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WHAT THE DELEGATES DID

Report Issued Since Their Return From The Capital.

GOVERNMENT SUSPENDED THE LAW.

Before Refusing or Permitting the Enforcement of the Eight Hour Law. the Approval of the Majority of the Kootenay Members Will be Sought. —Text of the Petitions.

The following statement has been prepared by the mine operators and business men of this district who are opposed to the eight hour law:

NELSON, APRIL 14, 1899.

DEAR SIR:—

We have been commissioned by a number of those who are interested, either as owners or managers of mines, to communicate to you and others the result accomplished, in obtaining from the Provincial Government a stay of proceedings as regards the enforcement of the recent amendment to the Metalliferous Mines Inspection Act, which rendered it illegal for anyone to be employed underground in any metalliferous mine for more than eight hours in every twenty-four hours; and to urge upon you the importance of drawing to the attention of the electors of your district the disastrous results to both labor and capital in the mining districts of British Columbia, were this law to be enforced. It has been ascertained from members of the Government that the bill was not a Government measure, that it was not regarded with favor by the Ministers when introduced, and was passed in the belief that, as it was introduced by the member for Rossland, it was a measure desired by the mining districts. Now that it has been more discussed and the Government has been made aware of the view taken of the Act by mining and business men generally, it is desirous that the measure should be non-effective until next session, when it can be discussed with a better knowledge of the situation than was possessed by members generally at the recent session: In order to justify it for refusing to permit the enforcement of the law now in the Statutes, the Government desires to have the approval of the majority of the members representing the different districts of the Kootenays to such a course being pursued, and it is therefore important that these representatives of the people should not be misled by agitators to believe that the measure is one which has the approval of their constituents. The following petition was presented to the Honorable the Minister of Mines, who is the representative of this constituency, by delegates from the mine owners of the Nelson district, and was signed by every company or individual operating or owning mines in this district, among which may be mentioned The Hall Mines Limited, The London & B. C. Gold Fields, The Ymir Mines Limited, The Whitewater Mines Limited, The Duncan Mines Limited, The Athabasca Gold Mine Limited, The Queen Bess Proprietary Co., Ltd., The Dominion Mining & Development Co., Ltd., The Dundee Gold Mining & Milling Co, The Brandon & Golden Crown, Ltd., The Oro Mining & Milling Co., The Nelson Copper Fields, The Exchequer Gold Mining Co., The Pyramid Copper Syndicate, Ltd., The Beatrice Group, The London Hill Development & Mining Co., The St. Kervene Mining Co., The Klondyke Mining Co., and The Nelson-Slocan Prospecting Co.:—

"NELSON, APRIL 1, 1899.

"*To the Honorable*
"*Minister of Mines,*
"*Victoria, B. C.*

"SIR:—

"We the undersigned owners, representatives of owners and managers of mines in the Nelson district desire respectfully to urge upon you the great necessity of using the controlling power vested in you by the Act entitled, 'An Act for securing the safety and good health of workmen engaged in or about the metalliferous mines of the Province of British Columbia by the appointment of an Inspector of Metalliferous Mines.' Section 34, Main Act, R.S.V.C., Chap. 134, to render non-effective Section No 13 of the said Act, amended at the last meeting of the Legislature to read: 'No person shall be employed underground in any metalliferous mines for more than eight hours in every twenty-four hours,' until such time as the opinion of the electors in the mining districts shall have been ascertained as to whether the enactment of the said clause is in the interest of the progress and the well-being of such districts; and we submit the following reasons in support of the justice and reasonableness of our request.—

"*1st.*—It is universally recognized that changes in the legislation affecting mines should not be made without mature consideration and for reasons so strong as to render it probable that a change, when made, will be permanent, as uncertainty with regard to the laws affecting those interests have the effect of deterring capitalists from investing money in a country whose mining laws have been frequently changed.

"*2nd.*—Legislation affecting such large vested interests should not have been passed without an opportunity having been given to those interested to express their opinion upon the desirability of such legislation.

"*3rd.*—That the clause in question was not enacted in deference to the spontaneous desire of a majority of those affected by it, but at the suggestion of those representing labor unions at the dictation of the management of labor union organizations in other places than those districts affected by the Act in question.

"*4th.*—That it has been concurred in by members of the union in some of the mining districts in the belief that they would receive the same wage for eight hours' labor as they have hitherto received for ten hours.

"We would respectfully submit, with reference to the first objection named, that the amendment to the law referred to was passed so hurriedly, and with so little previous notice, that none

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CLAIMS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Senator Macdonald Makes Out a Strong Case at Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 18.—Senator Macdonald made out a strong case in the upper house today for greater consideration to British Columbia in the way of public works and representation in the cabinet. The Senator had collected a valuable amount of information from the official statistics of the Trade and Navigation returns, justifying the inquiry which he made as to whether the government intends making an expenditure this year on necessary public works commensurate to the needs of the province and to the large revenue produced. He also formally asked whether it is the intention to give British Columbia such representation in the cabinet as it is justly entitled to from its geographical position and its expanding commercial importance. The figures he was enabled to quote show an enormous recent development and a position in trade and commerce superior to that of any other province outside of Ontario and Quebec. The tonnage of the shipping inwards and outwards in British and foreign bottoms he showed to be as follows at the four principal seaports:

	Tons
Victoria	1,914,672
Vancouver	835,573
Nanaimo	771,119
Comox	246,520
Total	3,713,884

The principal ports of Eastern Canada, *according to the official statistics* compiled on the same plan, showed *the following tonnage*:

Montreal	2,181,148
Halifax	1,239,478
Quebec	1,066,312
Yarmouth, N. S.	380,137
North Sydney, N. S.	314,470
Sydney, N. S.	181,930

The most striking feature of Senator Macdonald's statement was his comparison of the trade of British Columbia and the resulting contributions to the revenue, with that of the two favored Eastern Maritime Provinces, which get a lion's share of political favors of all sorts. Here are the figures:

IMPORTS.

	1896.	1898.
Brit'h Columbia	10,576,661	16,919,717
Nova Scotia	8,336,820	6,949,216
New Brunswick	5,406,648	4,925,662

EXPORTS

Brit'h Columbia	10,576,551	16,919,717
Nova Scotia	10,999,160	10,920,956
New Brunswick	7,907,911	11,166,218

REVENUE FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA.

	1896	1898.
Customs Duty	$1,306,738	$2,213,597
Inland revenue	294,483	423,795
Postoffice receipts	156,882	257,822
Fishery revenue	26,410	47,864
Total	$1,794,113	$2,944,376

Another item of revenue taken through British Columbia to which he called attention, was the Chinese tax which in 1898 yielded the large total of $81,152. Senator Macdonald made a clear and forcible statement of the strong case he had to present.

Hon. David Mills, leader of the Government in the Senate, in answering stated that he could not say whether British Columbia is to get either cabinet representation or a fair recognition of her claims to expenditure on public works. He insinuated that Mr Macdonald was not sincere because last year he voted against the Yukon Railway bargain, part of that road being in British Columbia. Sir Mackenzie Bowell warmly commended Mr Macdonald for pressing the claims of British Columbia and defended the vote the Senator had given on the Yukon bill, which he said will be more than justified in when Mr. Coste's report on the project comes down.—Cor. Victoria Colonist.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY QUESTION

The Modus Vivendi Stated Now to Be Quite Problematical.

Washington, April 21.—An unexpected delay has occurred in the negotiations toward the Alaskan boundary modus vivendi which makes the future of the modus vivendi quite problematical. Extended conferences on the subject were held today, the result being far from encouraging. The principal difficulty arises from dealing with Ottawa as well as London, this dual negotiation causing great delay and complications. At the outset the United States proposed a modus vivendi with a temporary line along certain peaks. The British Ambassador forwarded this to London and Ottawa. The Canadian officials have now proposed changes in the line and after considerable delay the authorities in London approved the changes proposed by Canada.

It is not stated what the respective lines are, but they are sufficiently apart to make it quite unlikely that any immediate agreement can be reached even of a temporary nature as to the boundary.

BOSS QUAY IS REINSTATED.

He May Not However Be Allowed to Sit in the Senate.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 21.—Ex-Senator Quay has been acquitted and immediately on receipt of the news Governor Stone announced that he had appointed Quay as Senator to serve until next session of the Legislature two years hence, but it is unlikely, however, that Mr. Quay will be allowed to take his seat in the United States Senate, that body having invariably held against the seating of members appointed by Governors, when the legislature failed to elect.

BRAZEN WITNESS TAKES THE STAND

Further Revelations Regarding Tammany Hall.

SHARED WITH CROKER

Tammany Boss Seems to Have Made Great Pickings.—In Danger of Contempt

New York, April 21.—At the Mazet investigation committee today Mr. Freedman took the stand, and in the cause of cross examination Mr. Moss asked:

"What salary are you receiving?"

"*A good deal more than you are receiving.*" answered Mr. Freedman. He added that he received $15,000 a year and that he worked "very hard for it."

"Do you divide you commissions with Mr. Croker?' asked the lawyer.

"I will not say that I divide them" said Mr. Freedman, "I will say Mr. Croker receives a proportion."

Mr. Freedman said he did not give Mr. Croker any part of his salary. Mr. Mazet directed the witness to state what proportion of commissions he paid to Croker. Mr. Freedman refused to answer, on the ground that, "It was a personal nature" question.

He said the commissions paid to the Tammany leader did not amount to $50,000 a year but he refused to say if they amounted to $25,000. Mr. Mazet's order to answer the question had no effect. Mr. Moss said:

"I ask you if you ever gave Mr Croker to understand that the moneys paid him out of this company are divided."

"Mr. Croker might say that he understood that and he really did so understand it," said Mr. Freedman

It was not stock dividends as was business dividend. That covers Mr Croker."

Replying to another question, the witness said Mr. Croker might have believed that this was a stock dividend.

"But did you give him to understand that it was a stock dividend?"

"No sir."

Mr. Moss wormed out of Mr. Freedman that the profits he divided with Mr. Croker were "mostly from bonding." Mr. Moss said:

"I ask you how you can do that honestly considering the other persons interested in the business."

"Go and inquire of Mr. Platt," said Mr. Feerdman.

Mr. Moss suspended Mr. Freedman from examination for the day. Just as he left the chamber, Mr. Freedman said:

"Now gentlemen of the press, here is a statement of the business of the Platte company, and of the business of our company, a statement of the entire business."

Mr. Moss claimed this to be a flagrant contempt of committee.

"I want to say right here, "said the counsel, "that we propose to look upon this contempt business in a regular logical and orderly way, and when a sufficient number of gentlemen have but themselves in contempt of this committee we will take care of them in a bunch."

"All right" shouted Mr. Freeman. "We shall be in good company." Mr. Moss at once called him and questioned him about the statement he was handing out to the reporters. Mr Freedman absolutely declined to say who prepared the statement or to give Mr. Moss any more information except that the statement would appear in all the morning papers.

MUST NOT NOW RETIRE.

What the Saturday Review Thinks of the Anti-Imperialists.

London, April 21.—The Saturday Review commenting upon General Lawton's retirement from the Santa Cruz district of Laguna de Bay, says: "Unpatriotic politicians in the United States are doing their utmost to create a panic in the hope that the Philippines may be abandoned and the party in power discredited. It is an ignoble game and we sincerely trust it will be unsuccessful. If the Americans retire from their self-appointed task the great republic must take the brand of 'coward' as well as the brand of 'Cain' with which Lowell declared it to be marked."

OPPOSITION CYCLING LEAGUE.

Trenton, N. J., April 21.—The National Cycling Association organized some months ago to conduct bicycle races in opposition to the League of American Wheelmen was incorporated here today under the laws of New Jersey. The company is capitalized at $20,000. The incorporators are Chas. P. Bloemecle, Newark; Nat Salsbury and Frederick. House, Jersey City; John B. Lashley, Washington, and Ames Batchelder, New York.

IRISH POET DEAD.

London, April 21.—Michael Hogan the Irish poet is dead.

A WELL CONTESTED FIGHT.

Jimmy Handler Obtains a Verdict After Twelve Hard Rounds.

New York, April 21.—One of the hardest and fastest fistic battles which has ever been seen in a roped arena was witnessed tonight by the patrons of the Broadway Athletic Club.

Jimmy Handler of New York who is a protege of Bob Fitzsimmons, and Dick O'Brien of Lewiston, Maine, were matched to fight 25-rounds at 150 pounds. The match was made catch weights. Handler at first refused to go on when he saw his adversary turn the scale at 161 pounds against his 149½, but he finally decided to enter the ring. In the opening rounds O'Brien went all over his man and floored him frequently with sharp rights. Handler, however, recovered quickly and went after his bulky opponent in lively style. In the eighth round it looked as if Handler had a "cinch". He had O'Brien on the ropes and was landing right and left. O'Brien recovered quickly and soon had Handler on queer street.

In the twelfth O'Brien opened lively work landing Handler to the ropes. Handler landed a double blow on the chest and cheek that staggered O'Brien and repeating it, O'Brien fell on the ropes. O'Brien was about out when the gong stopped him.

When time was called for the next round O'Brien's seconds threw up the sponge saying that their man had enough and Handler was declared the winner.

LINER MANITOBAN DISABLED.

Another Sealing Vessel Arrives With a Very Large Catch.

St. Johns, Nfld., April 21.—The Allan Liner Manitoban, Captain Buchanan, sailing from Liverpool, April 1, for St. Johns, Halifax and Philadelpia was sighted off Cape Race three days ago, apparently in distress. She should have reached here within a few hours, but she is still adrift and it is believed her machinery is disabled. Three steamers are seeking her. The sealing vessel Terra Nova, Jackman, master, arrived tonight with probably the heaviest catch of the entire fleet.

Only three others are now pursuing, the hunt, the Diana, Walrus and Nimrod, all of which will probably be here within two or three days.

DECISION ANXIOUSLY AWAITED.

If Opportunity is Missed, Imperial Interests May Be Sacrificed.

London, April 22.—The Johannesburg correspondent of the Times says:

"The Imperial Government's decision is anxiously awaited in response to the petition recently forwarded through Mr. Conyngham Greene, British agent and Charge d' Affaires at Pretoria.

Everything indicates that the Transvaal would yield to pressure on behalf of the petitioners, but if the present opportunity is missed capitalists will almost certainly make peace with the Boer Government at the expense possibly of Imperial interests."

WILL BE EXTRADITED.

Albany, N. Y., April 21.—Governor Roosevelt today issued a requisition on the President for an application to the Government of the Dominion of Canada to deliver to the authorities of this state Israel Goldstone, who is under arrest at St. John, N. B., for having assaulted a little girl named Line Friemmen, in Utica, in January last. Goldstone skipped a bail of $6,000 and was arrested in St. John by the postmark of a letter received from him by a relative in Utica.

THE METAL MARKET.

New York, April 21—Copper, firm; brokers', $11⅞; exchange, $8⅜.

Lead, easier; brokers', $4.10; exchange, $4.30 to $4.32½.

Tin, easier, Straits, $24⅞ to $25. Plates quiet.

Bar silver, 59⅝; Mexican dollars, 47¾.

London, April 21.—Copper, closing; Spot, £77 5s. Futures, £76. 10s. The market was slow. Sales spot, 500 tons; futures, 1,900 tons.

LEAGUE GAMES.

New York, April 21.—At Washington—Washington, 3; Boston, 7.

At New York—New York, 1; Baltimore, 5.

At Louisville—Louisville, 11; Cleveland, 4.

At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 3; Chicago, 6.

At Philadelphia—Brooklyn, 6; Philadelphia, 4.

At St. Louis—St. Louis, 6; Pittsburg, 5.

At Reading—Reading, 1; Montreal, 2.

MAY NOT SELL NEGROES.

Richmond, Ky., April 21.—The Kentucky law under which so many negroes in the last 20 years have been sold on the block for a term of years in punishment for vagrancy, has been at last declared unconstitutional. The decision was made by Judge Scott in the case of Ben Burton.

MILITARY REFORMED.

London, April 21.—The Times which prints this morning extracts of the various criticisms of Major Hutton on the condition of the Canadian forces says: "It is to be hoped that the reforms suggested will assume practical shape without delay. Patriotism demands the sacrifice entailed."

MICHAEL DAVITT'S TRAITOROUS LETTER

Hates His Country and Warns Her Foes

AUSTRIA IS JEALOUS

The Anglo-American Reapproachment Appears to Alarm the Continental Nations.

Berlin, April 21.—Herr Wilhelm Liebknecht, the socialist leader, has received a letter from Mr. Michael Davitt, nationalist member of British Parliament for South Mayo, in which the writer says he is able to confirm from his knowledge that the charges recently brought in the London Truth against the London Missionary Society by Mr. Lloyd Osborne, stepson of the late Robert Louis Stevenson, who characterized the social antagonistism to Mataafa, who is a Roman Catholic, as the whole cause of the quarrel in Samoa."

Mr. Davitt describes Chief Justice Chambers as nominally an American, but in reality an Englishman who is anxious to promote an Anglo-American alliance. He expresses hatred of England and warns the Germans against making the American nation answerable for the blameworthy attitude of one or two persons.

"All the trouble" says Mr. Davitt, "is due to English intrigues. You may rely upon the United States settling matters honorably and fairly as soon as they know the real origin of their riots."

London, April 22.—The Vienna correspondent of the Times, dwelling on "The displeasure and jealousy which America's Naval and Military prowess, coupled with her reapproachment to Great Britain has produced throughout Austria-Hungry, intensifying the apprehension long held here regarding her astounding industrial and commercial progress" quotes an editorial from the "Vaterland," the clerical organ, on the Samoan embroglio.

Vaterland describes the Samoan affair as, "One of the most important subjects of European state policy and international diplomacy that can arise for a long time to come." The editorial continues in the following vein:

"The first shot Admiral Kantz fired at Samoa was the initiation of the policy of aggression against Europe, the commencement of a struggle for naval supremacy."

The Vaterland attributes most of the difficulties confronting not only the German races but all continental powers, to the "Shylock" policy of Great Britain and to American commercial complications. It regards the Anglo-American combination as superior in naval and economic strength to the double or the triple alliance.

LITTLE ENGLANDERS BEATEN.

The Troops in South Africa Will Not Be Reduced.

London, April 21.—In the House of Commons this evening, while the estimates were under consideration, the the advanced radicals raised the question of the increase of the British troops at the Cape from 3,000 to 9,000 in two years. They suggested that this was intended to coerce the Transvaal and moved a reduction in the vote. The Committee rejected the motion to reduce the estimates by a large majority.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the opposition leader, said that such a permanent increase was a grave matter. Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury and Government Leader in the House, appealed to the committee not to continue an irritating discussion. He declared that the idea of coercion "was too extravagant to dwell upon," and had never entered the mind of any responsible person. The increase he said, was due to the necessity of protecting coaling stations and, in part, "to conceivable possibilities that might arise."

BROKEN PROMISES AVENGED.

Irate Citizens Tear up Rails of Unfaithful Railway Co.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 21.—The North Side Citizen's Association and a large number of residents of the North Side tore up 400 feet of tracks on the Butternut street division of the Syracuse Rapid Transit Railway Company. A car of that division was stoned and its windows broken and the service was abandoned. The cause of the trouble was the failure on the part of the company to keep promises made to run its cars over the entire length of its tracks instead of only a portion. The work of tearing up the tracks was under the supervision of a committee from the Association and was sanctioned by the Mayor of the city. The tracks were taken up and thrown into a gully.

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GIVE US JUSTICE.

We reproduce elsewhere some Ottawa correspondence of the Victoria Colonist. It is a synopsis of a speech made in the Senate the other day by a British Columbia representative, Mr. Macdonald, calling attention to the rapidly growing importance of this Province, to its heavy contributions to the public revenue, to its claim to representation in the Cabinet, and to its further and indisputable claim to increased public expenditure. These are matters that have not yet sunk deep enough into the minds of the people here, and until they do we may be sure the politicians at Ottawa will continue to neglect us. Just now Nelson has a delegate at the capital, pressing an application for a grant for buildings in this City that are necessary for the proper and even decent accommodation of Government business. We say necessary, and are sure that no one familiar with the position as it is today will dispute the word. Being necessary, they should be supplied. But there are circumstances perhaps under which it is possible a Government would be justified in delaying the necessary. If the public business here yielded but little revenue, the Government could hardly be expected to put itself out in providing expenditure for accommodating it. That is so far from being the case, however, that the revenue derived from it is very large relatively and very considerable absolutely. We contribute more than any City of our size in the East, many of which are furnished with elaborate public buildings. We have, therefore, a good right to recognition, and should the Government deny us there will be substantial ground for complaint.

What is true of Nelson locally is true of the Province generally. It is by many degrees the largest contributor to the public revenue, in proportion to population, in the entire Dominion. As a matter of fact it ranks third in the list of Provinces. A tremendous trade is done here. The shipping tonnage of Victoria alone is nearly as great as that of Montreal, to accommodate which millions of public money have been expended. The figures are, Victoria, 1,914,672 tons; Montreal, 2,181,148 tons. Our entire tonnage exceeds that of all the Atlantic coast exclusive of Montreal. Last year we imported and paid duty on goods whose value was several millions in excess of the entire importation of all the Maritime Provinces in the East. Yet they have three representatives in the Cabinet, and have been literally revelling in public expenditures for decades. It is essential that we should become saturated with these facts as soon as possible, for Ministers will never stir a hand to give us justice until pressed by our representatives, and our representatives will not stir themselves until persuaded that the people have a full appreciation of the position of things and are desperately in earnest over it. As soon as they realise that we have strong feelings in the matter, and are likely to vote as we feel, justice will be done us, and not before.

NOT A LOCAL AFFAIR.

A Provincial newspaper that supports the Corbin charter argues that it should be granted because demanded by that portion of the country more particularly affected than any other, the Boundary district. There must be some stronger argument than that before Parliament would be justified in a course directly calculated to divert Canadian trade from Canada. This is something more than a mere local affair. More than the Boundary country is concerned. If that region were the only one interested, there would be no excuse for refusing it all the railway competition it could possibly secure. The whole of British Columbia, however, is as much interested as that particular portion of it, and the interest extends far beyond the Provincial boundaries. No one has any right to claim that the Province as a whole is favorable to a Corbin charter; the presumption, in fact, is the other way, for the last and only declaration by the legislature was against it. That declaration stands until reversed, and it is doubtful if it ever will be reversed. But even should British Columbia favor it, there is the broader and higher consideration of general public policy. British Columbia has no right to insist on a policy that would be prejudicial to the Dominion as a whole, nor can the Boundary country insist on a policy that would be injurious to the Province.

It would never do to have our public affairs administered and matters of public policy determined according to the interests or wishes of any particular locality. If we are ever to amount to anything as a nation we must take a broader view than that. Probably the Boundary country would be very glad of another railway, but those responsible for the good government of the Dominion have to consider the effect on more than the Boundary country before they can give their consent to it.

It is not often a British Columbia citizen enjoys the distinction of influencing an election in Ontario, but such would appear to be the privilege of Sir Hibbert Tupper today. If he did not elect the Liberal member for Brockville on Thursday, he probably contributed more to it than any other person. Brockville is the home of Major Walsh, and the vote for Mr. Comstock was Brockville's protest against the charge of drunkenness and immorality made in the House a few weeks ago, to the complete amazement of Major Walsh's thousands of friends all over the country. Many of them who have known him intimately for years never knew of his being drunk, and believed him to be a total abstainer. But a total abstainer or not, he is neither a dissipated nor a dissolute character, and when he was charged with being both by Sir Hibbert Tupper there was naturally much resentment among his friends. At Brockville they are legion, and their resentment took the form of a ballot marked against the Conservative candidate. It was less a Government triumph than a vindication of Major Walsh's private character.

CURRENT COMMENT.

That Postal Service Again.

Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann are asking parliament for authority to build a railway from some point on the Stickine to Teslin Lake and thence to Dawson; also to build from the Stickine to an ocean port in British Columbia and a branch from Fort Selkirk to Lynn Canal. Some difficulty seems to have arisen by reason of the failure of the applicants to produce proof of an advertisement of the application in Dawson. The Colonist happens to know that the promoters were looking for copies of a Dawson paper containing their advertisement for they applied to it for the same. Probably the omission is another proof of the beauties of Mr. Mulock's postal arrangements.—Victoria Colonist.

Involved But Sound.

It is surely desirable in the general public interest that our magisterial authorities should deal sternly—more sternly than the decision in a recent notable local police case indicated—with the misdeeds of a class of men who make, not earn, a most discreditable living at the cost of a very unfortunate element in the community. Recent strengthening of the British criminal law has rendered such fellows liable to conviction, involving fairly long terms of imprisonment—as rogues and vagabonds and as a result has caused a large exodus of the toughs in question from some of the more populous cities of the United Kingdom.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

FIFTEEN-BARRELLED RIFLE.

Vienna, April 21.—The military papers announce the invention of a 15-barrelled quick-firing rifle, carrying 15 cartridges at a time and firing 45 per minute. The weapon has been successfully tested at the imperial arsenal.

WILL INSPECT BRITISH FLEET.

Sassari Island of Sardinia, April 21.—King Humbert and Queen Margherita left here this afternoon for Arinci Bay on the northeast coast of the Island, where they will visit the British evolutionery squadron tomorrow which will be there in compliment to the presence of their Majesties in Sardinia.

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TO CLOSE EARLY

MEETING OF THE RETAILERS HELD LAST NIGHT

One Grocery Firm is Standing in the Way of a General Early Closing.

If the signature of one grocery firm in the city can be secured for the agreement all the retail establishments will close at 7 p. m. on and after May 1. Only two or three firms have refused to sign as they hold out until Hyde & Titsworth agree to close early. This firm holds the key of the situation and if it refuses to close at 7 p. m., all the other grocery firms in the city will be compelled to remain open until 9 or 10 o'clock. However the movement has been so far successful as to assure the early closing of all branches of retail business outside of the grocers and May 1 will inaugurate a reform that will be greatly appreciated by employers and employes alike and will prove no inconvenience to the public.

A meeting of retailors was held in the Board of Trade room last night. Mr. T. Morley occupied the chair and Mr. Fred Irvine was appointed secretary. It was noticeable that all those present were employers who have taken the initiative in the early closing crusade and are carrying it successfully through. In many cities the employees have had to organize to bring about the same end. Those present were: T. Morley, Fred Irvine, J. H Wallace, Martin O'Reilly, H. Byers, H. M. Vincent Theo. Madson, L. Hyde, A. Shaw, M. DesBrisay, A. J. Purdy, T. J. Scanlan, John A. Irving, J. A. Kirkpatrick, A. Ferland, J. F. Weir.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. After which the chairman asked for discussion on the advisability of closing at 7 p. m. after May 1. Mr. Hyde, of Hyde & Titsworth, said that his firm handled fruits extensively and on that account he did not think it would be feasible for them to close as the principle business was done at night.

The grocery firms that did not sign the petition were Hyde & Titsworth, Morse & Royal and Simpson & Donnelly, the last mentioned, however, have agreed to close if Hyde & Titsworth would. The signatures to the agreement to close were: P. Burns, Co., West Kootenay Butcher Co., J. A. Gilker, G. O. Ross, H. N. Hendrickson, J. F. Weir, D. McArthur & Co., J. J. Walker, Fred J. Squire, A Ferland, Nelson Furniture Co. Geo. F. Motion, J. H. Loring, Patenaude Bros., A. G. Shaw, Theo. Madson Fred Irvine & Co., Martin O'Reilly & Co., Emory & Walley, Wallace & Miller, H. M. Vincent, J. A. Irving & Co., Kirkpatrick & Wilson, M. Des Brisay & Co., Morrison & Caldwell, Lillie Bros., Thomson Stationary Co., Neelands Shoe Emporium, J. R. Wray, T. J. Scanlan, Hudson's Bay Co.

As there did not seem to be any hope of pressing all the grocery firms into line the best methods to force them to close were discussed. It was pointed out that it would not be possible for the City Council to pass a bylaw until after the next session of the Legislature when the necessary power could be obtained. It was the feeling of the meeting, however, that it would be much better to settle the matter amicably.

As an evidence of the anxiety of the majority of grocers to close early Mr. Scanlan stated that if Hyde & Titsworth would close the other firms would agree to drop fruit and leave all that trade to Hyde & Titsworth. As the whole situation turned on the action of this firm it was suggested by Mr. Scanlan that a committee be appointed to endeavor to come to terms with Hyde & Titsworth. Mr. Hyde stated that he was quite willing to stop selling groceries promptly at 7 o'clock, but that he would keep the fruit department open at least until 10 o'clock. A committee of Messrs. M. DesBrisay, J. A. Irving and Scanlan was appointed to wait upon the firms that have not signed and endeavor to come to some agreement to close at 7 p. m., the committee to report at a meeting to be held on Tuesday evening next.

The meeting then adjourned until Tuesday.

NEW DENVER IS PLEASED.

The decision of the Nelson Athletic clubs to come to New Denver to celebrate May 24 was an exhibition of good taste that will stand as a lasting monument to their excellent appreciation of pure justice. New Denver has never asked favors of anyone. The best purses were put up by this town; the best inducements offered; and our committee on arrangements have had the money to back up their propositions. The action of the Nelson clubs will have the desired effect. Hereafter when one town steps quietly down in favor of another and helps to make the neighboring celebration a success; the manly element that is in the favored town will not again allow themselves to be run over by that other element that would "hog" it all but on the contrary will show an appreciation of the favor and the year following will exchange the compliment, by giving way amicably.—New Denver Ledge.

THE UNION'S ACTION.

In a recent issue of this paper it was stated that the Sandon Miners' Union had wired specifically disavowing the action of the Athabasca strikers and offering to send Union miners. The information came from unimpeachable authority, but unfortunately there was a misunderstanding in the matter. The Sandons Miners' Union took no official action, though it is understood they disapproved of the strike. An offer to send Union miners was, however, offered to and accepted by the Athabasca management, and the Union miners came, presumably with the consent of their Union.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The subject of the sermon at the Baptist Church tomorrow evening, will be "Failure and Success." The Rev. C. W. Rose will preach.

Mr. John Elliott returned yesterday from a visit to Coast cities.

Observer A. H. Holdich states that the atmospher conditions point to fair weather for today.

As will be seen by his ad in another column, Stevens, the tailor, has made a substantial reduction in the prices of his leading suits and his orders have largely increased on that account.

There will be a Rugby football practice on the Recreation ground this afternoon in view of the approaching match with Rossland. It is requested that all Rugby players will put in an appearance.

The Rossland Stock Exchange has been resuscitated. The original institution, it will be remembered, died some time ago of inanition during the quiet time in Rossland, but it has now been revived with better chances of existence.

The Crows' Nest Coal Company have secured another important customer, and are now shipping coke to the Northport smelter. This is an important step as now their coke has once begun to go across the line, indefinite possibilities of exportation open up.

The dozen Kasloites who came down to attend the ball of the Nelson Club on Thursday night left for home yesterday afternoon. They were accompanied to the boat by a large party of club members, who marched down in a body, headed by Kenneth Beaton, the piper, who was resplendent in the kilts.

The party was given a very hearty send off and will not soon forget the hospitality of the Nelson Club. The ball was a general subject of conversation yesterday and all agree that it was the greatest social event in the history of the Kootenays. Especial praise was accorded Herr Steiner's orchestra for the splendid music it provided.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Campbell-Johnston and family returned yesterday afternoon from an extended trip to the old country. Mr. Campbell-Johnson says he was detained at St. Paul for nine days by washouts on the line. While there he was joined by Mr. Roderick Robertson, also on his way back from England. Mr Robertson stopped off at Spokane, but is expected in Nelson today or tomorrow.

The following will compose the Nelson team in the hub and hub race at New Denver on the 24th of next month: George W. Steele, captain, Joseph Thompson, Harry Houston, Alfred Jeffs, George Nunn, John R. Campbell, James J. Chambers, C. Archibald, W. G. Lillie, with W. Pfeiffer and A. Perrier, spare men. The racing team will commencep racticing on May 1.

Tomorrow the C. P. R., will have two routes to the main line to offer passengers, who can go via the Slocan, leaving here at 6:30 a. m., or via Robson and the Columbia River, leaving here at 6:40 p. m. On Monday the regular service, via Columbia River, will be inaugurated. The steamers Kootenay and Minto will handle the passengers on the Columbia River while the water is low. When it raises somewhat the the Rossland will take the place of the Kootenay.

AT THE HOTELS.

The Phair—

Carley A. Ellis, Vanouver, James M. Anderson, Kaslo; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Campbell-Johnston and daughter, London, Eng; A. L. McEwen, City; J. E. Poupore, Jas. A. MacDonnell, Trail.

The Hume—

Chas. W. Busk, Kokanee Creek; C. H. Taylor, Montreal; Miss E. M. Harris, St. Johns, N. B.; E. C. Davison, Trail; T. E. Van Gilden, Cape May, N. J.; Mrs. A. Bremmer, Banff; W. J. Taaffe, Vancouver; J. A. Tepoorten, Vancouver; W. Freeding, Rossland.

COMMUNICATIONS.

HELP HOME INDUSTRY.

To the Editor of The Miner:

Sir—Will you kindly insert the following in your valuable paper? There are some 15 tailors working in Nelson, receiving not less than $2.50 per day, making between $900 and $1,000 per month paid for wages alone, which money is spent almost entirely among Nelson business houses of all kinds; besides the amount spent for rent and incidentals to running a business There are also travellers coming and going through Nelson spending their money at Nelson hotels, while doing business with local tailors. Now is it not better to build up our local business houses than to spend our money out of town where we never get any return? HOME INDUSTRY.

Nelson, April 21, 1899.

HAVE THEM MOVED.

To the Editor of The Miner:

Sir—When the present City Council came into power, it was the general impression that something would be done to render the social evil less glaringly prominent than it is at present in Nelson. But nothing has been done. Later on a petition was got up which was largely signed, praying that the abodes of these unfortunates might be removed to some less conspicuous position. What has become of the petition? Has it been presented? And if so, what reply was given?

The result of the present state of affairs is to practically proscribe one end of Nelson's principal street to the manifest advantage of the other. Surely it cannot be that any of those in authority are afraid that to grapple with the evil, would be indirectly to touch their pockets? How much longer is this going to continue? The "piano-end" of Nelson is a scandal, and a bye word throughout the Province.

Why does not the City Council step in and move these women? It would hurt no one, not even the women themselves, as those who own their lots would find their holdings increased in value when that part became built up, and we who have wives and families would be spared a ceaseless scandal and annoyance. Yours truly,

ALTIORA PETO.

Nelson, April 21, 1899.

JAMAICA IS FRIGHTENED.

The Press Wants a Reciprocity Treaty With United States.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 21.—The dispatches from Washington referring to the tariff here discriminating against American trade continues to exercise the public mind and is creating a feeling of general unrest in commercial and industrial circles. In the legislature, Mr. Burke, leader of the representatives, voiced this feeling denouncing discrimination against Americans, and urging that the threatend retaliation meant ruin.

The Jamaican newspapers express the hope tha the threat of retaliation from Washington will compel the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, to permit negotiations for a reciprocity treaty.

BRITTANIA AGAIN SOLD.

London, April 21.—The Field understands that the cutter yacht Brittania, recently the property of Mr. Daniel Copper, of Newmarket, who bought her from Mr. Ernest Terah Hooley, the bankrupt promoter, has been sold by him, and will compete for the Kaiser's cup in the June races.

THE SPY ESCAPED.

Berlin, April, 21.—Sergeant Major Albrecht of the 129th regiment who was arrested at Brombery, Prussia, and was being taken in chains to Spandau nine miles from here where the state prison is situated has escaped from his guards and has not yet been recaptured. He was charged with high treason in disclosing to Russian agents detailed plans of the German fortifications, and plans for mobilizing the army of Germany.

Meteorological Report,

(Observations taken by A. H. Holdich.

DATE	DAY	HIGHEST	LOWEST	SNOW FALL	BAROMETER
Apr 15	Saturday	58.0	33.0	0.00	27.70
Apr 16	Sunday	52.2	38.0	0.10	27.90
Apr 17	Monday	52 0	31.0	0.02	27.75
Apr 18	Tuesday	52	36.0	0.06	27.80
Apr 19	Wed'day	55.0	32.0	0.01	28.15
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Apr 21	Friday	54.0	36.0	0.00	27.95

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ROYAL SEAL CIGAR

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CRESTON, B. C.

AUCTION SALE

OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Acting on instructions from Mr. F. S. Andrews, who is about leaving the city, we shall on

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26th, 1899

at 2 p.m., sell by Public Auction, absolutely without reserve, the entire contents of his residence, 3rd house from Stanley Street on Carbonate St., next door to Mayor Neelands' residence, consisting of:

Large extension oak dining table, oak bookcase and desk, magnificent oak side board, set dining room chairs in solid oak, oak hall rack, drawing room chairs, sofas and bric-a-brac, 2 fine solid oak bedroom sets, 4 extra fine Wilton rugs, hall and stair carpets, lace curtains, kitchen and heating stoves, linoleums, bath, refrigerator, Patent kitchen table and many other household articles too numerous to mention.

All these articles are in excellent condition, *being in use less than a year. This is an excellent* opportunity to get good furniture at your own price as Mr. Andrews has put no reserve on anything and the quality of the goods is ahead of anything we have ever offered for sale here.

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MISCELLANEOUS

MUSIC LESSONS.—On piano organ or guitar, by Mrs. W. J. Astley, Robson street two doors west of Stanley. P. O. Box 180.

MUSIC LESSONS—Singing and Piano, by Mrs. Sydney Oliver, Observatory street, two doors west of Stanley.

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SITUATION WANTED—By a first-class hotel or restaurant cook. City or country. Address P. O. Box 245 Nelson.

WHAT THE DELEGATES DID.

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of us were aware of the intention to propose the change, and we were therefore unable to make known to you, our representative, the disastrous effects which we believe will follow the enforcement of such legislation. That you being absent from the House at the time, and most of the members being unfamiliar with the conditions of mining in this district, the Legislative Assembly was influenced by the opinion of an individual member, whose mine owning constituents were unaware of his intention to introduce such legislation.

"With reference to the third reason submitted, we have by inquiry among the employees of our mines elicited the statement that they have been satisfied with the already existing conditions, both as to hours of labor and rate of wages, and we are convinced from our experience that miners in this district have not suffered in health or well-being from laboring underground ten hours a day.

"*5th.*—We beg also to point out that the mines in this district cannot be classed among the dividend payers, and that any material increase over the present cost of working would render our operations so much less likely to be profitable that we have reluctantly determined that, rather than continue work at increased cost, we will discontinue operations.

"*6th.*—That no greater evil can befall us than the beginning of labor troubles, from which we have hitherto been free, and that the example of New Zealand, as showing the disastrous effects of strikes in making it impossible to induce capitalists to supply funds for the development of a country, is a warning that should be heeded.

"*7th.*—That some of us have already, by fair trial, proven that the cost of working per foot, with three shifts of eight hours each, is considerably greater than with two shifts of ten hours each, at the same rate of wage per shift, and that, although it might be possible that during a month of trial that men might so overexert themselves to prove that this would not be the case, in a short time the result of our experience would prove to be correct, and we consider that the situation would only be rendered more difficult, and no good end accomplished, by another experiment.

"*8th.*—Some of us have recently returned frem Europe having succeeded ourselves, and being aware of the success of others, in arranging for a large amount of capital for the development of mines in this district during the coming season, and we feel in a position to state that, if the provisions of the section of the Act to which we object be enforced, very little, if any, of the promised capital will be obtainable.

"We have commissioned Captain Duncan and J. J. Campbell to present our request to you and to provide you with such further information as to our views upon the subject as you may desire.

"Yours Obediently."

The following petition, expressing the conviction that the enforcement of this legislation would most disastrously affect the business interests of Nelson, was also signed by every business man of this city who had an opportunity to do so, and was presented by H. G. Neelands, Mayor of the City of Nelson :—

NELSON, APRIL 1, 1899.

"*To the Honorable*
"*Minister of Mines,*
"*Victoria, B. C.*

"SIR :—

"We the undersigned electors respectfully beg to ask you, as our representative, to do everything in your power to prevent the disaster which we foresee to us and to the district in which we are interested through the enforcement of the legislation passed at the last session of the Legislature, affecting the hours of underground labor in the metalliferous mines.

"From our intercourse with the miners in the neighborhood of this town, we are convinced that they have been satisfied with the wages they have been earning and with their hours of labor, and from our knowledge of the conditions we believe that they are better off than the miners of the United States, from where many of them have come in order to better their circumstances here. We have invested our money in this place, and have staked much on its growth and prosperity from the increased working of present mines and the development of new ones ; and if, as we believe to be the case, this interference with the free right of contract of employer and employee be persisted in, we anticipate that present operations will be greatly reduced, and that the opening of new mines and the development of the country generally will receive a heavy blow from the frightening away of capital, which is well known to be very timorous where there is a danger of labor troubles. The results which we anticipate would be so ruinous to us, whose business is dependent upon the prosperity and growth of the mining industry, and to the district as a whole, that we cannot too strongly urge upon you to leave nothing undone, or to take any action however strong or unusual, to prevent any interference with the state of things which has hitherto existed here with regard to the relations between employer and employee.

"Yours Obediently."

The Government, after giving the petitions consideration, decided that it would in the meantime refuse the necessary permission to anyone to prosecute for an infraction, and would instruct the Inspector of Mines to that effect; and promised that it would proceed to obtain the views of the people of the Kootenay districts upon the subject through their members for guidance as to future action, thus rendering the law temporarily inoperative, and if it should in the end be decided that it was the wish of the electors in those districts that the provisions of the amendment should be enforced, notice would be published for one month in the *British Columbia Gazette* before any prosecution would be permitted.

From the standpoint of the working miner, there is no doubt that, although he may be attracted by the idea of a shortened day, with the hope that there will be no accompanying reduction of wage, this move is distinctly inimical to his best interests. It is plain that the greater the demand for labor, the better it is for the man who has labor to sell, and if conditions are brought about which reduce the present and probable future amount of labor employed, by rendering it unprofitable to operate mines or prospects (excepting those which have such quantities of high grade ore, combined with other facilities, as to make it possible to profitably operate them at a largely increased cost), the working miner is bound to suffer from the effects of the lessened market for his labor. This regulation would, moreover, take away from him his liberty of action, and, by refusing to allow him, even when working as a contractor, paid by the foot, to increase his earnings over those of less industrious workmen, would make it more difficult for him to improve his condition.

The fact that most of the mine owners operating mines in the Slocan, Nelson and Ymir districts, after due consideration, agreed that if the eight-hour law was enforced they would offer their miners lower wages, and, if these were not accepted, would close down their mines, proves that with an eight-hour day we would have smaller earnings by the miners, or a disastrous conflict between capital and labor.

It has been proven, by a fair test in the Silver King Mine, working in the same ground at the same rate per foot, that the same men who earned $4.10 per day, working ten hours, only earned $3.60 per day, working eight hours; which disposes of the claim that men will do nearly as much work in eight hours as in ten; and it is the opinion of physicians that men will suffer more in health from working eight hours continuously, with a brief interval of fifteen minutes in which to eat luncheon, than by working for five hours, which is reduced in practice to nearer four hours and a half, going out to dinner, and returning refreshed and rested to work another shift of nominally five hours.

The effect upon capital has already been felt in this district, where the purchase of a property for $300,000, upon which it had been planned to put 75 men to work at once, has been stopped, pending the settlement of this question.

This is not a matter in which mine owners and miners are alone interested. Every man who owns property, or who is earning his living in the country, should realize that a measure which keeps capital out of the country, which reduces the earning power of those in it, which reduces the total production of the mines, and which is likely to lead to the closing down of many of those now in operation, is one that it is to his interest to oppose; and it can be easily seen that merchants, whose business depends upon the operation of the mines, will suffer more quickly and perhaps more severely from such a state of affairs than the mine owners, many of whom can afford to allow the money to lie idle until changed conditions render it profitable to resume operations, and in the meantime direct their attention to other fields inviting investment.

Trusting that due consideration may lead you to give us the benefit of your co-operation in preventing the evils dreaded by having such strong representations made to your member as will warrant him in recommending the Government to prevent the operation of the law till next session,

We are,

Yours faithfully,

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