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HEAVY LOSSES AT LADYSMITH

Nearly a Thousand British Casualties in Last Saturday's Engagement.

THE BOERS SUFFER MUCH HEAVIER.

English Papers Severely Criticize the Action of the War Department.—Smarting Under the Vigilance of the South African Censor.

London, Jan. 12.—The Daily Mail says: "We learn that in the attack on Ladysmith last Saturday, January 6, the British losses were 14 officers killed and 34 wounded, and over 800 non-commissioned officers and men killed and wounded. The Boer losses, we hear are estimated at between 2,000 and 3,000 men."

London, Jan. 12.—(4 a. m.)—Lee-Metford cartridges are running short in the British magazines and according to an official report the War Office purposes to fall back temporarily upon a hundred million "mark IV expanding bullets" most of which are already in storage in South Africa. The War Office, however, has issued a strict order to the volunteers that the 50 rounds of "mark IV" given them must be used in practice at home, none being taken to South Africa After the public announcement that no such bullet would be used in this war, its employment, the Daily Chronicle thinks, would be a serious breach of faith, especially as the British complained that the Boers occassionally used such projectiles.

The newspapers were reconciled during the early days of the war to the cable censorship, taking it for granted that full narratives sent by mail would supply all deficiencies For some weeks, however, even the mail correspondence that has arrived in London has shown signs of habitual scissoring by the censor. Papers are renumbered, without logical connection, leaving the happenings described quite uninteelligible in many cases The editors, acting in concert, are laying these before the public and insisting that they be permitted to know and to print these facts. The Daily Mail formally accuses the War Office of "doctoring" and editing official dispatches before their issuance, and cites particulars. The Daily Chronicle avers that there seems to be an official conspiracy against letting the truth be known.

Although the number of deaths from dysentry and fevers at Ladysmith have been published by the War Office since Saturday night, nothing has been given out regard ng the losses in the engagement. The War Office asserts that it has nothing to give out.

Arm-chair critics, who, in the absence of reportorial or official descriptions from the seat of war, pour forth conjecture and opinion, and conclude that not much is expected of the British hosts in South Africa until Lord Roberts shall have plenty of time to land and fresh levies shall have arrived.

The theory is now advanced that the seizures of the German mail steamer Herzog and General, since released, was made on misleading information supplied to British agents, the design being to get Great Britain and Germany into a quarrel.

Berlin, Jan. 11.—It is asserted that the German crusier Schwable and Condor, which were ordered to Delagoa Bay, have been instructed to proceed instead to Capetown. This indicates a belief in German official circles, that the contraband controversy will be amicably settled.

London Jan. 11.—An uncorroborated rumor is current late today that a battle is progressing at Tugela River.

Even the arrival of Lord Roberts and Kitchener at Capetown has failed to stem the growing impatience at the prolonged inactivity and the entire absence of news giving a marked insight into the South African situation. It is assumed, however, that with the landing of these generals, a return will be made to the original plan of campaign and a great central advance on Bloemfontein. But the most impatient enthusiasts admit that General Roberts will be unable to move before the end of the month.

All the officials of the War Office deny the report that General Methuen has been recalled.

Lorenzo Marquez, Jan. 11.—Several Portuguese, on their way to join the Boers, have been intercepted by the frontier police.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—The answer of the British Government to Mr. Choate's representations respecting the seizure of American flour and other goods on the three vessels Beatrice, Marhona, and Maria, has been received. Just as the officials of the State Department expected, it amounted to a partial answer, very satisfactory as far as it goes, disposing of the character of some of the goods seized, but not fully decided whether or not food stuffs are to be regarded as contraband. The British Government adopts precisely the point of view regarding the seized goods that was assumed by the State Department and embodied by Mr. Choate in his note on the subject addressed to the British Foreign Office. The British Government is investigating the facts in connection with the goods seized on the third vessel, the Beatrice. Mr. Choate's message embodied succinctly the authorities relied upon by the British Government to sustain its position and as this position, as already stated, is one of those already assumed by the State Department, of course they are regarded as convincing. For this reason, Mr. Choate's message is long and it was nearly noon before it could be deciphered and placed in Secretary Hay's hands. It so happened that Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, was with the Secretary shortly after he received his message and probably the subject was discussed by them. It is certain that the Secretary and Lord Pauncefote appeared to be gratified at the progress made toward a settlement of the cases.

Later in the day the following official statement was given out by the State Department: a telegram has been received from Ambassador Choate reporting an interview had by him with the Marquis of Salisbury, on the afternoon of the 10th instant, in regard to the American shipments of flour and provisions on the detained steamers Beatrice and Mashona, and the Dutch steamer Maria. The British position as to food stuffs and hostile destination is that they can only be considered contraband of war if supplied the enemy's forces, it not being sufficient that they are able of being so used, but it must be shown that this was their destination at the time of seizure. This qualification virtually concedes the American contention that the goods were not subject to seizure, it not being claimed there is any evidence of hostile destination.

Southampton, Jan. 11.—The Cunard liner Umbria, which has been chartered as a transport by the British Government, sailed from Southampton today with 2,200 soldiers for South Africa.

London, Jan. 11.—The plight of British arms in South Africa is overshadowed by the storm which is bursting over the head of the Home Government. The Manchester speeches of Mr. A. J. Balfour, the Government leader in the House of Commons, have loosed such a torrent of criticism from the press of his own party that, were Parliament to re-assemble today, it is doubtful if the Conservatives would retains power in spite of their tremendous majority of the past session.

New York, Jan. 11.—The steamship Auchenarden sailed today for Capetown, East London and Port Natal. Beside an immense cargo of provisions flour and grain, she carries 30 troop horses and 50 transport mules

London, Jan. 12.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal denied, last evening, in an interview with a reporter of the Daily Mail, that he had made an offer to the Government to bear the cost of any portion of the Canadian contingent.

London, Jan 12.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg, dated Jan. 8 says: "Private advices from Ladysmith, dated January 2, say that rations of bread and meat are plentiful and the garrison had not touched 'the bully beef and buscuit' supplies. Luxuries are scarce in Ladysmith, but the hospitals are well supplied with milk and the horses are in good condition."

London, Jan. 12.—The Standard, in an editorial on the Government's reply to Mr. Choate and Count Von Buelow, says: "We shall be much surprised if the British Government's definition of international law be ap-

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FIRE AT WINNIPEG DOES MUCH DAMAGE

Commission Company Building Burned.

LAURIER ON THE STUMP

Murderer Sentenced at Toronto.—The Latest Developments in Bank Ville Marie Case.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

Winnipeg, Jan 11.—The Manitoba Produce & Commissions block here was destroyed this morning by fire, the loss being estimated at $75,700; insurance $51,000. The fire started from an overheated furnace.

The Manitoba Produce Company place their loss at close to $52 000 with a hope of some salvage. The basement of the building was stored with wines and liquors, the stock of Geo. Velie & Co. This was also completely destroyed and represents a loss of $10,000, covered by $7,000 insurance. The insurance is divided among the following companies. On building, Liverpool & London Association Co., $5,000; Alliance, $3,500; London & Lancashire $2,000. On Manitoba Produce Company's stock, London Association, $15,000; Guardian Fire Assurance, $6,500; Imperial, $3,000; Northern, $9,000; Canadian Fire, $3,000; Phoenix of Hartford, $1,000; Manitoba Fire, $4,000; Union and Crown, $2,000 and others making a total of $44,000. On the wines and liquors, Alliance $1,000; London & Lancashire, $3,000; Commercial Union, $3,000.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—The Ontario Government have fixed January 24 as date of nomination in East Middlesex and January 31 for the election. The constituency is made vacant by the death of Hodgins, Conservative member, who was elected by a majority of 70.

Colonel Kitson, received word from Ottawa this morning that the departure of Toronto's quota for the contingent was indefinitely postponed, owing to the steamship Montezuma being condemned on account of unfitness.

Winnipeg, Jan. 11.—The Cabinet held a lengthy Council meeting today. Premier MacDonald was seen by a reporter as to the result, but said there was nothing for publication, as the Council had only taken up a few matters connected with different departments.

Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 11.—Premier Laurier spoke here this evening in behalf of Lebaron, Liberal candidate for this constituency, made vacant by the death of the Hon. W. B. Ives. He dealt as length on the prosperity the country is enjoying, quoting numerous facts and figures and made a stirring and eloquent appeal for unity on the part of the people of Canada. Sir Wilfrid dwelt on the Boer war at some length, emphatically condemning the Boer interference that caused war, and expressing ardent hope and utmost confidence in the ultimate success of British arms.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—After a two day's trial, Henry Williams was convicted of murder of John E. Varco and sentenced by Chief Justice Meredith to be hanged April 14. The crime occurred on the night of Nov. 8, when Williams and a companion named MacIntosh, broke into a grocery store in the business part of the city, and had a desperate encounter with Varco, owner of the store and other inmates. The police also coming in in a few minutes to assist Varco was killed by a bullet from William's revolver. MacIntosh was fatally wounded by a policeman. Williams jumped from a window and was picked up on the sidewalk unconscious. He had no defense except to plead that he had been led into the store by MacIntosh, not knowing the object, and says MacIntosh alone did the shooting. The jury was out a couple of hours when they returned a verdict of guilty with recommendations of mercy.

Winnipeg, Jan. 11.—The Winnipegs and Brandon intermediates had a hard hockey match here tonight. The Winnipegs finally won 4 to 3.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—Hon. Mr. Fielding has informed the representatives of Fraternal Societies who have waited on him that it is not the intention of the Government to propose any legislation at the coming sessions dealing with such organizations.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—The Shamrocks and Winnipeg Victorias have yet to come to terms regarding dates for the Stanley Cup matches, Winnipeg having declined to come east except between February 13 and 18, and the Shamrocks declining to give three dates during that time. The trustees on Saturday asked the Shamrocks to name a single date, any day from the 12th to the 19th. The Shamrocks made an

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CAPITAL ALIVE WITH MARCHING SOLDIERS

Military Enthusiasm is at a High Pitch.

MAKES GENEROUS OFFER

Lord Strathcona Would Spend a Lot of Money.—Good Blacksmiths Wanted at the Front.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—Thousands of Ottawa citizens lined the sidewalks notwithstanding the keen biting air this afternoon to witness the parade of troops through some of the principal streets of the city. Officers and men presented a splendid appearance and although some of the horses were new to the business everything passed off very successfully. The parade added to the military enthusiasm which is everywhere present in the capital just now. Tomorrow night the officers of "D" battery will be entertained to dinner at the Russell House.

The evening papers say that squadron "B" Winnipeg, presented a soldierly appearance as they were seen passing through the city on the train early this morning.

Although the report that the board has rejected the Montezuma is not here yet, the department is looking out for one or two vessels to replace her.

It is understood that Lord Strathcona, Canada's High Commissioner, has made an offer to raise two mounted squadrons of two hundred each or four hundred men in all in the Canadian Northwest to go to South Africa. All that Lord Strathcona desires is to get the militia machinery of Canada, in other words the assistance of the Department of Militia in enrolling, outfitting and equipping troops and he will defray the entire cost of the same as well as that of transports and every thing else necessary to take the soldiers from the great prairies of the west and to place them at the front, thoroughly equipped with weapons and in good fighting condition. The matter is still under consideration of Dominion and Imperial Governments. A military expert says that it would take about a million dollars to carry out what Lord Strathcona suggests. Nothing official is to be had on the subject. If matter is carried out then an opportunity will be given to a number of those in the West who were disappointed in not getting on this continent to go to South Africa. There is yet any amount of material to pick from west of Winnipeg.

Montreal, Jan. 11.—Montreal's second quota to the second contingent, No. 3 troop of a squadron "A" of Mounted Rifles, 38 men and 12 officers, attached with 39 horses, left for Quebec tonight. The weather was cold and there was a big snow storm so the turn out of spectators was not nearly so large as usual. The lack of numbers was made up in enthusiasm.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—The instructions given out by the railway department as regard to cancelling transportation arrangements only affects troops that were going by the Montezuma. There is some talk tonight of permitting these troops to go along yet, as arranged, and letting them wait at Halifax. A cable was received today by the Militia Department from Lord Strathcona stating that positions for qualified horse shoeing blacksmiths, saddlers and wheel wrights, could be had in South Africa if they could not be secured in time to go with the contingent Application should be made to the Militia Department Veterinary Surgeon, J. Paterson, of Montreal, who has been appointed to go with the contingent. He will go at once to Halifax to inpect horses and will join the contingent. Contracts for 1,200 sets of saddlery have been given out to Canadian firms. Nothing is known at the Department of Militia about the North West Indians accompanying Herchmer to be used as scouts.

Winnipeg, Jan. 11.—Cyrille H. Moore, son of J. G. Moore, who volunteered for the second contingent, which left here, who passed his medical examination successfully but was left behind with hundreds of others, determined not to be kept from the seat of war and left by today's train for England to join the Imperial army.

Halifax, Jan. 11.—The Government of Nova Scotia in session today decided to vote $5000 to the patriotic fund for the wives and children of the two Canadian contingents. While Nova Scotians will have the first claim upon this fund the Government has intimated its willingness to vote a substantial fund for all Canadian volunteers.

TO MEET THIS MONTH.

London, Jan. 11.—The Queen has proclaimed a meeting of Parliament for January 30.

HAPPENINGS ON ELECTION DAY

John Houston the Mayor of Nelson for the Third Time

POLLING CAUSED MANY SURPRISES.

Candidate Fletcher Thrown Down in the West Ward.—The Names of This Year's Aldermen.—Notes on The Late Contest.

Election day has come and gone and Mr. John Houston is once more Mayor of Nelson. It was a keenly contested struggle and emphasized once more the well known unreliability of the pre-election promises of voters. Both sides were badly disappointed in this respect, but it was fatal to Mr. Fletcher's hopes. It is true that the west ward returned him with a majority of 28, but this was nothing compard to what had been counted on from the promises given. The unlooked for defections in the west ward undoubtedly cost Mr. Fletcher the mayoralty election. The day was a busy one and the supporters of both the candidates for the mayoralty worked hard. The Aldermanic contest did not arouse so much interest. Hacks and vehicles of various descriptions were around all day conveying outlying voters to the poll which was a fairly heavy one. There was no lack of confidence on both sides, as was evidenced by the amount of speculation. At least $2,000 was lost and won, and there was all the way from $500 to $1,000 more of Fletcher money to be had, but the Houston funds did not appear quite so so plentiful, though those who had money to spare bet freely.

Notwithstanding that the day was unpleasant and the streets muddy and slushy, Baker Street was full of people all day long, and the one question asked was, "How is the election going?"

The vote was as a rule polled early, and the usual rush at the close of polling time was noticeably absent: nor was the usual distracted voter observed to rush up breathlessly to either polling place just to late too exercise his franchise.

Apart from the considerations mentioned, a leading factor in Mr. Houston's success was the organized labor vote. It is understood that all the labor unions in town plumped for him. The reason given for this is Mr. Houston's campaign in favor of the eight-hour law of which he is the most ardent supporter, notwithstanding the fact that when it was first known that such a law was passed his paper spoke anything but favorably of it. Members of labor unions, like everyone else, have a perfect right to vote for whom they please, and none will criticize them for exercising that right, still it does not seem clear to the outsider what the eight-hour law has got to do with Nelson municipal politics, and if it is to be made an issue one would think it but fair to first ascertain the position of the other candidate in the matter. Mr. Byers, whose defeat came as a great surprise to many, was commonly said on the streets yesterday evening to have failed because of his supposed opposition to the eight-hour law, though what reasons there are for assuming such a thing or for importing Provincial politics into municipal matters is not more apparent in Mr. Byers' case than in Mr. Fletcher's.

In the West Ward Alderman McKillop headed the poll. He did not have to canvass a vote, and his position is a deserved tribute to his sterling worth and the faithful service rendered by him in the Council chamber last year. His return was conceded by both parties, and no opposition was hinted at in any quarter. Dr. Arthur came close behind with eight votes less, and will be a valuable addition to the City Council Mr. William Irvine, of Fred Irvine & Co., was the third successful candidate, obtaining the same number of votes as Dr. Arthur. Mr. Ferland's failure was due to his unfortunate absence which prevented his making a personal canvass. "Out of sight, out of mind" is a proverb peculiarly applicable to all kinds of politics. Mr. Thomas Madden was the other unsuccessful candidate.

In the East Ward Dr. G. A. B. Hall headed the poll by 30 votes. It was anticipated that he would make a strong candidate, and this anticipation was realised. "Blake" Wilson, another acknowledged certainty, was a good second and that without having to make a canvass. The third successful candidate was Mr. Christopher Morrison who led Mr. J. A. Irving by the narrow majority of one. Mr. Irving, however, claims one ballot that was rejected by the returning officer, and should his claim be sustained by Judge Forin, before whom an appeal will be taken today, there will be a tie for third place, leaving the returning officer master of the situation by virtue of his casting vote. Mr. J. K. Strachan officiated as returning officer in the East Ward, while Mr. E. A. Crease filled the position of deputy returning officer in the West Ward. Both candidates had scrutineers at each polling place, but nothing of interest occurred, and but few voters were challenged, though one or two aliens were intercepted.

The number of votes polled and the names of the successful candidates according to the official returns are as follows:

FOR MAYOR.

East Ward—
FRANK FLETCHER 165
JOHN HOUSTON 204

West Ward—
FRANK FLETCHER 131
JOHN HOUSTON 103
Houston's Majority 11

FOR ALDERMEN.

East Ward—
1. DR. HALL 265
2. W. J. WILSON 230
3. C. MORRISON 202
J. A. Irving 201
H. Byers 186

West Ward—
1. A. L. M'KILLOP 174
2. DR. ARTHUR 166
3. W. IRVINE 166
T. Madden 133
A. Ferland 87

a Hamilton Byers was at a great disadvantage in that he was personally acquainted with so few of the electors, and as the honor was thrust upon him he made no canvass.

With such a Council, Mayor Houston will not be the same Mayor Houston as of yore. He will have to watch his p's and q's now.

Well, anyway, The Miner supporter five out of the seven candidates elected. And it also supported five out of last year's seven. Not so bad.

There was one satisfaction that the Fletcher men had and that was that they bet the Houstonians to a standstill and made the latter ask odds. The greater part of the satisfaction came in before the ballots were counted.

Now that it is all over Buller can proceed to cross the Tugela and the Semlin Government can rest content that John Houston's election makes it safe. At least Mr. Houston says it will.

The infernal idiot in a tug who let loose his whistle for over an hour when the news of the election was made public should have been run in. The long drawn out din was calculated to do considerable harm to the inmates of the hospitals and other sick people.

And so endeth the reign of the nickle-in-the-slot machine.

Mayor elect Houston had a very imposing procession last night. Several hundred brooms were saturated with oil and made a very lurid demonstration as they were marched along the street to the tunes of the Smelter Band. At the committee rooms Mr. Houston made a few graceful remarks, thanking his friends for electing him to the office and promising to do his best to faithfully carry out the trust imposed upon him.

The successful aldermanic candidates did not celebrate last night. They contented themselves with receiving the congratulations of their friends.

Hamilton Byers was elected alderman in Kaslo once, anyway.

In the West Ward several ballots with no marks whatever on them were deposited in the ballot box. A couple of voters tried to make up for this by voting for all the candidates for aldermanic honors.

It was a very quiet town last night compared with what it was a year ago when George Neelands was elected Mayor.

The first meeting of the new Council will be on Monday next. This is a statutory meeting required by law.

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THE ELECTIONS.

The Miner wishes that the City had done just a little better than it did yesterday. Last year it supported five of the seven municipal candidates who were elected, and it was worth observing that a change of three votes would have elected the whole seven. Yesterday it supported five out of the seven who were successful, but was not so close with the other two. That is in itself an insignificant regret; something graver is the defeat of Mr. Fletcher by Mr. Houston in the contest for the Mayoralty. Mr. Ferland's absence from the City during the critical period of the campaign will explain and excuse his defeat, and in his place The Miner is not in the least loath to welcome Mr. Irvine, with the sincere hope that at the end of his term it will have as great a respect for him as it did at the end of their term for the two Aldermen of last year's Council whom it did not support.

But it will not profess to be reconciled with Mr. Houston's election. It believes it was a mistake, and the belief is not less strong the day after the election than it was on the day before. It is not so obstinate, however, as to quarrel with the choice of the majority. That majority wanted Mr. Houston, and it was their right to have him; it is the duty of all of us to accept the verdict, and to unite in making the best of it. In this it is Mr. Houston's privilege to assist most materially, and if he will keep up the character of sick monk which he has so successfully assumed during the past few month it is possible that we may come out at the end of the year with pleasure and satisfaction all around.

He will be greatly encouraged and stimulated, perhaps directed, in his efforts to obtain grace in the sight of the people by association with the six gentlemen who have been elected as Aldermen. The City is certainly to be congratulated on the choice; take them all in all, it would be hard to improve on them. One satisfaction we can confidently reckon on experiencing is, that they are not likely to allow Mr. Houston to forget that he is Mayor only and not the entire corporation. In his character of monk he may not be disposed to do this, but nothing is lost in being on the safe side.

THE CASE BEING ALTERED, ETC.

The Province newspaper is on fairly solid ground when it reproaches Opposition organs that formerly denounced Mr. Martin for now embracing him. While doing this, however, it ought not to forget that it was more responsible than any other agency or influence in securing his introduction into British Columbia politics. It raved and ranted for weeks in the endeavor to foist him upon Vancouver as a candidate, and never ceased until it had accomplished its purpose. Mr. Martin's peculiarities as a public man were as well known then as they are now, and if Opposition papers are making themselves ridiculous or, worse still, compromising themselves by praising and belauding him, The Province should have even more shame in turning against him its batteries of abuse.

It is a part of the political game, we suppose, to welcome assistance from whatever quarter it may come. The Mr. Martin who was bad enough for the worst that Opposition papers could say of him six months ago is the Mr. Martin of today. Their sudden change of tone is very properly the subject of Ministerial sarcasm, but it lies less in the mouth of The Province than of any other to indulge in it. There is a reproach, however, which it cannot share with organs of the Opposition. It has no right to charge Mr. Martin with betraying his constituents and with meanly clinging to his position as their representative. That gentleman has his faults, but want of courage, of manliness, is not one of them. There may be a coarse streak to it, but it is there. Before the session opened Mr. Martin called a meeting of his constituents, and told them plainly and without disguise what he intended to do. He also told them that if the course he was going to take did not meet their approval he would resign. No man could do more or offer fairer. It was a large meeting, and no doubt a representative one, and by a large majority it voted to sustain Mr. Martin.

We do not enjoy the spectacle of the gushing welcome with which Mr. Martin is received into the arms of the Opposition, but it is innocent and refreshing in comparison with the Vancouver paper's present abuse of him.

The possibility of Government defeat is admitted in so many words by one of the organs, The Kamloops Sentinel. "The absence of two men from their seats," it says, "by reason of sickness or other unavoidable cause means defeat." By no means. Let the editor of The Sentinel, who is a member and has good reason to dread a dissolution, take heart of grace and maintain his cheerfulness. An adverse vote does not mean anything in the present House. There were several of them on the first day of the session, but the serenity of the Government was not disturbed by them. They are liable to occur frequently, no doubt, and the public business will suffer by reason of them; but that is the worst that can happen, and in comparison with the Government's ease and comfort and convenience it is of no consequence whatever. The editor of the Kamloops paper, therefore, can get sick and go home without the slightest apprehension. The cheerful confidence with which he could contemplate the undisturbed occupation of his seat would soon make a well man of him. But the sickness that would come of a dissolution would be another thing.

Mr. Hugh J. Macdonald has gone outside of the Legislature for one of his colleagues, Mr. Davidson, a gentleman who was defeated at the general election by a substantial majority. One cannot but wonder why he has done this. The only explanation that suggests itself is that Mr. Macdonald hopes to gain the seat Mr. Davidson lost, through a petition to unseat the successful candidate. That would be good politics, for although a majority of six looks big to a British Columbian it is possible that in Manitoba greater virtue is attached to one of eight. It is observed also that the new Premier is adhering to his pledge that if supported by the people he would reduce the Cabinet to three paid members. There are two others, but they are without portfolio and consequently without salary. If Mr. Macdonald is not moved down to Ottawa, he is likely to enjoy as long a Ministerial career as his predecessor—twelve years almost to the day.

The Minister of the Interior's instruction, that homesteading volunteers should be allowed their time of service in South Africa to count as residence, comes rather late. Not late, it is true, in so far as it affects the homestead, but too late to serve as an incentive to volunteering. Volunteering for South Africa has closed. No more contingents will be required from Canada. General Bobs will have men enough in a few weeks to do for the Boers, though their mountain passes were moon-high.

From the result of his contest yesterday Mr. Houston will be able to derive the immeasurable comfort of knowing that the Semlin Government is safe.

The New Denver Union have embodied in their constitution the declaration that "the occupation of mining is particularly hazardous and unhealthy." This is no doubt put forward to help support their demand for a big wage. The claim is not true. If ordinary caution is observed, mining is little if any more hazardous, than many other manual occupations, while the robust appearance of nearly all miners is the best evidence of its healthfulness.

METAL QUOTATIONS.

New York, Jan. 11.—Pig iron, steady; northern $20 to $24; southern $19.50 to $24. Copper dull; brokers $16,50; exchange, $16.50. Lead, steady; brokers, $4.45; exchange, $4.70 to $4 75. Tin, Straits, $26.15 to $27; plates, quiet. Spelter, quiet, domestic, $4.45 to $4 55.

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She Was Found in the Dining Room of the Tremont Hotel After Hours of Search

Maud Coxhead, about thirteen years old, the adopted daughter of the contractor was missing on Wednesday night and a search was made for her high and low but without result. About 2 o'clock yesterday morning it was reported to the police that she was in the Tremont Hotel, and a search was made by the patrolman and night clerk in the room indicated. The apartment, however, was only tenanted by a man and his wife. The search went on, but she was not found until noon yesterday when she was discovered eating dinner in the Tremont dining room.

Fresh inquiries were instituted and it transpired that she had occupied a room in the Tremont which had been engaged the afternoon before by James Kelly, a lad not yet 17, on the ground that he wanted it for his aunt. The hotel people did not notice either the boy or the girl go up to the room. The girl when questioned first told an improbable tale about being pounced on in the theatre by two men and taken off, but afterwards confessed she went with Kelly. The police do not yet think the whole truth has been ascertained, and are making enquiries as to the movements of the pair the evening before.

Kelly is now in the City jail charged with abduction and will be brought up before the magistrate this morning. He is well known to the police and by no means bears the best of characters.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. T G. Procter left on last night's boat on a trip to East Kootenay.

Mr. Pat Campbell, of Kitchener, left last evening for his home, after a three days visit to friends in the City.

Mr. C. Hungerford Pollen, who has charge of Captain Petty's mining interests in East Kootenay, is in the City.

Mr. Phillip Fitzpatrick, of Sirdar, left on last night's boat for home. He spent a few pleasant days with Nelson friends.

Mr. H. G. McCulloch, formerly in the mining broking business in this city but now located in Spokane, is registered at the Hume.

Judge Forin will adjudicate upon the question as to whether or no the ballot claimed by Candidate J. A. Irving is a good one at the Court House this morning.

The firm of Campbell & Bartlett, at the Carke Hotel, have finished the improvements on the building and new accommodations are in line with the improvements all over the city.

Mr. Frank Campbell is visiting Creston for a few days. Mr. Charles Mason is representing Mr. Campbell during his absence. Mr. Mason is an old employe of the C. P. R. and well known in commissary circles.

Mr. John Houston, the successful candidate for the mayorality was duly sworn in as Mayor yesterday evening by Returning Officer J K. Strachan. The new Council will be sworn in today.

Mr. H. B. Tait, formerly of Nelson, but who has been taking a medical course at the Manitoba Medical College, Winnipeg, has joined the second Canadian contingent as a gunner.

The Nelson Hockey Club meets at 8 o'clock this evening to chose the team that is to play at Rossland tomorrow night. The meeting will be held in the Hotel Hume and all the members of the club are requested to attend.

A Twentieth Century Fund service will be held in the Presbyterian Church this evening at 8 o'clock The Rev E. D. McLaren of St. Andrews' Church, Vancouver, will deliver an address and solos will be sung by Mrs. Oliver and Mr Grizzell. All are invited to attend.

It is to be hoped that the new Mayor will take prompt cognizance of the state of the crossings. Wading may have its delights at the proper time and place, but to the ordinary citizen devoid of gum boots, the street crossings are not a thing to be lightly attempted.

The foreman in charge of the work on the Lost Boy claim, one of the group in Camp Mansfield being operated by the Pactolus Gold Mines, Limited, of Nelson, sends down the report that the tunnel which is being run on the ledge is progressing rapidly and the showing is improving with every shot. The property gives every indication of turning out very rich.

All efforts to identify the man who was killed the other day on the Hall Mines Tramway have proved unavailing and he will be buried today by the Provincial authorities. One of the poker chips found on him had the name of Waddell scratched on it, and a bottle of vaseline bought in Ymir was also discovered in his pocket, but neither of these slender clues has as yet amounted to anything.

A man named Smear arrived from Oregon on Wednesday evening and yesterday asked the Chief of Police to help him get his wife and four children who, he said, were living with a man here. The chief explained that it was rather out of his province, but went down to see that there was no breach of the peace. The husband talked with his rival and the two soon came to blows, but were quickly separated. Eventually the man consented to let the woman go, and husband and wife and family return to Oregon this morning.

One of the last acts of Mr. George Neelands as Mayor was to wade on Baker Street and separate two local plumbers who had disagreed about something and were strenously endeavoring to settle it by spoiling one anothers facial regularity. The combatants became very badly mixed up in telephone wire but it did not interfere with the battle. The Mayor's sortie was most successful, as he restored peace and harmony without even the display of a white flag. The beligerants retreated to their kopjes under cover of mud. The War Office has not yet issued list of the casualties.

AT THE HOTEL HUME.

George E. Strachern, Toronto; H. S. Collins, A. B. Jackson, Spokane; Ernest Mansfield, Treadwell Gold mine; C. D. Duncan, Toronto; R. McGuire, Molly Gibson mine; G. B. Gareth, Kamloops; T. N. Atkinson, Ymir; D. F. Dickson, Winnipeg; D. J. McNally, Spokane; Wm. Brydson, Toronto; E. A. Duff, Winnipeg; Harry Roy, Rossland; James La Garthe, Trail.

KITCHENER AND SIRDAR.

Interesting News From the Crow's Nest Pass.—Trade for Nelson.

There are two towns in British Columbia that bear names which will last as long as the history of Great Britain, Kitchener and Sidar. Both are, as the view looks today, worthy of their names. Situated along the line of the Crow's Nest branch of the C. P. R., they do not have to depend on the railroad company for a living. The mining country surrounding is second to nothing of the same development in B C. That the development will continue is an absolute certainty. Whenever large bodies of ore are discovered and developed to such an extent that it is an assured fact that the values are there, captial is more than willing to put in its surplus. Such has been the case with these towns. The Sidar of Egypt was not above disguising himself in order to benefit his country. The Sidar of B. C needs no disguising, the ore is in sight. The trade, and it is a large one, instead of coming to Nelson, as far as the jobbing line is concerned comes from the East Why should it not come from Nelson? The distance is not great. The money is there. The opportunity is at hand to secure a trade of at least three thousand dollars per month to Nelson. The freight rates are not extortionate and Nelson merchants would do well to look into his section's trade, which is so close to the home interests, and so closely allied to the real welfare of Nelson. As a business man of that place said, "Nelson don't seem to care, for our trade. We will trade where we can do the best. That is only natural. But really, Nelson is where the business should be done." Such a statement as that from business men coming from a quarter that should be supplied by Nelson ought to awake some of the Nelson jobbers to a realization of future prospects. Business can be acquired if it is solicited, more especially where it is ready to drop into the lap. Mr. Patrick Campbell, of Kitchener, who has been in the City for two or three days past, says: "Nelson ought to have all the jobbing trade in that country."

Mr. Campbell runs a general merchandise store at Kitchener, and is in a position to appreciate the requirements necessary for progress, and the development of a large business. Mr. George Benny, another business man from that section, located at Creston, says that Nelson is entitled to, and ought to have the wholesale trade of everything west of Cranbrook.

The merchants of that section would rather deal with the Nelson people than with any others if they can only be brought together in the right way.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Editor Miner:

Sir—The suggestion to establish a Mineral Museum in Nelson is one that deserves the early attention of the new Council, in order that some steps may be taken in that direction to have at least a beginning made before the coming season. A collection of typical specimens of the various products of Kootenay mines and prospects would be the greatest value, not only for a mine owner, but also to the prospector, as, if properly arranged, and the values, not of picked specimens but of average samples, attached to each, as well as particulars as to width of vein, the formation enclosing vein, where situate, etc., etc., a stranger visiting the collection could see at a glance the character of the products, and the geological conditions prevailing in the various districts. Thus, instead of going away without investing he would probably find something which he might think worthy of investigation. There is no doubt but that specimens such as the above would be easily obtained, and at first might be placed in charge of the librarian of the Free Library, and if a notice of the existence of such a collection were to be prominently displayed in the various hotels, there would be found to be no lack of visitors to the museum. The collection need not be confined to the Nelson district, but should be such as would give a comprehensive view of Kootenay minerals.

GEO. R. G. O'DRISCOLL.

Nelson, 11th January, 1900.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

J. H. R. Christie, for the past nine months circulator of The Miner, has sold the circulation to The Miner, and will enter his brother's office where a wider field for business experience awaits him. The Miner has found Mr. Christie an honorable and upright young man, of great activity and there can be no doubt but that he will be successful in his new field. All accounts due for Miners delivered by Mr. Christie are payable at this office, and for all monies collected by him for advance subscriptions this office will deliver The Miner as agreed by Mr. Christie.

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JOHN WATSON, Secretary.

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SALVATION ARMY—Services every evening at 8 o'clock in barracks on Victoria street Adjudant Edgecombe in charge.

FIRE AT WINNIPEG DOES MUCH DAMAGE

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ffort to re arrange eastern fixtures, and offered to play Winnipeg on February 12, 15 and 19. This was communicated to Winnipeg, but the reply was that a preliminary couple of days practice would keep them in Montreal for ten days necessitating an absence from home for the ten men of over two weeks. They can only give six days in Montreal and want to play on February 15, 17 and 19. This has been wired to the Shamrocks by the trustees, who ask for the days between February 12 and 19, or any single date during that period.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier left this morning for Sherbrooke, where he will speak for L. E. Barron, Liberal candidate in the riding.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—The Court of Bishops in the case of Rev. Thomas Geoghan, of Hamilton, suspended for seven years, gave its judgment today acquitting Mr. Geoghan in every place and restoring him in his previous position. The judgment was unanimous.

(Associated Press Despatches.)

Montreal, Jan. 11.—The quarterly meeting of the Canadian Freight Agent's Association is being held at the Place Viger Hotel here. Representatives of all the railways running in the Dominion are in attendance.

Madoc, Ont., Jan. 11.—The annual convention of Eastern Ontario Butter and Cheese Association, is in session here. Reports were read which showed a most encouraging condition of the dairymen through the past year.

Montreal, Jan. 11.—James Baxter, the well known banker, who is at present awaiting trial charged with aiding Herbert, the teller of the wrecked Ville Marie Bank, to escape justice and upon whom a demand of assignment was made yesterday by C. J. Rhinehart, brewer, today instituted proceedings against Rhinehart for $50,000 damages, on the ground that the demand of assignment, made on him yesterday, was not justified. At the instance of Colonel Sherwood, of the Dominion police, warrants have been issued against James Baxter, Ferdinand Lemieux and J. J. Herbert, charging them with, at different times between January 1, 1896, and July 25, 1899, unlawfully and deceitfully conspiring to cheat and defraud the Ville Marie Bank. Baxter and Lemieux both pleaded not guilty to the charge this morning. At the suggestion of the judge, Herbert also pleaded not guilty.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—Rev. R. P. Bowles, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, has accepted a call to Grace Methodist Church, Winnipeg, to go into effect in June 1901.

Brantford, Jan. 11.—John Fraser, the oldest chief of the Mohawk Indians, is dead. He was 84 years old.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—The Crown Life Assurance Company is the name of a new insurance company, with a capital of $1,000,000.

NO SESSION YESTERDAY.

Mr. Martin Was Absent and the Government Will Wait For Him.

(Special Dispatch to The Miner).

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 11.—There was no session of the House this afternoon, adjournment having been made until tomorrow. Martin was unable to be present today, and as the Government members want him to hear speeches in continuation of the debate speech, in which it was said would be some hard raps for him, adjournment was taken. Martin comes in for considerable from all sides in this city for his conduct in revealing Cabinet and caucus secrets in his speech yesterday.

Speculations is rife as to the real reason of the adjournment of the Legislature over today, everyone being agreed that unless with some unannounced intention the Government would not be likely to suggest a day's vacation simply to have their arch enemy, Joe Martin, present, particularly as he has sought no such favor. Ralph Smith, who moved the adjournment of the debate, to the surprise of both parties, has hitherto been a staunch friend of Martin and it is rumored that he may yet balk at some items of the Government's programme, notably that providing for the giving of a cash subsidy to the C. P. R. for the Columbia & Western land grant to which it has been alleged the company has no right, having secured Dominion incorporation. There is an intention to introduce an amendment to the reply based upon this section of the address and it is not at all unlikely that the Government will be subsequently defeated thereon, MacPherson, Smith and two other members of the Government following being virtually bound to accept such an amendment as would delay any substantial item of Government intention until the right of the company to the grant in question could be determined by the courts.

FATALITIES AT SEA.

St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 1.—A large steamer believed to be a passenger ship has been wrecked on a reef in St. Mary's Bay, about five miles from shore. The vessel, which lies with her head low in the water, is on fire aft. Several persons have been washed off the deck during the day. Just before nightfall others were seen in the rigging and it is feared that they will perish before daybreak. The steamer's name cannot be ascertained.

AT THE THEATRE.

Mr. McEwen confined his attention last night to the subjects who had already proven good and as a result his entertainment never lagged a moment. The audience was not as large as on the two previous nights, on account of the excitement over the municipal elections, but those in attendance thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The different tests were very successful and the humorous ones brought forth peals of laughter. The statuary work was a surprising display of Mr. McEwen's power. This feature, one well worth seeing, will be reproduced tonight, when Mr. McEwen promises to give a more interesting entertainment than any that has preceeded it here. He is enabled to do so as he is now thoroughly acquainted with his subjects and has them under full control.

KASLO RESULTS.

Kaslo, Jan. 11.—(Special)—As a result of the polling today Kaslo's City Council will be composed this year of Mayor McAnn, Aldermen Hodder, Hartin, Carlson, Goodenough, Moore and Archer.

AT GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, B. C., Jan. 11.—L. A. Manley, was re-elected Mayor today, with a majority of 13 over Charles Cummings. The following aldermen were elected: H. A. Henderson, W. B. Davey, P. S. McCallum, W. K. Manley, J. Donaldson, and R. Harvey.

ROSSLAND ELECTIONS.

Rossland, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—A. S. Goodeve was elected Mayor, defeating Hector McPherson by a majority of 53. Goodeve received 306 votes and McPherson 253. The aldermen elected are Ward one, Charlie R. Hamilton, John Dean; Ward two, Hector McRae, Alex A. McKenzie: Ward three, John S. Clute, Jr., George Talbot.

AT GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, B. C., Jan. 11.—Thomas Harmy, Mayor, was re-elected, over R. Wood by 45 majority. Aldermen in the north ward are C. S. Galloway, P. S. Sharpe, B. A. Bannerman; south ward, James Sutherland, D. J. Sullivan and G. H. Copley.

HEAVY LOSSES AT LADYSMITH

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plied to the carriage of foodstuffs fails to find acceptance at Washington and Berlin."

London, Jan. 12.—The Capetown correspondent of The Daily Mail telegraphing Monday says: "The vanguard of the Sixth division is waiting at Table Bay until the arrival of Lord Roberts."

H. M. S. Fearless seized the bark Maria L., which arrived at Port Elizabeth Saturday from the Argentine with sulphur.

London, Jan. 12.—The Standard has the following dispatch dated Monday, from Frere Camp: "Our patrols have searched both flanks of the Boer position. They found a large camp five miles east of Colenso evidently in anticipation of a British attempt at a turning movement."

Lorenzo Marquez, Jan. 12.—Inspection of travelers bound to the Transvaal is revived under an old law. No one will be allowed to proceed unless he declares before his consul that he has no intention of fighting for the Boers.

New York, Jan. 10.—The annual reunion of the Albany Society of New York was held tonight at Delmonico's. One hundred and fifty persons were present. Judge Woodward devoted the first part of his address to the Dutch in Albany and then turned to the Dutch in South Africa. As he continued, the guests began to cough and laugh and in other ways annoy the speaker. Justice Woodward made an ineffectual effort to proceed with his paper, but skipped whole pages. He finally said:

"I want to apologize to you for accepting your invitation to speak here tonight. It was understood that I was to be your guest and to speak on the subject I have talked on and to read my address. I seem to have given you offense and I sincerely apologize to you."

Then drawing himself to his full height he thundered: "In closing, I want to propose a toast to the grand old statesman, the William the Silent of South Africa, one of the most impressive personalities alive, old Oom Paul Kruger."

There were a few cheers, but Kruger's name was drowned in an avalanche of hisses.

Justice Woodward is a particular friend of Governor Roosevelt.

A special correspondent of the Daily Mail, who was present when the Free State Boers invaded and annexed British territory within the northern boundary of Cape Colony, sends the following graphic description of the scenes he witnessed at Colesberg.

Naauwpoort.—The annexation of Colesberg and other colonial towns by the combined forces of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal would be ludricous if the already apparent effects were not serious. One morning this week a commando of 600 brave men surrounded the defenceless town of Colesberg, and while the peaceable inhabitants were still having their morning sleep, the rebel inhabitants were up making coffee for the enemy. The town was annexed; the magistrate, Mr. Wrench was commanded to hand over the keys of his office, and the Free State flag was hoisted in place of the glorious Union Jack.

There was no demonstration. The British looked on in sullen silence, while the enemy, possibly influenced by the fear of consequences, uttered never a word.

All day long the town was alive with Boers riding up and down, showing off their horsemanship, and stopping colored men who did not salute them. Next day a big crowd assembled in market square to hear the proclamation read.

About 11 a. m. an advance guard came prancing down the street—a motley crowd, dressed in all kinds and conditions of clothing—and cleared the way for the big commando which they declared to be approaching. They amused themselves by chasing colored men, women and children who happened to be in the neighborhood, and compelled all the colored men within sight to take off their hats. Shortly afterwards the Boer commando began to file past, making a brave show, and doubtless influencing their friends with the magnitude of their numbers. They were all mounted and armed, clothed in many colors, and filed past in twos, fours and sixes, as they fancied—no formation, no order, every man his own "baas."

They were 500 and looked like 800. They made plenty of dust and seemed a very determined set of men—men who would dare anything, from commandeering your horse to taking an undefended town.

After these warriors had marched past the crowd surged up to some packing cases at the corner of the market square, where Commandant Grobler was preparing to address the gathering. He began by reminding his hearers that Colesburg and district was now a part of the Orange Free State. Then, waxing eloquent, he made an appeal to all Afrikanders to join them, their own blod relations, in this war against Great Britain. He appealed to them in the name of the great Afirkander nation which England was trying to trample under foot.

"Orr arms have been victrious every where. Mafeking and Kimberley have fallen Ladysmith is in our hands. We have annexed a large part of the Cape Colony. Where is the boasted strength of England?"

He concluded an impassioned appeal by asking the blessing of Heaven on their arms, and again appealed to those who loved justice and freedom to come to the Court House and enroll themselves under the banner of United South Africa.

It was a good speech—for those to whom it was addressed. Its rugged simplicity and directness of language took hold of the mind and demanded attention. Grobler quoted Scripture copiously, and rose to flights of eloquence, which had a tremendous effect on his audience. But for the fact that it was a concoction of lies from beginning to end one could admire the man's determination, but as he must be in possession of the facts about Mafeking and Kimberley he can only be branded as a profane scoundrel wilfully misleading a lot of ignorant people.

Commandant Grobler is a travelled man. He has toured through the United States on a mission from his Government, and was given every opportunity of seeing everything. He is an intelligent man and a born orator, knowing how to perfect acts and bring them to bear on the rustic mind, as truths, with a force I have rarely seen equalled. He speaks English fluently.

AN UNLUCKY BOX.

The editor of the Dawson City Sun tells the following tale of woe:

Some time about June last the editor ordered a box of clothing and other effects shipped from his late home in Manitoba. In due time that box started out on its travels. Arrived at Vancouver it rested awhile, and then decided to come via St. Michael. On the way it changed its mind about the Cape Nome discovery, and by some means turned back to Vancouver, rested again, and then went over to visit at Victoria. From the Garden City it finally tore itself away and sailed over the raging main to Skagway. There is staid awhile to look into some reported irregularities among the U. S. officials, and then came over the White Pass to Bennett. Here it loafed around the warehouse for a month or so, with an immense crowd of lazy shiftless boxes. By a great effort it broke away from these bad companions, but went astray again at White Horse. The season was getting late, and the cold night started it on once more. The C. D. Company, which had stood sponsor to it so far, handed in over to the Willie Irving. The Willie undertook to come down the Yukon too fast, and getting into an ice jam, now lies at the bottom of the river at Selwyn. The smoke stack still shows above the ice, and so long as it shows we know where that box is, which is a great comfort. Recently an ice jam slid the Willie along the bottom a half a mile nearer Dawson. If it keeps on coming, all we have to do is to stretch a fish net across the river here to catch the Willie as she slides past, cut a hole in the ice, and get the box. The protuding smoke stack will show us where to work.

This is the first thing we have had to put in "soak" and being rather sensitive about it, want to redeem it as soon as possible.

AND TO GIVE ADVICE.

New York, Jan 11.—Richard Harding Davis, who sailed for Southampton on the St Louis yesterday, is bound for South Africa, where he will act ad war correspondent for a number os magazines and newspapers.

CANADIAN HAY.

New York, Jan. 11.—The British steamer Hortensiaus left here yesterday for Capetown with 25,000 bales of hay for the British army. The hay came for the most part by rail from Canada.

LI HUNG EN ROUTE.

Shnaghai, Jan. 11.—Li Hung Chang has arrived here on his way to assume the viceroyship of Lian Kwan.

NO DAMAGE DONE.

Cape Henry, Va., Jan. 11.—The steamship Empress, the vessel previously reported ashore, floated at 2.15 p. m., without assistnace and proceeded on her course apparently uninjured.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Gibraltar, Jan. 11.—Arrived—Furst Bismarck, New York.

New York, Jan. 11.—Arrived—Trave, Bremen.

Antwerp, Jan. 11.—Arrived—Switzerland, Philadelphia.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the "Companies Winding Up Act, 1888," and in the matter of the "Nelson Poorman Gold Mining Company, Limited," in liquidation.

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

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

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

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

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

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Solicitor for the said Liquidator.

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

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

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