and awaiting developments The Boers contest every inch of the ground. This morning General Warren's artillery reopened fire, but the Boers did not reply and our fire became less hot. The naval guns in front here have been quiet. A Boer prisoner brought in boasted that it would take three months to reach Ladysmith."

London, Jan. 22.—Just before midnight the War Office issued the following dispatch from General Buller:

Spearman's Camp, Jan. 22—6 p. m.—The following casualties are reported in General Hart's brigade as the result of yesterday's fighting. Killed, Captain Ryall, Yorkshire Regiment and five men; wounded, Second Lieutenant Andrews, Border Regiment; Captain McLaghland, Inniskilling; Lieut. Barlow, Yorkshire Regiment and 75 men; missing eight men. Other casualties will be forwarded when received.

The foregoing was all the War Office has issued up to midnight. Nothing therefore is known here regarding Monday's operations.

London, Jan. 23.—The Daily Mail has the following, dated Sunday night, from Spearman's Camp:

"There has been hot fighting all day. At dawn our attack was resumed along the entire line, all the brigades taking part. We soon discovered that the Boers occupied the range of hills in force, their position being very strong. The range is intersected by steep ravines, and many approaches are very difficult of access. Today the Boers, who were driven from their trenches yesterday, took cover in dongas and behind rocks with which the hills are strewn. The forces therefore commenced the task of driving them out and set to work with good heart in the early morning. Much firing took place and our progress was slow, but gradually British pluck told its tale and the enemy fell back to another kopje. They swarmed on and occupied it and then the attack recommenced with the utmost gallantry. The country simply abounds in hills, favorable to guerilla warfare, and our task is an arduous one. Nevertheless, it is being gradually accomplished. When ever any of the enemy were observed taking up a fresh position, our field batteries poured in showers of shrapnel and the rapid movement of the guns, followed by accurate shooting, must have greatly distressed them. The enemy were on the defensive almost the entire day, save once, when they attempted to outflank our left and were signally checkmated. They relied almost entirely on rifle fire. A few shells were fired from a heavy piece of ordnance but these fell harmless. We now occupy the lower crest on the left and are converging slowly but surely to the Boer centre. The Boer loss is unknown, but must have been heavy. Their killed and wounded are carried to the rear rapidly. Strong rumors are in circulation that the Boers are retiring. The battle will be resumed tomorrow."

London, Jan. 23.—The Times published the following from Frere Camp, dated yesterday, (Monday) afternoon:

"On Friday General Warren began a long circuitous march from Trichard's Drift westward. This was abandoned, owing to the fact that the long ridge, which runs west from Spion kop, was occupied by the enemy, who commanded the route, rendering the maintenance of columns for transports impossible He therefore returned and campedp for the night about two miles from Trichard's Drift. On Saturday a frontal attack on the ridges was ordered." The correspondnt then describes Saturdays' fighting and adds:

"The men behaved splendidly under an incessent heavy cross fire in a burning sun, for seven hours. Our casualties were for the most part slight, the proportion of killed to wounded being extremely small."

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Hon. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, considers that the present is an opportunity to give further consideration to the proposal to repatriate the 100th Prince of Wales Royal Canadian Regiment. He is of the opinion that recent events indicate that the principal difficulty which stood in the way of carrying this desirable object into effect, namely the difficulty in recruiting in Canada at an Imperial rate of pay, need no longer be considered. He also believes that repatriation would tend to establish closer connections between the regular army force of Canada, and would further cement the strong feeling of sympathy already existing between the Mother Country and the Dominion. These views have been reported to the Cabinet with the result that an Order-in-Council has been passed and approved, providing:

1. That the name of the regiment now known as the Prince of Wales Leinster Regiment, Royal Canadians, with its depot at Birr, Ireland, designated as 100 regimental district, be changed to "The 100th Prince of Wales Royal Canadian Regiment"

2. That the Imperial regimental system be continued and that the depot of the regiment be transferred to Halifax, N. S.

3. That one battalion of the regiment be stationd in Halifax and the other in the British Isles, or elsewhere in the Empire, battalions taking turn and turn about to serve abroad.

4 That recruits for the regiment be enlisted in cities and towns of the twelve militia districts, and, when medically examined and passed as fit for Imperial service, be sent down at Imperial expense to the 100th regimental depot at Halifax, N. S.

5. That when once the repatraition of regiment is agreed to, all officers thenceforward be Canadians, from Kingston Military College, and from officers of the Canadian militia who pass the usual standards required for admission to Imperial service.

6. That the distinctive uniform asked for in petition to H. R. H., the Prince of Wales, in 1897, be granted to the regiment and the words "Royal Canadian," together with a Maple Leaf, be embroiderd in white worsted on blue shoulder straps, edged with white.

7. That the originally distinctive national emblems, motto, etc., emblematic and historically connected with the formation of the 100, be granted the regiment and that they be bourne on colors, uniforms and appointments of all ranks.

8. That non-commissioned officers and privates, at present serving in ranks of regiments drafted out to other regiments and corps, with exception of a nucleus of 100 or so, to act as drill instructors, etc.

A copy of the order has been sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Halifax, Jan. 22.—Captain Hensley, who was mortally wounded in yesterday's battle in which General Warren was engaged, was a Canadian, being a native of Charlettetown, subsequently ging through the Royal Military College at Kingston.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—The report is being persistently circulated here that Colonel Steele will command the Strathcona Horse. Nothing official can be obtained.

THEY NOW LOOK FOR A SPEEDY RELIEF

The War Office Optimistic Regarding Ladysmith.

AFTERNOON WAR NEWS

A Dash to Kimberley Would Mean Much—Description of Warren's Sunday Engagement.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

London, Jan. 22.—(2:30 p. m.)—Nothing has been received thus far today to indicate that any conclusive result has been reached by the British forces in the region of the Upper Tugela, and the lack of information regarding what men and munitions the Boers have in reserve, prevents an accurate determination of the measure of real success attending the two days hard fighting. All that can be said is that the British seem to be doggedly advancing in the face of an equally stubborn resistance. At the close of yesterday's fighting, the Republicans had merely evacuated their first line of defence to take up another semi-circular position at a short distance in the rear, relying on the old burgher ruse by which the Boers have previously managed otentice the British into fatal traps.

Though there is considerable anxiety as to the immediate result of General Buller's move towards Ladysmith, which later developments indicate was undertaken indpendent of Field Marshall Lord Roberts, the War Office has now come to the conclusion that the relief of Ladysmith is only a matter of a short time. According to the War Office official ideas, a dash to the relief of Kimberley will quickly allow the relief of Ladysmith, and perhaps three or four months will elapse before the column or columns will have transports in a fit shape to advance with the certainty of meeting with no serious reverses. The latter conditions are held by the authorities to be absolutely essential before any forward movement towards the invasion of the Transvaal is begun. There is small probability of the war ending inside of six months.

Dispatches from elsewhere in South Africa, this morning, give trivial details of minor happenings and do not explain the situation.

The widow of General Wauchope, in an open letter, hotly denies the stories that the General in any way criticised General Methuen. She says General Wauchope's last mention of General Methuen to her was contained in a letter from Orange River, dated 29th, as follows: "I expect Methuen will halt at the Modder River for some days before pushing forward. He has had a hard time of it and must be a real gallant soldier to shove along as he does." Lord Wolseley has also issued a denial of the report that the War Office is in possession of a letter from General Wauchope, written the night before the battle of Magersfontein, saying it would be the last letter he would write as he had been asked to perform an impossible task and he had either to obey or surrender his sword.

Spearman's Camp, Jan. 22.—(9:30 a. m.)—Early on Sunday morning General Warren commenced a flanking movement on the extreme left of the British position. The infantry advanced at five in the morning along the irregular Tabamyma Mountain, which ends at Spion Kop. The artillery occupied positions behind and on the plain. The British carefully worked along the hills until within a thousand yards of a commanding kopje on which the Boers were concentrated, concealed behind immense boulders, strewn thickly over the hill. The artillery opened the attack and the batteries worked cautiously, pouring tons of shrapnel among the Boers, who devoted their attention to musketry firing on the British infantry. The Boers stuck to their rocky fastness with the greatest tenacity, and at the conclusion of the day the British had only advanced across a few ridges. The Boers apparently have few guns and they did little damage. Captain Hensley, of the Dublin Fusileers, was mortally wounded while leading his men to seize a fresh point of vantage.

Paris, Jan. 22.—The Matin, referring to the arrival of Mr. Macrum in Europe, says that the object of his mission is mysterious, and asks if there be any connection between his return and the arrival of Mr. Webster Davis, at Lorenzo Marquez, from which point he is to be taken to Pretoria in a special train sent by President Kruger.

New York, Jan. 22.—Fritz Mosenthal, a member of the reform committee of fifty-nine, which was heavily fined by the Boer Government, has just arrived in New York. He is a British subject. Mr. Mosenthal said: "Personally I believe that the British will gain a decisive victory soon in which event the trouble will virtually be at an end."

Berlin, Jan. 22.—A dispatch received from Durban says the German bark Marie, loaded with sulphur, which was caputred early in January by the British cruiser Fearless, and taken to Port Elizabeth, has been unconditionally released.

New York, Jan. 22.—Samuel Stockton, of Johannesburg, is a guest at the Waldorf-Astoria. Speaking of the Transvaal war he says: "I do not believe that the Boers have as yet fought the great battle of the war, or even that this fight will occur in the mountain passes in their country. Not even Liang's Nek is more impregnable than Johannesburg, or rather than Johannesburg can easily be made to be. The Rand belt of mines reaches for full thirty miles between Johannesburg and the invading forces, at intervals of between a quarter and a half mile apart. At each mine are tailing heaps, that is, the mounds of ground rock and debris from which the gold has been extracted. These tailings, which are of tremendous height and breadth and much resemble in size and contour the waste heaps outside of the anthracite mines in Pennyslvania, are all practically impregnable natural forts, while the short distance they lie apart, with cannon mounted on them, would make it absolutely impossible for the British to penetrate them. On the other hand, they cannot be battered down, and to attack them with artillery would be simply useless as the ammunition for the shells would be lost. Let them explode on any part of the ground and the shifting slag would immediately fill up the hole thus made and the pile would be as before. Absolutely no advantage would accrue to the attacking party."

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Announcements as to the recruiting of the Strathcona Horse may be expected any day. Meantime preparations are proceeding apace. The steamer Montrose is practically chartered as a transport, and saddles are nearly finished in Toronto. Dr. McEachern is now on his way west to purchase horses, and contracts are being arranged for supplies. The experience with the two other contingents is making the task much lighter than it otherwise would have been. Your correspondent was informed that there is a prospect of this contingent being got off at the same time as the steamer Milwaukee, with the first battalion of Mounted Rifles, delayed through the rejection of the Montezuma as a transport. The Milwaukee will be a few days later than expected in reaching Halifax. She has to be inspected first at New Orleans by Engineer Weatherbe, who will not arrive there before tomorrow, and the trip will take her till the end of the week at the earliest. The steamer Montrose will be in Halifax Saturday.

Halifax, Jan. 22.—Hon. Dr. Borden stated today that he was giving the organization of Lord Strathcona's rough riders his closest personal attention. He would make all appointments of officers, subject to Lord Strathcona's approval. The contingent would be raised as rapidly as possible.

None of the Ministers will witness the departure of the other transports with the exception of Dr. Borden, who will be here to see his son, Major Borden, off on the Milwaukee.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—The Government has not yet come to any definite conclusion as to the acceptance of British Columbia's offer to bear the expenses of raising and equipping a force of one hundred horses and men. The subject is at present engaging attention. One of the difficulties is that one hundred is not an exact unit. If the Province does not wish to exceed that number, in case of their acceptance, it is probalbe that two troops would be taken instead of two troops and a part that are offered. The impression is that British Columbia will be taken along at the same time as the Strathcona Horse

Senator Templeman is very anxious that in any event, British Columbia should not be passed over in recruiting this third contingent, and wired last night to make provision for recruiting portions of the Strathcona Horse on the Pacific coast.

Montreal, Jan. 22.—Dr. McEachran, the well known veterinary surgeon of this city, and of the Dominion, will look after the purchase of horses for Strathcona's contingent. The animals are to be selected in the Northwest.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—The Canadian Patriotic Fund total to date is $59,816.87.

SMALLPOX CAUSES STRICT QUARANTINE

Spokane Travellers Must Have Certificates.

CHILDREN VACCINATED

Otherwise They Cannot Go to School. Text of Regulations—Board of Health Meets.

The one absorbing topic of conversation in town yesterday was the smallpox. A few were aware from perusal of the Spokane papers that smallpox was prevalent in the States of Washington and Idaho, but it was not until The Miner's special telegram, received on Sunday night, and posted up yesterday morning outside the office, was read that the seriousness of the evil with which Nelson is threatened was appreciated. The telegram is as follows:

(Special Dispatch to The Miner.)

Victoria, Jan. 21.—As a result of representations made by Government agents in the Kootenay and Boundary country, Attorney-General Henderson is taking active steps to prevent the introduction into Southern British Columbia of smallpox, which is rampant in Washington and central Idaho, especially those districts tributary to Nelson and other interior towns. Information received by the Government this evening is that there are between six and seven hundred cases of smalpox in those districts. The Attorney-General proposes to place quarantine officers on all those roads which form an avenue of communication between the infected districts and Southern British Columbia points at which quarantine offices will be stationed, probably at Boundary, Kootenay River, Waneta, Sheep Creek and the Red Mountain railroad."

The general opinion as expressed by the citizens was that stringent measures should be immediately adopted and that any temporary inconvenience should be gladly accepted rather than run any unnecessary risks. Some went so far as to advocate that the Spokane Falls & Northern trains should not be allowed to run at all.

The Provincial Government has taken active steps in the matter, and Acting-Gold Commissioner W. J. Goepel, was very prompt yesterday in acting upon his telegraphic instructions. He has completed all arrangements for a system of quarantine all along the boundary line, and has appointed special officers to see that these arrangements are fully carried out. Temporary regulations have been made out by Mr. Goepel, which are law until confirmed or altered by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. The regulations are as follows:

1. All passengers arriving at the boundary line from the south over the Great Northern Railway, Spokane Falls & Northern Railway, Red Mountain Railway, and any stage line shall be required to furnish the Inspector or any officer in charge of the carrying out of these regulations, with a certificate from the Health Office of the city or town which he or she has last left, containing the following particulars:

(a) That he or she has not been in any place or building infected with smallpox.

(b) That he or she has not lived in any building or place which lies dangerously near any infected building or district.

(c) That he or she has been vaccinated since the 15th day of January, 1900.

In the event of any passenger bringing any baggage (band or otherwise, or whether the same shall be forwarded by express) the following certificate shall also be required from the Health Officer of the town or city aforesaid:

(a) That the said baggage (here give full description of the said baggage so that there can be no question as to identification) has not been in any place or building infected with smallpox.

(b) That the said baggage has not been stored or used in any building or place which lies dangerously near any infected building or district.

2. All railway companies, transportation companies and stage lines must adhere strictly to the following regulations:

(a) All mail from local points in Eastern Washington and Central and Western Idaho, destined for points on the Boundary line or north of same must be fumigated before leaving the last point of call south of said line and the master in charge of such mail must furnish the Inspector, or officer in charge of the carrying out of these regulations, with a certificate from the Health Officer of such point where fumigation takes place that same has been done.

(b) All cars must be fumigated before leaving American points for British Columbia points and the Health Officer's certificate must be furnished that such has been done.

(c) No Indians shall be allowed to land in West Kootenay or East Yale under any conditions.

3. Inspectors and officers will see that the above regulations are faithfully and strictly carried out, at the same time it being incumbent upon them to facilitate rather than hinder traffic, and in all cases to render what assistance they can in their power to passengers not inconsistent with the above regulations.

The penal clause for punishment of contravention of the above is Section 97, Health Act 1897, which provides that:

"Any person who violates any regulations of the Provincial Board shall, unless it is otherwise specially provided, be liable for every such offence to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars with or without costs, or to imprisonment, with or without bar labor, for a term not exceeding six months, or to both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the convicting court."

D. LABAU,
Medical Health Officer.
J. KIRKUP,
W. J. GOEPEL,
Local Board of Health. (Outside of Municipality.)

The quarantine officers appointed are as follows: W. J. Astley, stationed at Waneta; C. H. Palmer, at Port Hill; Perry Wright, on the Red Mountain road between Boundary and Northport; C. G. Hislop, on the wagon road from Republic to Midway, while another officer will be appointed to patrol all the wagon road leading to Midway from Chesaw. Mr. M. Phillips, Government agent, will look after people coming in by way of the Tobacco Plains.

Several of the doctors in town were interviewed yesterday by a Miner representative, and they were all agreed as to the seriousness of the situation, but declined to give any opinion as to what steps should be taken until after the Council meeting last night had been held at which the matter would be considered. One other thing the profession seemed agreed upon and that was that a pest house should be immediately established in case of need, there being no such establishment at present.

There is practically no vaccine now in town but all the doctors and druggists have wired for a supply, and there will be plenty in a day or two. The stuff that is being sent for comes from the Ontario Vaccine Farm, Palmerstone, Ont. This glycerinated vaccine is put up in hermetically sealed tubes and is absolutely pure so that there is no chance of communicating any other disease while vaccinating. The chances of having a bad arm are also reduced to a minimum.

Under the Provincial Act every infant must be vaccinated within three months, and in case of smallpox breaking out Medical Health officer may require every one to be vaccinated under heavy penalties. The Spokane Falls & Northern Railway Company are giving the authorities every assistance in their power, one result of which is that the quarantine officers will be allowed to work at Northport although that town is in the State of Washington. It was stated in town yesterday that there were nine cases of smallpox in Northport. The report that there was a case in Nelson in unfounded. It was only chicken pox.

After the Council meeting last night the members organized as a Board of Health. The Mayor was elected chairman and the City Clerk secretary. The chairman said the point was to decide what to do with a smallpox case should one arise. Ald. Arthur suggested that block 49 would be a suitable place for a hospital tent, and it was settled that the health officer or any member of the board should be empowered to have such a building erected directly a case arose. It was not, however, decided to have such a building erected at once, so there is every prospect of a considerable delay between the discovery and isolation of a case.

On the motion of Ald. Arthur and Hall the school board was instructed to require children to possess a certificate of vaccination before admitting them to the school. The children of those parents who cannot afford it will be vaccinated at the City's expense.

It was also decided to wire for 500 vaccine tubes from the Ontario Vaccine Farm.

The Kootenay Lake General Hospital cannot for the present accept any more patients as the beds are all full.

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REWARD.

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IS IT COALITION?

There is an impression abroad that if Mr. Cotton could be caught and reduced to a condition of reason, something useful might be made of him. We do not know how that would be, and are reluctant to express an opinion. Certainly as master of the present Government in fact, although not in name, he is never likely to achieve any great eminence for himself or good for the Province. He may hang on until it goes to pieces, in the hope that he will be advanced to first place; but we think it extremely doubtful if there will ever be a Cotton party strong enough to maintain him as leader of a Government. Continuing in his present course, therefore, it is hard to see how he can be of service to any one. And that is the pity of it, for he is undoubtedly a man of much ability. He was drawn at last in the debate on the Address, and made a most readable speech. He left Mr. Martin in a worse condition than he had been in before, and put that Deadman's Island affair in a light that reflected not a little credit on himself. If his argument in other matters was specious, it was also ingenious. There is a waste of intellectual force and capacity as long as this man is allowed to run wild.

Yet if he were to be headed off and tamed into usefulness, there would immediately arise the difficulty as to what to do with him. We believe there is no doubt that in the estimation of the majority in this Province Mr. Turner, of all the men at present in public life, would be the safest to follow. He is an able man, of good, practical business instincts, and of unquestioned probity. Just now he is leader of the Opposition in the House, but we do not know that he would care to accept the responsibility of the Premiership a second time, or to lead a party in the event of a dissolution. The Miner is in the happy situation of not being burdened with the confiences of any party. What the politicians have in view, therefore, can only be a matter of conjecture. Notwithstanding the extremely critical situation, The Colonist has all along maintained there will be no dissolution, but that on the defeat of the Government, which may happen any time, another will be formed that will have the confidence of a majority of the present House. In such an event we cannot suppose any other Premier than Mr. Turner, and it has occurred to us that the necessary accessions to establish him firmly on the Treasury benches would include Mr. Cotton. But would Mr. Cotton, who is a man of unbounded stomach, serve under Mr. Turner? Or is it in contemplation that Mr. Turner and his following will be turned over to Mr. Cotton? We have grave doubt of the expediency of the latter supposition, but if the other could be realised we believe it would be a fortunate thing for the Province. But whether the gentleman could be rendered tractable enough for that is a question.

OF NO SIGNIFICANCE.

The Liberal organs on the Coast, notably The Vancouver Province, profess to see in the Federal nominations of the 18th evidence of the growing popularity of the Laurier Government. A trifle of ingenuity added to this simple confidence could extract sunbeams from cucumbers. Five of the seven nominations were in Quebec. No one seriously supposes that the Government has lost favor to any serious extent in that Province. Both Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Tarte have played for the Quebec vote, and in a general election they would probably carry as many seats as in 1896. On Thursday last there were four unopposed returns, three in Quebec and one in Ontario. The latter was in the constituency of West Ontario, made a Liberal hive by the gerrymander of 1882, with a majority ranging from 800 to 1,000. In 1896 it dropped to 739. The Conservatives would be foolish to contest it in a by-election. The three Quebec constituencies were Berthier, Labelle, and Chambly and Vercheres, all strongly Liberal. In the last general election Mr. Beausoleil was returned for Berthier without opposition; Mr. Bourassa had 469 majority in Labelle, and Chambly elected Mr. Geoffrion with a majority of 394. There is nothing surprising, or significant, that these should have gone by acclamation in by-elections for one session.

The same remark will apply to Lotbiniere, another Liberal stronghold, and in which two Liberals were nominated. The Government majority in that constituency in 1896 was 406. Sherbrooke, another Quebec vacancy, went Conservative by 257. The Liberals are hotly contesting it, and it is quite on the cards they may carry it. Should they do so, there will be room to say that the Government's popularity in Quebec is on the increase. But it will be better to await the event before boasting. The seventh constituency is Winnipeg, and the situation respecting it is the only one of any significance. Unfortunately for the organs, the significance is distinctly unfavorable to the Government. In 1896 Mr. Jamieson carried it by 1,117 of a majority; last Thursday the Liberals did not even nominate a candidate, but surrendered the field to Mr. E. D. Martin, who would march afoot across the continent to put a spoke in Mr. Sifton's wheel.

The nominations last Thursday prove nothing beyond the fact that in the West the Liberals are divided. Should Sherbrooke fall to the Government on Thursday next, it might be taken to mean that Mr. Tarte's opposition to the contingent is popular in Quebec. But Liberal organs in English-speaking Canada will hardly care to go into ecstacies of delight over that.

Reference has been made in this column to Mr. Semple, of The Dawson Gleaner. Speaking of his prosecution for "contempt of court" because he exposed certain crooked gambling practices, he said: "Although represented by counsel, permission to file affidavits, make a defence or answer to the contempt proceedings were arbitrarily refused by the Judge, who sits in the Yukon, thousands of miles away from other courts that might review many of his acts, and summarily found guilty, and fined the unmerciful sum of $1,100, or in default thereof undergo imprisionment in the jail for 90 days. Asking the Judge for 15 minutes to obtain the amount, $1,100 being an unusual sum for any man to be carrying about his person, even this request was denied, and resulted in being sent to the jail, incarcerated, in a cell, until the money was brought into Court and the fine paid, showing the animus, malice, haste and vindicitiveness of the court." Perhaps the Minister of Justice at Ottawa will think it worth while to make inquiry into the conduct of this Judge Canadians do not relish his method of dispensing justice. It smacks too much of persecution.

Another influential petition has been put in against the Eight-Hour law, the signers representing many millions of capital and interests of vital import to British Columbia These men are not fighting shadows, nor wasting indignation and energy on mere sentiment. They are men of affairs, and can distinguish the real from the unreal; they are busy men, whom nothing less than a substantial grievance could stir into action of this kind. The petition was presented on Friday by Mr. Green, and is signed in behalf of the following Companies:

The Hall Mines Ltd.; The Fern Gold Mining & Milling Co.; Duncan Mines Limited; Granite Gold Mines Limited; Queen Bess Proprietary Co., Ltd; London & B. C. Gold Fields, Ltd.; The Exchequer Gold Mining Co., Ltd.; The Ymir Gold Mines, Ltd.; The Enterprise B. C. Mines Ltd.; The Wakefield Mines Ltd.; The Northwest Mining Syndicate Ltd.; The Bosun Mines Ltd.; Finch & Campbell; The Ruth Mines Limited; Minnesota Silver Co., Ltd.; Sunshine Mining Co., Ltd.; The Reco Mining & Milling Co., Ltd.; Slocan Southern Mining Co., Ltd.; The Wonderful Group Mining Co., Ltd.; Miller Creek Mining Co., Ltd.; The Chambers Group Mining Co., Ltd.; Slocan Star Mine; Scottish-Colonial Goldfields Ltd.; "Idaho Mines"; "Utica Mines"; Whitewater Mines Ltd; Jackson Mines Ltd.; Anton Consolidated Mines Ltd; Rambler-Cariboo Mines Ltd.; Whitewater Deep Mine; Payne Cons. Mining Co., Ltd.; Noble Five Cons. M. & M. Co., Ltd.

Mr. Prentice voted with the Opposition in a division on Friday, making the vote 17 Opposition against 18 Government. If the Government could claim that they were sustained with this vote reversed, as they did on the opening day of the session, because of the absence of two of their supporters, the Opposition can surely claim now that the Government were defeated on Friday, the two absent members being as much opposed the other two were friendly. The spectacle of a Government in a British Province clinging to office in the face of such weakness as this is nothing short of a scandal. The men composing it can surely have little sense of the honor and dignity that are supposed to go with the positions they are doing so much to degrade.

Mr. Hall, a Victoria member, made a bright, sensible speech in the debate on the Address. Here is his opinion on a matter of deep interest in this portion of the Province: "The Eight-Hour law had possibly been well meant, would possibly have been well advised had all the mines to which it applied been developed and on a paying basis--but these mines of Kootenay were not. The majority were as yet in the prospect stage; and while the eight-hour system had been applied to old working mines long before the majority of the present Parliament ever thought of entering public life, it was not a system that should be applied in British Columbia while many of the mines influenced were as yet in what might be termed the experimental stage."

The Montreal city charter provides that no person who cannot read and write shall be elected as Alderman. It is now proposed to ask the Legislature to repeal this clause, and The Star is exceedingly indignant thereat. It talks hotly of ignorant persons getting into the Council and making havoc of affairs. The Star does not distinguish between ignorant and uneducated persons. Canada has produced some conspicuous examples of uneducated persons as among the most successful of our business men. A man may be without book learning, and yet possess abilities of a high order. At the same time, the repeal of that provision in the Montreal charter would be a retrograde step.

Col. Baker thinks the Alien Exclusion Act is contrary to the spirit of the "open door" policy for which Great Britain has declared. And every man in the Province who can boast of enlightenment enough to last him from day to day and who has the least liberality of sentiment will think as Col. Baker thinks.

Save Yourself

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

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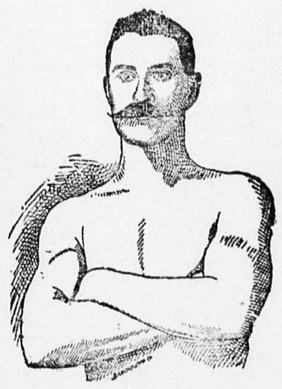

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Returning Officer Strachan Gives Mr. Morrison His Casting Vote—His Reasons for So Doing.

The municipal tangle, which has been agitating the public mind for some time past, was settled yesterday by Returning Officer J. K. Strachan, when he gave his casting vote in favor of Mr. Christopher Morrison as candidate for alderman for the East Ward. It will be remembered that at the recent elections Mr. Morrison was declared elected over Mr. J. A. Irving by one vote, 202 to 201, a ballot in favor of either candidate having been rejected by Mr. Strachan in his capacity of returning officer. Mr. Irving sought to avoid Mr. Morrison's election on the ground that a ballot in his favor had been improperly rejected and that consequently the voting should have been declared a tie. Mr. Irving's counsel, on a technicality, succeeded in preventing the ballot in Mr. Morrison's favor being considered at all, though there is no doubt that that particular ballot was equally as good as the one Mr. Irving claimed. Judge Forin declined to consider Mr. Morrison's ballot, but decided in favor of Mr. Irving's and referred the election to the casting vote of the returning officer. Mr. Strachan yesterday morning at 10 o'clock gave his vote to Mr. Morrison, who is thus at last firmly seated in his aldermanic chair. Mr. Strachan prefaced the casting of his vote with the following remarks:

"On Thursday, the 11th day of this month, the municipal elections were held in this City. In connection with the counting of the votes cast for the aldermanic candidates for the East Ward, I considered it right to reject (with others) two certain ballot papers. One of the two ballots was cast in favor of Mr. J. A. Irving and two others, and one in favor of Mr. C Morrison and two others The result of the count showed that Mr. Morrison had received 202 votes, and Mr. J. A Irving 201. I thereupon declared Dr. G. A. B. Hall (who headed the poll), Mr. W. J. Wilson, who came next, and Mr. C. Morrison elected aldermen for the East Ward.

"Mr. J. A. Irving objected to the rejection by me of the ballot referred to, which was cast in his favor, and afterwards filed a petition to avoid Mr. Morrison's election. The matter came before Judge Forin, and I was subsequently served with a copy of the judgment in the case, which determines that the ballot rejected and claimed by Mr. Irving was and is valid and that it be counted for him. This consequently makes it a tie as between the two candidates referred to, and I am now called upon to give my casting vote.

"It appears that by judgment delivered by Lord Chief Justice Coleridge, on behalf of himself and three other eminent English judges, in the case of Woodward vs. Sarsons, arising out of a municipal election in Birmingham, England, similar ballots to the two rejected by me were declared good. Had I been aware, at the time of the counting of the votes, of this decision, I would, of course, have counted both, and in that case Mr. Morrison would have received 203 votes and Mr. Irving 202. It appears to me that my duty is clear. Although the judge only dealt with the ballot claimed by Mr. Irving, it does not do away with the fact that there is still a ballot equally good which should have been counted for Mr. Morrison, and which, were I to decide in favor of Mr. Irving, he could take proceedings to have it counted for him.

"I do not wish to interfere with the wishes of the majority of the electors, and as the majority was in favor of Mr. Morrison, I consider it my plain duty to cast my vote in his favor, which I now accordingly do, and I again declare him elected alderman for the East Ward."

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Those who helped fill the Opera House some months ago, when Hali, the stalwart Turk, wrestled with much inferior men, will anticipate a rare evening's sport when this Turk meets Duncan A. McMillan, a Glengarry man from Cornwall, and Tom Cannon, who has a long European record. The three of them arrive in the City last night. Of course each claims that he is champion of the world, but, however that may be, enough is known here by those who follow the fortunes of the gladiators of the mat, to make it quite certain that the trio possess enough ability in their particular line to give one of the finest exhibitions of the different kinds of wrestling that ever attempted to please a Canadian audience. The Turk promises to throw the other two twice each time in an hour. He will certainly have his hands full—and they are very large hands—if he succeeds. McMillan and Cannon will also meet.

MORE TROUBLE FOR MARTIN.

Miners Use Him Badly—Yesterday in the Local Legislature.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 21—(Special)—The statement of Mr. Martin that the miners of Nanaimo had not withdrawn their support was not borne out by the result of the meeting held there Saturday night. The theatre was packed, but Mr. Martin had a very bad reception, being compelled repeatedly to take his seat for twenty minutes to allow the uproar to subside. On claiming that he had not gone back on his principles, the crowd retorted by saying he never had any. A free fight followed shortly afterwards, compelling him to stop for a quarter of an hour. On resuming he said some people thought Dunsmuir a horrible monster, and some one in the audince made reply: "Yes, you said he was a few months ago." He added that if the Government did not stand by the anti-Japanese legislation, that race would soon overrun the Province, and he at least would leave it. He was interrupted with cries of "the sooner the better." He condemned the Ottawa Government for not bringing in more effective legislation against Mongolians, when some on in the audience asked, "What Government do you support?" Finally the audience would listen no longer and started singing patriotic songs, compelling Martin to desist.

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Victoria, B. C. Jan. 22.—The Legislature had another night session tonight in order to polish off the second want of confidence motion. For eight hours the House discussed the Clifford resolution, "That in view of hasty legislation by the Government last session, in amending the Placer Mining Act, by which aliens are deprived of the right to acquire placer mines in this Province, having proved highly detrimental to the mining industry by obstructing the introduction of capital, creating distrust in titles to mining claims and by hampering the development of such industries, the Government has forfeited the confidence of the people of this Province."

The debate was chiefly remarkable for Joe Martin's right about face on the question. He is generally looked upon as the author of the legislation complained of. Today he said he had completey changed his mind as to the need of the act. He found that it kept out just that class of American mining speculators so needed in the Canadian west, a class that did not exist to any extent in Canada. The only true remedy was to wipe it off the statute book. Other members of the Opposition spoke strongly in favor of that course but Attorney General Henderson refused to do anything of the kind. The Government proposed, he said, to amend the act so as to allow aliens to buy claims from Canadian and British holders.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 22.—After discussing the motion until 11 p. m. a decision was reached, resulting in the defeat of the motion by a majority of three, Martin and Higgins, on the Opposition side, being absent. Martin went out of the House to avoid voting against a law introduced by himself. Prentice said he would have voted for Clifford's motion had Henderson not given notice of an amendment to the Placer Act. He was opposed to the principle of excluding aliens.

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Plans Approved by Council Last Night.

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The City wharf question has been settled at last, and before long that ancient institution will no longer be an eyesore and a nuisance to those using it. A double decked wharf will be constructed and tenders for its erection will be immediately called for. It is estimated that the new wharf will cost in the neighborhood of $11,000.

For the first time there was a full attendance at the Council, Alderman Morrison taking his seat for the first time. A letter was read from Premier C. A. Semlin stating that the Council's request regarding the grant of lands and money for the establishment of a high-school would be considered. Applications from Messrs. C. A. Cummins and J. P. Cameron for the post of Inspector of Public Works, were received and filed.

On the motion of Ald. Arthur and Irvine, a petition signed by Mr. R. J. Steele and other ratepayers that the crossing at the corner of Robson and Kootenay streets be put into a safe condition, was ordered referred to the Street Railway Company with the request that they fix it. It appeared that the Tramway Company had taken up the old crossing and their grade was several feet above the side walk making the crossing dangerous.

The application of E. MacGregor for the position of pound keeper again came up for consideration. Ald. Wilson offered the use of his corrals as a temporary pound. This offer was accepted and MacGregor eventually got his appointment.

A letter was read from Lieutenant Beer, of the Nelson Rifle Company, asking the City to supply light for their drill shed. The request was granted on the understanding that the company pay for the installation.

The special committee appointed to investigate the salaries paid to the City officials presented the following report:

1. Your committee recommend that the engagement of the City Solicitor be terminated; and that the City Solicitor be paid for services rendered and not by way of a fixed salary.

2. That the services of C. W. Dill assistant engineer, be retained and that he be required to assist the City Engineer in the preparation and completion of a wall map of the City.

3. That the medical health officer be appointed without salary, and paid for services rendered.

4. Your committee do not suggest any further changes with regard to the City officials, but recommend that the Council at an early date organize as a local board of health to carry out the provisions of the Public Health Act.

The report was taken up clause by clause. The first clause was adopted and there outgrew a discussion on the question of appealing the Traves case. The Mayor was in favor of letting the matter drop and not to incur further expense in the way of litigation. Ald. McKillop thought the appeal should be prosecuted, so that the City should definitely know whether its laws were good or not. Ald. Arthur agreed with him, but a motion to that effect proposed by the aldermen named was voted down. It transpired that in pursuance of the orders of the late Council ex-City Solicitor Galliher had taken the preliminary steps towards an appeal.

In this connection, on the motion of Ald. Hall and Wilson, it was decided to ask for applications for the post of City Solicitor.

In discussing Clause 2, Ald Irvine thought that if the services of an assistant city engineer were not needed he should go, and there was but little work in that department just now. Ald. Arthur explained that the committee considered that the map mentioned in the report was absolutely necessary, and that it would be more expensive to get it done outside. Moreover if Mr. Dill were retained his services would be available next summer when they would be needed.

The remaining clauses were adopted as they stood, Dr. LaBau being reappointed health officer.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee a number of accounts were ordered paid.

The Public Works Committee reported as follows:

1. They recommend that a crossing be laid across Stanley Street from the south side of Silica Street.

2. That a two plank crossing be laid on Water Street near O'Neill's grocery store.

3. That a crossing be laid from the centre of lot 66 to the centre of block 2 across Vernon Street.

4. That a three-foot sidewalk be laid from La Pointe's boarding house on Vernon Street to the Kootenay Supply Company's premises.

5. That a crossing be laid across Hall Street on the north side of Baker Street.

6. That the sidewalk on Stanley Street, from Gore Street to Mrs. Ingram's house, as recommended by the late Public Works Committee and approved by the late Council, be completed.

This report was adopted by the Council.

Mayor Houston then introduced the question of the City wharf and produced some plans which had been prepared, and which embodied suggestions made by Captain Troup of the C. P. R. The plans call for a double decked wharf, one deck for low water and the other for high. The roadway of the present wharf will be utilised for the former.

The wharf will be 260 feet long by 135 feet wide at the landing place where freight will be discharged. The roadway will be 18 feet wide, with five feet on either side set apart for pedestrians. It is estimated that the new wharf will cost $11,000. Though not quite certain where the money will come from, it was decided to go ahead as the wharf was considered a necessity.

On the motion of Ald. Arthur and McKillop, it was decided to build the wharf by contract, the materials to be furnished by the City. These latter will also be supplied by contract.

The City Engineer was instructed to get out detailed plans and specifications at once and the tenders must be in by noon February 12. The contractors will be obliged to have the work done in 60 days from the date of the award.

The Council took this opportunity of following the line of their predecessors by putting themselves on record on the wages question. As heretofore, all contractors on City work must pay ordinary laborers a minimum wage of $2.50 a day, and as the wharf will be the first of these contracts where skilled labor is employed, it was also announced that carpenters must receive $3.50 a day.

Paving the City streets was the next subject of debate. The City Engineer recommended macadam, which he roughly estimated, would cost about $1,000 a block. He recommended a lower layer of 8-inch stones and an upper layer of small stones. The former would have to be broken by hand and the latter by a crusher. A discussion on crushers and the cost of stone breaking ensued, and to establish this it was decided to employ 10 men for a week breaking stone as an experiment.

It was also decided to call for tenders for paving five blocks, the tenders to be in by February 5.

On the motion of Ald. Irvine and Arthur it was decided to complete the cemetery fence.

Sidewalks on Baker Street in the future will extend 14½ feet from the lot line with a 6-inch curb.

Ald. Arthur drew attention to the fact that a session of the Normal school was to be held at the Coast and one at a town in the interior, and proposed that the Minister of Education be notified that if the session be held in Nelson the City will provide accommodation. The motion was adopted.

Mayor Houston drew attention to the fact that when the Police Court was sitting it was impossible to transact business at the City Hall, and the cases sometimes took up the greater part of the day. Ald Hall, Arthur and Wilson were appointed a committee to look up a suitable premises for a police court and for the storage of city supplies.

After Ald. Irvine had applied for and had been granted four weeks leave of absence, the Council adjourned to organize as a Board of Health.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Hon. Mr. Tarte Has a Scheme For Expansion of Canada's Shipping.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 22.—Hon. J. I. Tarte, Minister of Public Works, was seen this morning and asked if he would give any information in regard to the proposition to make French River navigable so as to bring the great steamers, carrying products of grain of the North West from Fort William, to North Bay on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

"I have been giving my attention," said Mr. Tarte, "to this matter for several months. So much so, that I will ask my colleagues to allow me to place in the estimates a pretty large amount of money to improve French River from its mouth on Georgian Bay to Lake Nipissing. The distance is about 50 miles. It is already a navigable river and we will only have to improve parts of its to make it a first class waterway for ships drawing eighteen feet. We will require to build dams and three locks, and the balance of the work will be dredging. Just look at the facts" said the Minister. "Up to this day, the C.P.R. have carried our Canadian wheat to Fort William where it has been left to its fate, or in other words taken by American vessels to Buffalo. Out of every ten bushels of Canadian grain, I don't think I am exaggerating in saying that nine have gone to American ports. All that will be changed by the project we have now in hand. The distance from Fort William to North Bay is 650 miles; from North Bay to Montreal, it is 360 miles. The Canadian Pacific will undertake to carry, with a fleet of their own, our Canadian grain from Fort William to North Bay, where it will be transhipped to Canadian Pacific cars en route to Montreal. In other words, the Canadian Pacific will do what the Canada-Atlantic Railway is now doing from Parry Sound. If this enterprise is carried out, as have no doubt it will be, it will bring 25,000,000 or 30,000,000 bushels of Canadian grain to the St. Lawrence route and port of Montreal. Of course, the port of Montreal has to be equipped speedily, and that is the reason why I have been urging most strongly on the Harbor Commissioners to go ahead."

Montreal, Jan 22.—Work was begun today on construction of the big Connor's Syndicate elevators, contractors sinking holes to find the necessary depth of piling.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has settled up actions against it by laborers employed on the Crow's Nest Pass line. Seventy-one men were paid from $50 to $75 each.

The Bank of Montreal and its directors have made another gift of $10,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The sum includes contributions of directors and makes the total subscribed by the bank and directors $27,000.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 22.—Petitions against the elections of the following Liberal members were filed at the Court House today by Messrs. Tupper, Phippen & Tupper, attorneys for the petitioners: T. C. Norris, Lansdowne; J. Riddle, Lorne,; Winkler, Rhineland, and T. L. Morton, Westbourne. No petitions were filed against Conservative candidates, but a number will be filed during the week.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 22.—Samuel Strauss, of Newark N. J., who has for months been fighting extradition on the charge of embezzlement, this morning consented to return and stand his trial. He will return tomorrow.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 22.—Albert Meade, news agent on the G. T. R. for the Canada News Company, was killed some time late last night by falling from a train. His body was found strewn along the track this morning by laborers.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—Miss Titchborne, in the assize court this morning, sued William Edwards, of Norwich, for breach of promise, claiming a thousand dollars. She was awarded judgment for six hundred and fifty by the jury, after a brief deliberation.

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 22.—William H. Varney, a prominent contractor, died late Saturday night in the office of Flummerfelt's tannery. The body was found this morning. Heart trouble was the cause assigned.

Smith Falls, Ont., Jan. 22.—J. M. Clark, ex-M. P. P., died at noon today, after a brief illness. He was 54 years of age.

Montreal, Jan. 22.—A corrected list of the civic elections by acclammation show that twenty, out of thirty-four aldermen were thus elected. Of this number nine are of the reform element.

Montreal, Jan. 22.—J. A. Martin, editor of Le Journal, the new Conservative organ in this city, died suddenly this morning.

Galt, Ont., Jan. 22.—The Gore Mutual Fire Insurance Company today voted $500 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and $500 to the Red Cross Fund.

Stratford, Ont., Jan. 22.—Jos. B. Kirk, C. E., died today aged 91 years. He was engineer for Huron District including Perth, Huron and Bruce Counties, from 1845 to 1872.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Yesterday was another blank day at the City Police Court.

Alderman Irvine leaves tomorrow on a four weeks' purchasing trip through Eastern cities.

A. McDonald has transferred the Garnet Mineral claim on Bird Creek to F. Regan and M. C. Monaghan.

The application for bail in the Kelly case, which was scheduled for yesterday, was adjourned until tomorrow.

A scow and sailboat were sent up to Balfour yesterday in tow of the steamer Hercules. They are destined for the use of the surveyors there.

H. F. McLean, the druggist offers the public an alternative to smallpox in the shape of a box containing every conceivable smell and every conceivable preventative to the disease. The members of the Miner staff were each presented with one of the valuable preventatives last night.

A well known young Nelson man recently wrote his father that he had volunteered for South Africa. His father wrote back imploring him not to go as he would certainly be shot. The son answered that, if his father would supply the needful, he would compromise by remaining in Nelson, half shot. The reply of the anxious parent has not yet been received.

THERE'S A BIG **Bargain Sale** ON NOW AT **O'Reilly's**

Mr. McCammon, who is at the Kootenay Lake Hospital suffering from typhoid fever is doing well. The attack has so far proved a slight one.

The Balmoral mineral claim situated one mile south of Nelson, near the Silver King wagon road was yesterday transferred to the Delight Gold Mining Company.

The report that Lord Dundonald had entered Ladysmith caused several celebrations last night. The smallpox scare had a similar effect earlier in the day.

A bill of sale of a quarter interest in the Mulligan and Gold Queen mineral claims for $500 from J. Astley to Mrs. Ann Astley was recorded yesterday. The claims are situated on Porcupine creek.

The officers of Court Kootenay, I. O. F., for the year 1900, will be installed on Thursday, January 25, at 8 p. m. in Fraternity Hall. The installation will be followed by a supper and social evening.

Mr. Jennings came up for examination on discovery yesterday in the case of Reddy vs. Jennings. The examination was held before the registrar, Messrs. R. S. Lennie and J. A. Harvey of Fort Steele appearing for the plaintiff and defendant respectively.

MISCELLANEOUS

Advertisements inserted under this head at the rate of one cent a word per insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 25 cents.

WANTED.—A competent newspaper man can hear of an opportunity for employment by addressing this office.

LOST.—One black Fisher tail from a ladies' fur boa. Finder please return to D. A. McFarland, City.

WANTED.—Immediately, experienced dressmaker at O'Reilly's.

WANTED.—First class clerk and salesman for Gents' Furnishing and clothing. Only experienced men need apply. Apply Theo. Madson.

LOST.—A black sealskin muff, left in the Tremont Hotel. A reward of $10 will be paid to anyone bringing same to the Clarke House.

WANTED.—To rent a furnished house, close in, for one month or one year. No children. Apply this office.

FOR SALE—House and Lot. All modern improvements on Victoria Street. Splendid rental property. Equipped with all modern conveniences. A Bargain. Address O. P. C., Miner Office.

TO RENT.—Fine office or store in rear of Athabasca Saloon, occupied by Gas Company. Apply on premises.

FOR SALE.—A new cottage containing six rooms, hall, bath room, complete pantry, closets, a new shed 10x16 Two lots, finest location in the city. Set out in fruit trees, imported roses, etc. All furniture, consisting of new Karn Piano, parlor suite, sideboard, steel range, (set up) carpets, bedroom suites and all else pertaining to a well furnished house. Must be sold as owner is leaving the city. Robert Ince, care Nelson Hardware Co., House is situated on lots 16 and 17, block 35 Mill Street.

DR. BARBER, Dentist has opened an office with Dr. Morrison. Crown and bridge work a specialty.

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