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FIERCE FIGHTING AT LADYSMITH

General White Inflicts Very Heavy Loses on the Boers.

ATTACKS WERE BRAVELY REPULSED.

The Miner Special Tells the Story in White's Words. Four Hundred Boers Were Made Prisoners. A Buller Rumor.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

London, Jan. 8.—(2:45 p. m.)—The War Office has just published the following dispatch from General Buller, Frere Camp, Natal, January 8:

The following is from General White dated 2 p. m. yesterday: "An attack was commenced on my position but was chiefly against Caesar's Camp and Wagon Hill. The enemy was in great strength and pushed the attack with the greatest courage and energy. Some of our entrenches on Wagon Hill were three times taken by the enemy and retaken by us. The attack continued until 7:30 p. m. One point in our position was occupied by the enemy the whole day, but at dusk in a very heavy rainstorm they were turned out of this position at the point of the bayonet in a most gallant manner by the Dev ons, led by Colonel Park. Colonel Ian Hamilton commanded on Wagon Hill and rendered valuable services. The troops have had a very trying time and have behaved excellently. They are slated at the service they have rendered the Queen. The enemy were repulsed every where with great loss, greatly exceeding that on my side which will be reported as soon as the lists are completed."

London, Jan. 8.—A story from Frere Camp confirms the report contained in General Buller's dispatch that all three of the Boer assaults were pressed with the greatest determination, but were successfully repulsed; that many Boers were killed and that 400 were made prisoners, while the garrison suffered only slight losses. So far as known General Buller's demonstration against Colenso had little effect. In spite of heavy artillery fire the Boers did not reply and the only effect of the shrapnel shell reported was that it caused 100 Boers and their horses to stampede from the camp between Colenso and Grobler's kloof. Telegrams from Rensburg say several officers and 30 men of the Suffolks were killed and about 50 captured. General French announces that the Essex Regiment has been sent to replace the Suffolks.

London, Jan. 8.—(6:15 p. m.)—A rumor is current in the city that General Buller has crossed the Tugela River, captured 12 guns, and is now marching on to Ladysmith.

New York, Jan. 8.—Referring to the South African situation under Sunday morning's date the London correspondent of the Tribune says: "General Buller's army was in readiness to move upon the enemy's works yesterday after systematic scouting all along the line from Springfield to Ilangwana. There were two strongly fortified positions at each end of the defensive line, running sixteen miles on the opposite bank with the guns commanding every fording place.

London, Jan. 8.—General French reports a serious accident to the First Suffolk Regiment. Four companies of the regiment attacked a Boer position. Lieutenant Colonel Watson is command was wounded and a retreat ordered. Seventy were taken prisoners, including seven officers.

London, Jan. 8.—A private of the Irish Rifles who fought at Stormburg in a letter home says that when General Gatacre saw the position the guide had led the troops into he shot the guide down with his own revolver.

London, Jan 8.—Lord De La Warr, in a graphic description of the battle of Magersfontein, says: It is useless to disguise the fact that a large percentage of the troops are losing heart for a campaign composed of a succession of frontal attacks on an invisible foe, securely intrenched and unreachable. Our men fought admirably but they were asked to perform miracles. Don't blame them and don't blame the gallant general who was the first victim of the terrible disaster which overcame the Highland Brigade. They marched in quarter column to their doom. General Wauchope's last words were: "For God's sake men, do not blame me for this," and it will gladden the hearts of his numerous friends. There was no accord between Generals Methuen and Wauchope in regard to the best methods of attack. General Methuen's plan prevailed and the mistake cost 700 men.

(Associated Press Dispatch.)

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 8.—The War Office has given its sanction to sending a staff of four nurses with the second contingent to South Africa. The following ladies have accordingly been chosen for the nursing staff: Miss Horne, Montreal; Miss Richardson, Regina; Miss Delsarah Hurcombe, Ottawa; Miss MacDonald, Pictou, N. S.

London, Jan. 9.—(3:30 a. m.)—General White holds out, or did so sixty hours ago when the Boers, ousted from their foothold inside the works, suspended their assault at night fall. England has taken heart. The situation, however, is still causing much anxiety. The beleaguered force have expended a large amount of ammunition which cannot be replenished and must have lost a number of officers and men which is counterbalanced, so far as the garrison is concerned, by the greater loss of the Boers.

The entrenchments at Ladysmith, as described in a message that left a day or two before the fight and has just come through, are fortified hills, well covered with rifle pits and trenches down which the infantry move in single file to the various posts in absolute safety. Full rations are still served, but no whiskey or tobacco.

Mr. Spence Wilson in the Morning Post points out that there is one division only at Chieveley, another at Frere, and a third at Estcourt. As Chieveley is 17 miles from Colenso, the second division would have had to march 12 miles to get in to action and the third division 22 miles. General Buller's 30,000 men and seventy guns were therefore almost inactive on Saturday and when General White heliographed General Buller could really make no move but an ineffective demonstration.

London, Jan. 9.—The Times publishes the following dated Jan. 6, from Modder River: "News from Belmont show the Queensland and Canadian volunteers have been so energetic in that neighborhood that a large belt of the Free State, across the border has been deserted by the Boers."

London, Jan. 9.—The Boer agents, according to the Cairo correspondent of the Daily Mail, are evading British vigilance respecting the importation of ammunition. The report says: "A large quantity of quick firing ammunition goes to Ras Jibentil from which point it is conveyed by dhows along the coast, or transported to vessels bound for Portuguese ports in East Africa. French steamers touching at Ras Jibnetil before reaching Aden contrive to evade search by transhipping at Madagascar to steamers apparently not connected with European lines. In this way they escape suspicion."

London, Jan. 9.—England is preparing fresh armaments and 22 transports will be on the way to South Africa during the present month. According to the programme 25,000 additional troops and 22 guns will soon be afloat. The Government has ordered the Maxims to manufacture as many 4.7 inch and six-inch quick firers as can be turned out until otherwise notified.

Lord Dunraven, in the Times this morning, returns to his arraignment of the War Department for the inferiority of British artillery. He says: "It is useless for the Government to contend that our artillery is equal to that of foreign nations since the Boers have longer range mobile guns."

Messrs. Wornher Beit & Co., diamond merchants, have donated £50,000 to the fund for the equipment of Yeomanry.

It is understood that the War Office has received some figures on the casualties in the Saturday attack upon Ladysmith, but not the list itself. These have not yet been made public.

London, Jan. 9.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News, in a dispatch dealing somewhat at length with the question of the seizure of German vessels by British warships, says: "It cannot be denied that the idea of an anti-British coalition is very popular here. Hopes are now being placed on Russia. Without being pessimistic I must say that the present juncture is extremely critical. As matters stand only the fact that no power wishes to take the initiative prevents such a coalition from being brought about."

Berlin, Jan. 8.—The Foreign Office this evening authorized the following statement: "Germany recognizes the right of search within certain specific limits. Among the points enumerated in the protest filed in London is one contending that England has exceeded these limits. No answer has yet been received to this protest." On being asked whether it was correct that joint action on the part of the powers in the matter of seizure was under way, a high official of the Foreign Office replied that such action might have to be taken if the seizures did not cease. He asserted that Russia was asking such joint action in regard to the interruption of telegraphic communication with South Africa, but he denied formally the report that Germany had sounded Washington about the feasibility of such joint action. The question of the seizures will come up in the Reichstag as soon as Count Von Buelow has expressed a willingness to answer an interpellation, which the Conservatives will plan possibly for the opening day of the session, at any rate, before the end of the week an extended reply will be solicited from the Foreign Secretary, who will review events from the outset until those of most recent occurrence. It is also expected that he will divulge the terms of the secret treaty with Great Britain.

THE CHAPLEAU.

M. L. Weyl is in Nelson on behalf of the Parisian shareholders in the Chapleau Mining Company, operating the mine of that name. He has just returned from a visit to the property an has cabled Paris that the mine is in splendid condition. M. Weyl returns to Paris in a day or two when the transfer will be completed and the bond taken up.

The development on the Chapleau consists of three tunnels. No. 1 is in 90 feet, No. 2, 100 feet and No. 3 156 feet, all driven and on the vein. A winsze is being sunk from No. 3 tunnel at a distance of 140 feet. This winze is now down 25 feet and will be sunk 50 feet further to assist in the location of the big cross cut tunnel which will give a depth of 300 feet below the present workings. The ore is free milling and concentrating, and the vein is said to be six feet wide, averaging $36 to the ton. A 10-stamp mill will be erected in the spring, and sufficient power will be provided to drive 20-stamps.

MORE MANSFIELD MONEY.

Ernest Mansfield leaves today for Kaslo, with the object of getting a discount on the purchase of the Twin Lakes, Green Lake, Apex and Crescent groups of claims, situated in Camp Mansfield. These are under bond for $30,000, $4,000 having been already paid. If satisfactory terms can be arranged, the purchase will be immediately settled. He will return tomorrow and settle with the vendor of the Tony and Glacier groups of claims in the same district, the vendors of these—Messrs. Bradshaw, Clough & Long, of Slocan City, having submitted a proposition which has been accepted. The payment for the purchase of these will be completed this week.

Mr. Mansfield visits New Denver and Slocan City this week for the purpose of obtaining options on two groups of claims if he succeeds, as he no doubt will, work will be commenced right away and continued till his return. On these claims there is a large quantity of shipping ore ready for stoping, and they are already well known throughout the Kootenay Country. The immediate cash outlay involved in these deals will amount to $50,000.

THE CANADIAN FUND.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 8.—His Excellency, the Governor-General, attended a Cabinet meeting of Ministers today for the purpose of discussing the proposed establishment of a Canadian patriotic fund.

LOOKING FOR MORE TROUBLE.

(Special Despatch to The Miner.)

Washington, Jan, 8—Word has been received at the State Department to the effect that the Pretoria Government refuses to recognize Consul Hollis, who went there from Lorenzo Marquez to represent the United States Government until the arrival of Secretary Hay's son; also that the Pretoria Government refuses to recognize any representative from the United States. This extraordinary attitude is causing much uneasiness in the State Department and will undoubtedly cause great excitement throughout the United States.

NO DEVELOPMENTS AT THE CAPITAL

Quiet and Uneventful Sitting of the Legislature.

MARTIN NOT THERE

Mr. Higgins Moves for the Correspondence on the Eight Hour Law Martin Roasted.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 8.—When the house met this afternoon, instead of the crisis coming to a head there was a placid serenity of things which become monotonous before the short sitting of two hours ended. Martin was absent, having missed yesterday's steamer and Prentice, M. P. P., member from Lillooet, was present, thus giving the Government control of the House. Therefore Mr. Turner was not ready to proceed with his motion of want of confidence in the Government this afternoon.

The absence of Martin, and the presence with the Government of Prentice, on whom the Opposition had banked so much that their whip Mr. Higgins went to Vancouver to meet him and talked to him in the secrecy of a state room during the whole passage, cast a damper on the hopes of the gentlemen to the Speaker's left. There was not much business done, for it was thought that the Opposition would devote the whole sitting to expressing want of confidence in the Government. That failing, the Government giving all information asked for and Higgins not being ready with his bills, the House rose until tomorrow afternoon at 4:10.

Perhaps the most important business of the day was the request of Higgins for correspondence regarding the Eight-Hour Law, with the object of getting the information with a view to introducing Legislation that would reconcile the differences between the miners and mine owners.

ROUGH ON MARTIN.

Victoria, Jan. 8.—At a mass meeting held at Nanaimo, a supposed strong hold of Martin, he was roundly denounced as a traitor, and the E. & N. Railway was denounced for giving him a steamer and delaying mails.

NO FUSS.

Santo Domingo, Jan. 8.—The French warship Ceeille has arrived here. The Government has forbidden a proposed public demonstration considered by the French Consul to be injurious to France. The situation continues tranquil.

DISTRESS IN INDIA.

New York, Jan. 8.—Latest mail advices from India aver that the situation there grows darker every week. Three million are working on Government relief works. The sale of children by starving parents is becoming common. Abandoned children are found frequently. It is a famine of water. Cattle are dying off by thousands.

HE WANTS TO SETTLE IT.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—Senator Pingree today in the Senate offered a resolution authorizing the United Sates to offer mediation between Great Britain and South African Republic. He announced that it was his purpose to make a speech on the subject.

THEY NOW TALK OF A THIRD CONTINGENT

Story From Montreal Regarding the Troops.

WINNIPEG VERY LOYAL

Enthusiastic Send off Given to the Departing Soldiers.—Movement in Eastern Canada.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

Montreal, Jan. 8.—La Presse tonight says: "We learn that the Federal Government on Saturday decided to send a third contingent to South Africa."

Winnipeg, Man. Jan. 8.—Winnipeg's farewell to the Manitoba members of the second Canadian contingent this morning could not have been exceeded in enthusiasm. Early as the hour for departure was, thousands of citizens were out on the streets to give a farewell cheer and, it possible, a hand shake to their friends among the soldier boys. The crowd at the station was so great that the departure of train was delayed half an hour and even then four men in charge of officer's baggage, were left behind and had to be sent on by a light engine to overtake the train. The special consists of 15 cars, having on board eighty officers and men of "B" squadron under Major Williams all from Manitoba points; 20 men and 63 hores from Regina under Inspector Moody. The party contains some excellent specimens of manhood, and western people feel proud of their representatives.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The Governor-General attended in person, a council of Ministers this morning, to discuss his proposal for establishing a Canadian patriotic fund. The idea is something on the line of the Mansion House Fund, in the Old Country, with headquarters at Ottawa. It is not likely the Government will contribute directly, public funds to this object, but it will receive the support of all the leading public men individually.

The Minister of Militia has been advised to allow the western contingent men and horses, a rest over at Montreal or Ottawa on their way to Halifax. The suggestion is likely to be accepted. The impression is that a halt will be made here to allow the Governor-General a chance of inspection.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—The Globe staff correspondent writing from De Aar, December 3, says: "No greater contrast to our own land could be imagined. The plain is flat, seamed with occasional old water courses, two or three feet deep. A hard sun-baked reddish brown earth, not unlike Ningara Peninsula, is the base of finely powdered dust, which overlies it. At intervals of a few feet are shrubs, a few inches high. Here in this advanced position are the Royal Canadian Regiment, stationed, waiting the word to go to the front. We may go at any moment. Two million pounds sterling, worth of supplies lie here. The fighting army, one hundred and twenty-five miles north of us, is fed with a wonderful procession of trains. Upon this single track of narrow guage line, all goes with clock-work precision. The regiment arrived in two trains early this morning. The men fell in as they left the carriages and then marched off some hundred yards to the east, to a spot exactly like the rest of the plains. This is the first time the battalion had pitched camp as a battalion and arrangements necessarily were not as complete as will be the case when experience has shown each man's most fitting place in marching. A strange Sunday it was, as officers and men picked up hastily a breakfast of coffee and biscuits, and hastened through the necessary work of organization. The men have not been grumbling and have accepted the fortunes of the day with the best spirit imaginable, only when camp rumors said the Boers were about to yield and war was close upon its finish, did they repine and deep was the dismay when that report went around."

Stratford, Ont., Jan. 8.—Trooper David McKibbing, Stratford, who goes to South Africa was today presented with $50 by the City Council which will probably give the same sum to Trooper Jones of the Toronto detachment who also hails from Stratford.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 8.—On Saturday afternoon notices were issued by Captain Ducharme, calling for 12 more volunteers for the Transvaal to act as drivers and gunners for the body of artillery being sent from Quebec. There were no fewer than 400 applied for these positions, at the time appointed for the selection, Sunday morning. Twelve were selected and left by the regular express today.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—R. K. Barker today received a letter from his son Captain Bert Barker who commands "C" company of the first Canadian contingent. The letter was written on the train while en route to De Aar Junction, and gives a description of the journey and the arrival at the place of destination. All the members of "C" company were with Captain Barker and in good health and spirits. A tremendous wind storm was in progress when the troops reached De Aar, and Captain Barker stated it was impossible to move around without getting one's eyes full of sand. Four lady nurses with the contingent had gone to the base hospital at Queensberg.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 8.—Many flags floated today in honor of the St. John volunteers for the mounted infantry contingent, who left tonight by train for Halifax. The men assembled at the Foslleer's club room at 7:30 and marched to Mechanic's Institute, where Mayor Sears bade farewell to the soldiers on behalf of the citizens. The big hall was full to overflowing and enthusiasm knew no bounds. Lady Tilley on behalf of the Red Cross Ladies Aid Society, presented each man with a housewife, and on behalf of the citizens Mayor Sears presented each with a sovereign.

Montreal, Jan. 8.—A London dispatch states that Sir Charles Ross, Bart., of Balmogowan Castle, Rosshire, Scotlansd, has made an offer to the Secretary of State for War to personally equip at his own expense a machine gun battery with four horses for each gun, for service in the Transvaal. The offer has been received in London with great enthusiasm.

(Sir Charles is well known in Nelson, having superintended the construction of the Bonnington Falls power works, in which he is interested. Those who know him will be greatly surprised to hear of this burst of generosity. He is evidently not a great believer in the maxim that charity should begin at home.—ED.)

Winnipeg, Man., Jan., 8.—The following announcement is made in regard to the movement of troops: Two troops of Mounted Rifles left Winnipeg today and arrive at Halifax on the 13th. Mounted Police will probably leave Regina on the 13th.

Toronto troops leave Toronto at 7 p. m., on the 12th, and will reach Halifax on the morning of the 15th. Montreal and Quebec troops leave on the 14th and 15th arriving at Halifax the 16th. "C" battery of Kingston leaves at 9 a. m. Thursday and arrives at Halifax on the 13th. "E" battery leaves Quebec at 9 a. m. on the 15th and arrive at Halifax at 4 p. m. on the 16th.

The Bank of Ottawa today started the Canadian Contingent Patriotic Fund. The organization was started Saturday at Government House with a subscription of $1,000.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The Dominion Government sent a formal answer today to the British Columbia Government's offer of a contingent for the Transvaal at the expense of the Province, stating that all available space and all positions had been filled on the contingent and therefore it could not be accepted. Dr. Borden was shown the dispatch from Montreal tonight stating that a third contingent was going to be sent from Canada. The Minister of Militia said there was no truth in it. Militia orders have the following: "Thirteenth Winnipeg Field Battery: The further services of Major L. Dodge are dispensed with."

THE MINER'S SPECIALS OF CANADIAN NEWS

Canada's Trade With the Mother Country

THE MANITOBA CABINET

A Pretty Romance of the Second Contingent—Another Toronto Highway Robbery.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 8.—Hon. Hugh John MacDonald, had a conference with Lieutenant-Governor Patterson this morning, lasting from 11 o'clock until 12:30. Mr. MacDonald was asked by His Honor, to undertake the task of forming an administration, and he accepted. The list of his colleagues will be submitted to the Governor on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, when they will be sworn in. There is considerable speculation as to whom the new Cabinet will consist of as the timber available is not of the best without calling members who have no seats in the Legislature. It is generally conceded, however, that John A. Davidson is certain to be one of the chosen few. R. P. Roblin, who was selected for a portfolio, has expressed a desire to remain in the ranks but he will probably be induced to take a seat in the Cabinet.

Dr. McFadden will be the new Speaker and Messrs. Garland, Johnston and Campbell are aspirants for places in the Cabinet, without emolument.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 8.—Sir Charles Tupper reached this city today. The veteran politician did not appear to have suffered much from the runaway accident at Edmonton on Saturday.

E. D. Martin is out with an address declaring himself a candidate as an independnt supporter of the Laurier administration for the Winnipeg vacancy at Ottawa. A Government convention to nominate a candidate has been called for Wednesday night.

Montreal, Jan. 8.—The Star's London cable says. The Board of Trade returns for the year show the following increases in British imports from Canada in thousand pounds sterling. Sheep, 37, wheat, flour 96, hams 68, butter 453, cheese 70, Newfoundland copper ore 60, hewn wood 19, sewn wood 391. Decreases: Eggs 18, pulpwood 40, horses 47, fish 227, cattle 178, wheat 146, peas 68, maize 448, bacon 233. Increases in British exports to Canada: Cotton piece goods 87, linen piece goods 24, woollen tisues 28, pig iron 27, railroad iron 144, hoops, sheets and boiler plates 48, tin plates 81, wrought iron 41, unwrought steel 108, haberdashery 21. Decreases: Heavy apparel and slops 29, earthenware 34.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 8.—At today's hearing in the case of F. Lemieux, accountant of the defunct Banque Ville Marie, J. J. Herbert, paying teller of the bank, deposed he had paid $173,000 to W. L. Fellowes, stock broker, on orders given him by Lemieux. Fellowes is under arrest on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

In the books of the bank $173,000 was represented as being in the vault. The evidence was sensational. More arrests are expected in connection with the case.

Montreal, Jan. 8.—The physicians of Montreal are much puzzled over the case of Eva Roch, 18 years old, who has been asleep fifteen days, and in spite of all that medical knowledge suggests, cannot be awakened.

Brighton, Ont., Jan. 8.—Solomon Hodel, a farmer, while placing a stump fence on his farm near here this afternoon, was crushed under a heavy log, sustaining injuries which resulted in his death.

Brandford, Ont., Jan. 8.—The residence of Frank Kirkpatrick, four miles from here, was destroyed by fire of an unknown origin, early this morning. Kirkpatrick, wife and children had narrow escapes from death in the

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

There is much to do in Nelson during the next two, three, or four years if she is to be arrayed in a manner befitting her character as Queen City of the Kootenays. We are just beginning to assume metropolitan airs, forced upon us by the growing importance of the place, and as development increases so will the necessity for keeping ourselves abreast of it. Street improvements are required at once; our sewer system, sanitary arrangements, waterworks, and other pulbic enterprises will have to be extended and enlarged to meet the demands of a rapidly increasing population. Our plans should be laid, not for the present only, but with an eye to the future. It is of the first importance that we elect, and continue to elect, honest, intelligent, capable Councils. Two days hence citizens will be called upon to elect the Council that is to direct and control our municipal affairs for the year on which we have just entered. Electors who fully appreciate the importance of the occasion will approach this duty with a deep sense of their responsibility. The various candidates are now before them. In the selection they will make honesty and good common sense the first qualifications. Men who seek to go into the Council to gratify personal ambition or to serve personal ends are not desirable representatives. The honest man, whose only motive is the public good, may make mistakes, but in the end he will prove infinitely more satisfactory than the self-seeker, however clever he may be. Next to honesty is capacity. Keeping these qualifications prominently before them, Nelson ratepayers on Thursday next will vote for the election of the following Council:

MAYOR—Mr. Fletcher.

ALDERMEN.

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Arthur	A choice of
Ferland	Byers
McKillop	Hall
	Morrison
	Wilson

A HORNED BEAST AND A BOGEY.

The Province newspaper contained itself as long as it could, but at last it has broken out. We think it deserves to be congratulated for the constraint it so successfully put upon itself, which was indeed admirable. But Mr. Joseph Martin is more than it can bear. While he was of the Government he was unexceptionable; now that he has gone over to the Opposition he is a "horned beast." Mr. Martin is not one of the ablest, or best, or most consistent of politicians; but everything he is to day he was a year ago, and a year ago The Province was ready at any time to swear by him. It must not plead that it did not know him, for that would be a confession of crass ignorance. All Canada has known him for several years past. There has been no new development in his character since he came to British Columbia. The Province was quite content to bestow its admiration on the "horned beast" as long as he herded with it and its friends, and to turn now is only to convict itself of the very sin it imputes to Mr. Martin.

It seems that he not only behaved very badly in voting against the Government the other day, but he was guilty of even a worse crime in accepting the accommodation he did in making his journey to the Capital. In this the "horned beast" actually threw himself into the arms of Mr. Dunsmuir, a person whom everybody knows by his cloven hoofs and forked tail, and who goes about seeking whom he may devour. If on the day the Legislature assembled Mr. Martin went over to Victoria in the usual way it would have been all right. But he did not. A special boat conveyed him to Nanaimo, and a special train took him thence to the Capital. The Dunsmuirs own the boat, it would appear, and also the railway; because he used these, Mr. Martin stands convicted of having sold himself to the Dunsmuirs. It is curious how politics turn the heads of so many persons who are otherwise quite sane.

We assume that it was Mr. Martin's original intention not to be present at the opening of the Legislature. But he was probably informed by wire that a vote would be taken the first day, and it was important he should be there. There was only one way to get him there. The Dunsmuirs are common carriers. They have a railway and boats. The managers for the Opposition doubtless went to the Dunsmuirs and engaged a boat to convey Mr. Martin to Nanaimo and also ordered a special train to bring him on to Victoria. It is the business of the Dunsmuirs to take such orders and execute them, just as much as it is for The Province newspaper to accept an order for advertising. But here was an opportunity to trot out the Dunsmuir bogey, and Ministerialists all along the Coast are professing to be aghast at it.

A daily journal of the House is issued in the form of Votes and Proceedings. The report of the first day makes bad reading. The serious work of the session began with a motion by Mr. Semlin, that the Speech be taken into consideration on the following Monday. This was negatived. A self respecting Premier, who respected also the traditions of British Parliamentary government, would have stopped there and asked for an adjournment in order that he might seriously consider his future course. But he went on. Another motion was made, and that too was negatived. The Speaker ruled on a point of order that was raised, and on appeal the House refused to sustain him. Here were three evidences that the control of the House had passed to the Opposition. And yet the Government hung on. Another supporter turned up, and in two succeeding divisions the Government worried through by virtue of the casting vote of the Speaker. It was all very bad, not so much because the Government do not change sides with the Opposition, but because of the contemptible spirit displayed by men who are in the high places of the Province.

The Sandon Mining Review says: "Talk to the more industrious section of the miners about the situation, and they will tell you that it is a question of money with them and not one of hours. They want $3.50 a day, and they are not so particular whether they have to work eight or ten hours to get it; but, of course, they want all the advantages the law allows them. No fair man can take one word of exception to this; but on this ground a fair man must hold the law responsible for a trouble that has knocked the country out of several year's growth when progress would have prevailed everywhere without it. What will eventually be the end of this no man can foretell but all know that progress is stifled through the unworthy acts of those who for a time are entrusted with the affairs of the country."

From the tone of the Ministerial Press on the Coast we gather that in Government circles one of a majority is considered quite sufficient, if more cannot be obtained. It is the curse of British Columbia today that she is in the hands of an ignorant and reckless set of politicians. The whole game, as they regard it, is to hang on to office; the efficient administration of public affairs is a matter of secondary importance, or of no importance at all. Premiers elsewhere in the British Empire do not consider one a working majority; and if reduced to it they promptly resign, and make way for others who can command support enough to enable them to give the attention necessary to the proper conduct of the public business they have in charge.

Mr. Houston's paper is usually full of things that are not so, especially when they relate to the mine owners. In Saturday's paper a news dispatch and a letter misrepresented the negotiations that were on for a settlement of the labor difficulties at Sandon, for no other apparent reason than to put the owners in the wrong. It was said the Union demanded the very thing the reports declare they asked the owners not to do. They asked that none but Union men be employed by members of the Association. A cause that requires such bolstering as this must be very weak somewhere.

Mr. Cotton's paper, The News-Advertiser, is not in the least disturbed by the deficit of $635,000 in the public accounts for the last fiscal year. That is easily accounted for. For a full month of the year, it says, Mr Turner was still in charge, and of course the entire deficit was incurred in that brief time. We do not know whom such a simple story as this is intended to deceive, but it appears in all seriousness in a recent issue of Mr. Cotton's paper.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of Charles H. Macdonald will be held at the offices of Messrs Bowes & Wragge, solicitors, Baker street Nelson, B. C. on Monday, the 15th day of January, 1900, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon.
Dated at Nelson, B. C., the 27th day of December, 1899.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that Charles H. Macdonald heretofore trading as general merchant in the city of Nelson, B. C. has by deed dated the 26th day of December, 1899, assigned all his personal estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution and all his real estate to S. M. Brydges of the said city of Nelson, accountant, in trust for the benefit of his creditors.
The said deed was executed by the said Charles H Macdonald and the said S. M. Brydges on the 26th day of December, 1899.
All persons having claims against the said Charles H. Macdonald are required on or before the 26th day of February, 1900, to send to the trustee full particulars of the same duly verified, together with the securities of any held by them.
Notice is hereby further given that after the said 26th day of February, 1900, the trustee will proceed to distribute the proceeds of the trust estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he has received notice and that he will not be liable for the proceeds of the trust estate or any part thereof, so distributed to any person of whose claim he has not had notice at the time of the distribution.
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Dated at the City of Nelson this 1st day of December, A. D., 1899.
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NOMINATION DAY

NAMES OF CANDIDATES AND THEIR SUPPORTERS.

This Year There are Only Five Aldermanic Candidates Running in Each Ward.

Nomination day passed off quietly yesterday without any special incident. The various candidates appeared at different times with their proposers and seconders, but at no time did a crowd assemble. There are five aspirants for aldermanic honors in each ward, instead of six as last year, the feature of the contest being that there is no straight ticket of Aldermen each candidate standing on his own merits. It would be dangerous to attempt to forecast the exact result of the ballot but in the West Ward Messrs. McKillop, Arthur and Ferland should be certainties, through the last named will be handicapped owing to the fact that his enforced absence prevents his making a personal canvas. In the East Ward the problem is more difficult. The chances of Mr. J. A. Irving are generally looked upon as slim, but Messrs. Wilson, Byers, Morrison and Dr. Hall are four good men between whom the electors will find it hard to discriminate. It was rumored on the streets yesterday that the property qualifications of two of the aldermanic candidates will be questioned, but it is improbable that these stories have any substantial basis of fact.

Following is the list of the candidates nominated, their profession and the names which appeared on their respective nomination papers:

For Mayor—

FRANK FLETCHER, P. L. S.,; H. G. Neelands, A. L. McKillop, George Ritchie, Thos. Morley, Robert Robertson, W. J. Caldwell, W. W. Beer, W. P. Tierney, P. Lamont.

JOHN HOUSTON, Printer; Robert Hurry, W. G. Gillett, Fred Irvine, J. A. Gilker, J. F. Dewar, W. S. Pearcy.

For Aldermen in the East Ward—

HAMILTON BYERS, Merchant; H. G. Neelands, R. Hurry, Charles Hillyer, W. W. Beer, N. T. MacLeod, Harold Selous, H. J. Evans, W. F. Teetzel, George Kydd, William Hancock.

W. J. WILSON, Merchant; J. A. Gilker, Fred Irvine.

G. A. B. HALL, Physician; W. Rutherford, J. H Matheson, M. MacKay.

CHRISTOPHER MORRISON, Merchant; H. G. Neelands, G. F. Beer.

J. A. IRVING, Merchant; J. H. W. Allan, J. A. Gilker, W. G. Gillett, Adolphe Lapointe, A. C. Ewart.

For Aldermen in the West Ward—

A. L. M'KILLOP, Assayer; James Lawrence, R. S. Kinghorn.

E. C. ARTHUR, Physician; H. G. Neelands, A. H. Clements, A. G. Shaw.

ARTHUR FERLAND, Merchant; H. G. Neelands, P. Lamont, D. McArthur, T. J. Scanlan, R. S. Lennie.

WILLIAM IRVINE, Merchant; J. Lawrence, E. E. Phair, E. Applewhaite, E. P. Whalley.

THOMAS MADDEN, Hotel keeper; J. A. Kirkpatrick, T. J. Scanlan, Gilbert Stanley, H. J. Evans, A. R. Sherwood, W. P. Tierney, J. E. Annable, E Ferguson, B. S. Hebden, F. E. Hebden.

There was a time when Candidate Houston was not so particular about publishing pictures of churches in his paper or of reporting church meetings as he is now. For instance on September 2nd last, Mr. Houston said in course of an editorial in the Tribune:

"The intolerant religious element, whose mouthpiece in the Council is Alderman Beer, are the same in Nelson as they are everywhere else on earth. They are unwilling to let their neighbors live in peace."

Then the next day, September 3rd he said: "Alderman Beer is known to be politically ambitious, and his success at the last City election has set bees buzzing in his bonnet. He hopes to gain office, either municipal or Provincial, by playing to the church galleries. He knows that a certain number of the members of all the church organizations can be relied on to support any man who appears willingl to further their narrow-minded, intolerant ideas."

But that was before Mr. Houston made up his mind to become a Mayoralty candidate. He has since published cuts of all the churches.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A marriage license was issued yesterday to James Cowan and Elizabeth Campbell, who were married by Rev. Robt. Frew.

Angelo Perri, Achilles Joseph Ramville, Louis Hartwig and John Edmonds yesterday were granted naturalization as British subjects.

The Police Commissioners will meet this morning at 11 o'clock. The principal business before them will be the consideration of Chief of Police Jarvis' annual report.

A letter has been received from Mr. O G. Dennis, formerly Gold Commissioner here, stating that he forms one of the Edmonton contribution to the second Canadian contingent.

Many complaints have been received of teamsters driving over the sidewalk between Front Street and the City wharf. The authorities intend to prosecute the next offender.

As will be seen in another column Dr. Arthur successfully disposes of the silly rumors that were current on the streets yesterday that he could not qualify as an Aldermanic candidate.

Mr. Fred Glover, engineer at the Ymir mill, got his hand caught in the machinery yesterday with the result that his thumb was cut off. He went to the Kootenay Lake General Hospital yesterday for treatment.

The City Clerk yesterday received a telegram from Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works saying that he would do his best to expediate the transfer of lands to the City so that arrangements can be completed with the C. P. R.

A telegram has been received from Mr. Harry Winfield at Calgary, stating that he has been accepted by the military authorities and now denfiitely forms part of the second Canadian contingent. He was the last man taken.

Pedro Donato, whose fruit store, on Josephine Street, was damaged by fire the other day, has been very promptly compensated by the North American Fire Insurance Company. Mr. H. R. Cameron, the local agent, paid his claim, amounting to $141, yesterday.

The mud on the City wharf is becoming almost impassable, and a quiet listener was much amused yesterday afternoon to hear various ardent partisans asseverating that as soon as their favorite candidate for the mayoralty was elected, the mud would disappear.

The generator house of the Nelson Gas & Coke Works is practically completed, the roof being put on yesterday. The erection of the gasometer is being delayed owing to the fact that the Philadelphia experts, who are putting it up, mislaid some of their tools en route.

Mr. E. C. Kingswell, a New Zealand mining man and an expert in the treating of ores by the cyanide process, is staying at the Hume. He is here with the object of starting a cyanide plant should any of the ores of the district prove amenable to that form of treatment.

The Miner's bulletin yesterday afternoon, announcing the final and bloody repulse of the Boer attacks on Ladysmith, attracted great attention, numbers of people coming up to the office in search of the latest intelligence. Nelsonites know where to come to get the news.

G. B. Hitchcock, who was committed for trial for forgery in Rossland, was tried yesterday before Judge Forin. It transpired that he had been forging and cashing bogus cheques on Rossland merchants, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on each of the two counts in the indictment.

The only case tried in the County Court yesterday was Anderson vs. Godsell, a mechanic's lien case, in which the plaintiff was suing for wages for work done on the Little Phil mine at Ainsworth. Judge Forin turned up punctually in the afternoon and one of the counsel was not there, so he adjourned the case until this morning. Mr. W. A. Macdonald, Q. C., is for the plaintiff and Mr. Wheeler for the defendant.

The first match in the B. C. Hockey League was played in Rossland on Saturday night, the Victorias of that town defeating the Rosslanders by three goals to one. Next Saturday the two Nelson teams play away from home, the Nelsons at Rossland, where they play the Victorias, and the Lacrosse Hockey team at Greenwood, where their opponents will be the Boundary team.

AT THE HOTEL HUME.

H. A. Stewart, Nelson; T. W. Cleman, G A. Carlson, and wife, Ainsworth; F. B. Lewis, Revelstoke; P. Messer, Ohio; W. H. McLaren, Vancouver; E. C. Kingswell, New Zealand; T C. Jones, Toronto; L. Hancock, Spokane; F. Britton, Ymir.

A WONDERFUL ENTERTAINMENT

"The Great McEwen" Pleases a Large Audience at the Opera House.

Mr. P. H. McEwen, the hypnotist and mind reader, was greeted by a large house when he opened his week's engagement at the Opera House last night. He commenced by telling the audience something about the influences he used and throughout the evening spoke pleasantly and enterta ningly about hypnotism. He secured a fairly good "class" from the audience and commenced his experiments with some of the simpler tests such as making the feet stick to the floor in spite of the strenuous efforts of the subjects to raise them, to stock the hands together with a like result, etc. Then he playfully stuck needles through the hands of some of his subjects but they seemed to enjoy it immensely simply because Mr. McEwen told them that it would not hurt them. Some members of the class, who never could—or shouldn't—work up enough nerve to sing in public, entertained the audience to some choice selections. He told his subjects that they were the spectators at a very exciting game of baseball and the way they carried on sent the audience into fits of uncontrolable laughter. The ticket selling test was also exceedingly funny.

The whole entertainment was one of the cleanest, most instructive and uproariously humorous, ever given in the Kootenays and it is safe to predict that Mr. McEwen will have the "standing room only" sign out before he closes his engagement here.

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LADIES' HOSPITAL AID.

Officers Elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The Ladies Hospital Aid Society held their first meeting of the year in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon. Mrs. C. E. Miller, the president, was in the chair, and Miss Wyckham was secretary of the meeting. The principal business was the election of fresh officers to replace the retiring ones, Mrs. Miller, president; Miss Wyckham, secretary, and Mrs. Dow, treasurer. Mrs. R. W. Day was chosen president for the present year, Mrs. Bird, first vice-president; Mrs. Goepel, second vice-president; Mrs. Hamilton Byers, secretary and Mrs. J. J. Campbell, treasurer. Mrs. G. F. Beer and Mrs. T. J. Sims, were chosen buyers for the society. Mrs. Miller has been president of the society for the past two years, and her valuable services in its behalf were acknowledged by a vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. J. R. Robertson and seconded by Mrs. R. W. Day. Mrs. Miller responded in a few well chosen words. A vote of thanks to the other retiring officers was moved and seconded by Mrs. W. W. Beer and Mrs. F. W. Peters.

Nominations for the officers for the National Council of Women were then made, which will be voted on at the end of the month. The various kindred societies make these nominations in advance, and the officers are subsequently chosen by ballot.

Mrs. J. Laing Stocks sought the opinion of the meeting on the question of helping in the payment of the $150 range recently bought by the Kootenay Lake General Hospital. It transpired, however, that the range had been already paid for out of the building fund, and, as the Ladies' Aid Society has already undertaken to completely furnish the new women's ward and provide all the linen for the new wing of the hospital, it was thought that the slender funds at their disposal would not bear this additional drain. The society has a balance in hand of $198.72, with the expectation of shortly realizing another $25 Following is the account of the receipts and disbursements for the past year:

Balance on hand at commencement of the year, $157.50; proceeds from carnival, concerts, church collection and dues, $293.80. Total, $451.30.

Expended on hospital for furniture, $106 90; surgical instrugments, etc., $21.20; bedding, cotton, linen, etc., $112.78; sundries, printing, etc., $11.70. Total, $252.58. Leaving a balance on hand of, $198.72.

DR. ARTHUR'S POSITION.

Editor Miner:

Sir—I understand that my opponents are circulating the report that I am unable to qualify for Alderman owing to the judgment against me in connection with the suit brought in my name against the by-law for the purchase of the electric light plant I beg leave to state that while the question was open to appeal, the present City Council offered to drop the judgment on condition that no appeal be entered. This proposition is recorded in the proceedings of the Council and was accepted by those bringing the suit.

I shall be in the race till the last ballot is counted and I trust none of my friends will be misled by this false report. E. C. ARTHUR.

Nelson, January 8.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE EAST WARD.

At the request of a large number of electors, I have consented to offer myself as a candidate for the office of Alderman for the East Ward of the City. If elected I shall endeavor to discharge faithfully the duties of the office. Soliciting your support I remain, yours sincerely, W. J. WILSON.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE EAST WARD.

At the request of a large number of citizens, I have consented to become a candidate for Alderman for the East Ward at the election to be held on January 11.

Your vote and influence on my behalf will be appreciated.

GEORGE A. B. HALL, M. D.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE WEST WARD.

At the request of a large number of the electors of the West Ward, in which I reside, I have consented to offer myself as a candidate for Alderman in the West Ward. If elected I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability in the furtherance of the general interest of the citizens.

Soliciting your vote and influence, I remain, your respectfully,

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To the Citizens of Nelson:

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

Briefly stated, my platform is as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRANK FLETCHER.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE WEST WARD.

In compliance with the request of a large number of citizens, I have consented to offer myself as a candidate for alderman in the West Ward. If elected I shall do my utmost to protect and further the interests of the City. Owing to unavoidable circumstances I shall not be in Nelson during the week, and consequently will be unable to make a personal canvas. Hoping to receive your support I remain, yours obediently,

A. FERLAND.

ELECTORS OF WEST WARD OF THE CITY OF NELSON.

I respectfully solicit your votes and influence in support of my candidature for the office of Alderman.

E. C. ARTHUR, M. D.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE EAST WARD.

In response to numerous requests I have consented to offer myself for candidate for Alderman for the East Ward at the forthcoming municipal election. My policy will be to work for the general interest of the people. Yours truly, C. MORRISON.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE WEST WARD.

I desire to announce that I am again a candidate for Alderman in the West Ward.

Hoping for a renewal of your confidence, I am, your obedient servant,

A. L. M'KILLOP.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE EAST WARD.

In response to the request of a large number of citizens I have offered myself as a candidate for Alderman in the East Ward. If returned I shall endeavor to serve the City faithfully in that capacity. Hoping for your vote and assistance, I remain yours obediently,

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BOARD OF TRADE OFFICERS ELECTED

Reports of the President and Secretary Read.

WILL SEND DELEGATES.

The Board Acts on the Recommendations of the Council—The Retiring President's Report.

The proceedings of the annual general meeting of the Board of Trade last night were very enthusiastic and unanimous, and a considerable amount of important business was quickly despatched. After Mr. Frank Fletcher had been voted to the chair, the first business was the election of officers. Mr. G. V. Holt was elected Pesident, Mr. H. J. Evans, Vice-President, and Mr. F. W. Swannell was re-elected Secretary. All three went in by acclamation.

The election of a new council came next, and a ballot was taken on 20 names with the result that the following gentlemen were chosen:

Messrs. J. R. Robertson, T. G. Procter, P. Lamont, P. Chapman, P. J. Russell, Hamilton Byers, F. Fletcher, H. E. Croasdaile, L. M. Lay, J. Lawrence, W. A. Macdonald and George Kydd.

The secretary then read his annual financial statement which showed that the Board possessed a credit balance of $6.59.

Mr. Swannell next proceeded to read the annual report of the retiring president. The substance is as follows:

To the members of the South Kootenay Board of Trade, Nelson, B. C.:

This year has been practically the first in which the new system of monthly general meetings has been adopted, and I think the interest shown and attendance have demonstrated the advisability of holding such meetings at these regular and short intervals. The experience of all Boards of Trade has been that the work of the Board has been practically left largely in the hands of the Executive and Council for the current year. The experience of the South Kootenay Board of Trade has been no exception in this case, although there have been many largely attended and enthusiastic meetings during 1899.

An examination of the secretary's minutes of the past year reveal the usual resolutions, committees and conferences, respecting the reduction of railroad rates, so important to the commercial interests of the district, increased postal facilities and efforts to suitably advertise and bring before the attention of investors in other portions of the Empire, and elsewhere, the undoubted advantages of Nelson City and district for the investment of funds. Delegations of the Board have met in conference various Ministers of the Crown, both Provincial and Dominion, and have sought to impress upon these representatives of Her Majesty the needs and requirements of those living in our community.

The year past has been notable for the still further large increase in the railroad mileage in Kootenay district. The Crow's Nest Pass, which, although nominally opened with so successful a delegation from all the commercial interests of the district in December, 1898, did not really get down to full operation until the year under review, 1899.

The amount of business with which the Canadian Pacific Railway have had to cope has necessitated the construction of new steamship transportaiton facilities in the way of barges and powerful tugs, and we understand the management have in contemplation the construction of a handsome new steamer to ply between Nelson and Kootenay Landing. In addition thereto we understand another powerful tug is to be constructd to deal with the increasing traffic.

The railroad have acquired from the City and Government, land and rights upon which they have expressed their intention immediately to erect commodious and suitable depot buildings and freight sheds. New sidings are to be constructed, which, it is understood, will furnish Nelson with over three miles of railroad track within its limits. The construction of promised round houses and repair shops at Nelson will give employment to a large number of skilled and able mechanics. The increase of an intelligent and energetic class of mechanics, and others, will both directly and indirectly be of great advantage to our district.

In addition to the above, the Canadian Pacific, energetic when once it gets started, has pushed to completion one of the most interesting and difficult problems in railroad engineering, and today Nelson and Rossland are in direct railroad communication with the Boundary district.

The probability is that in the near future the extension of the Columbia & Western road will be carried on through other districts west until it rejoins the main line, in which case Nelson will be an important point on the main line of the Canadian Pacific system.

This railroad is constructing a branch line connecting Kootenay Lake with Arrow Lakes.

Tenders have been called for the construction of a piece of road from Nelson to the outlet at Balfour, and doubtless the results of these tenders will soon be made known.

Improvements have been made on the branch of the C. P. R. leading from Nelson to Robson, and further additions we understand are being made to these alterations, under the direction and advice of Mr. H. E. Beasley, and doubtless soon, if Mr. Beasley has his way, the vexatious delays to freight and passenger traffic at Robson, as well as the inconveniences, will be obviated by the construction of a gigantic railway bridge across the Columiba River, connecting East and West Robson.

The Great Northern road has shown a liberal disposition in negotiating, we understand, arrangements with the Canadian Pacific for the joining of the tracks of these two roads in Nelson.

The important road known as the Nelson & Bedlington Railway, connecting the Great Northern with the Kootenay district, has been completed, and we understand will soon be in operation.

A tramway system has been inaugurated and pushed to completion in a manner to reflect high credit to those who are responsible for its construction and management, and I am sure the Board wishes its energetic promoters and engineer a successful New Year. The negotiations between the City and the Tramway Company were conducted with much skill on behalf of the City by Mayor Neelands, Alderman Fletcher, and others, aided by the energetic City Solicitor, Mr. Galliher, and we feel confident that the Tramway Company get all they could reasonably expect, mainly through the efforts of their solicitors, Messrs. Macdonald & Johnson.

Nelson is to be congratulated also on the installation of a gas system throughout the City, and if the promoters of that enterprise are as energetic in furnishing a good illuminant as they have been in tearing up and distributing the streets of Nelson in order to lay their extensive system of pipes, the electric light system will have to look to its laurels to hold its own.

It is to be hoped that the incoming Mayor and Council will take in hand the erection of a municipal building which will be a credit to Nelson, and at the same time provide therein suitable accomodation for a combined Board of Trade room, Museum of Minerals and more adequate quarters for the Public Free Library, which has been such a success, mainly owing to the energetic action of the ladies of Nelson, so cordially endorsed by the leading citizens of the City and the City Council.

In spite of the progress indicated above this year, we have unfortunately had to contend with a disturbed condition of affairs in the main commercial industry of this district. I refer, of course, to the mining operations, which are the root and mainspring of all business undertakings in Kootenay. The transportation companies have come here attracted by the sole product, practically, of the district, namely the minerals. The wholesalers and retailers have followed in order to supply the mining industry; indeed it is hardly too much to say that from the banking interests down to the news-vendor, whose energy supplies us with our early morning papers, the Kootenay district is dependent solely and alone on the opening up and progress of its mining industry. Its commercial enterprise is the backbone of all our work, and at the meeting above referred to of the Associated Boards of Trade, the drastic alterations and their ensuing effects were very fully and fairly dealt with, with the result that a strong resolution was sent to the local Government urging them to afford relief from the consequences ensuing upon certain recent enactments. In some circles it appears to be thought that mining interests are not such as should be dealt with by Boards of Trade. It is well known that we entirely differ personally with these views. Do way with, retard or hamper the operation of the mines in the Kootenay district and you hamper, retard and seriously injure every other business, for all in Kootenay are so intimately interlaced and intermingled that it is impossible to divorce one from the other.

Mr. Holt then took the chair amid applause, and, in a brief speech, said he hoped the merchants of the town would this year take more interest in the board and attend its meetings more regularly, as it was constituted chiefly in their interests.

A vote of thanks to Mr. J. Roderick Robertson, the retiring president, was proposed by Mr. W. A. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. G. C. Tunstall and carried unanimously.

A communication from Mr. J. O. McLeod, inspector of railway mails, stating that there were at present no funds for a mail clerk service on the Crow's Nest Road but that an appropriation therefor would be placed on the next Dominion estimates, and a congratulatory telegram from President T. G. Shaughnessy after the occasion of the excursion through the Boundary Country were ordered filed.

The secretary read the report of the council, already published in The Miner.

On the motion of Messrs. Newling and Bannerman it was decided to accept the invitation of the London Chamber of Commerce to participate in the convention of Boards of Trade to be held in London next summer. The delegates will be chosen later on.

The President explained that when the South Kootenay Board of Trade was first formed it was the only board in the country. Since then other boards had come into existence while the old name served to disguise its identity. On the motion of Messrs. Bannerman and Macdonald the secretary was instructed to enquire of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture what it would cost to change the name to that of the Nelson Board of Trade and what steps it would be necessary to take.

On the motion of Messrs. Newling and Chapman the council was instructed to revise the bylaws and submit the same to the next general meeting of the board.

After the Toronto Board of Trade resolution, already published in The Miner, had been endorsed, Messrs. P. Criddle, W. P. Tierney and J. C. T. Crofts were elected members without ballot.

A vote of thanks to the retiring president, Mr. J. Roderick Robertson was unanimously passed, after which the President and Vice-President were appointed a committee to interview the Telephone Company with a view of getting a more satisfactory service.

The President drew attention to the fact that there was no Sunday mail from here to Spokane, though there was from Rossland. At present the mail was taken to Rossland on Saturday night by the C.P.R. and forwarded to Spokane next day. On the motion of Messrs. Russell and Sims the secretary was instructed to confer with the postal authorities with a view to making arrangements for a daily mail service to Spokane.

Those present included Messrs. Frank Fletcher, F. W. Swannell, J. Bannerman, A. G. Gamble, J. J. Campbell, L. M. Lay, G. V. Holt, J. Dover, F. Irvine, G. C. Tunstall, G. Kydd, P. Chapman, P. Lamont, A. Kelly, T. J. Sims, J. A. Kirkpatrick, J. R. Rowley, T. Morley, Onslow Newling, W. A. Macdonald, Hamilton Byers, H. E. Croasdaile, P. J. Russell, J. F. Weir, A. H. Bellamy, H. G. Neelands, H. J. Evans, S. S. Fowler, A. H. Dowsing, G. E. C. Martin, T. G. Procter, F. W. Peters, G. O. Buchanan, Robert Robertson.

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flames, which seemed to completely envelop the house instantly. The loss will reach $3,000, insurance $900.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 8.—Dr. McKay, port physician, is having the transports thoroughly fumigated. The water tanks were filled yesterday emptied today, and will be refilled after fumigation. The militia department has secured quarters at the leading hotels for the officers of the second contingent.

The last North West squadron will not be in Halifax in time for sailing before the 26th.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Lewis Blair, son of the Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals, died suddenly past night at is father's residence here. Deceased had been in poor health, but death was not looked for. He was down stairs at dinner with the family last evening. The family was leaving for St. John today, to attend the wedding of Mr. Blair's eldest son. Young Blair was a popular young man. He was in British Columbia and the Western States for the past two years and came home to recuperate. It was hoped a few weeks would have restored him to health.

(Associated Press Despatches.)

Brighton, Ont., Jan. 8.—Robert Kitchen, a Grand Trunk brakeman was killed, by falling from the cars near here yesterday.

Guelph, Ont., Jan. 8.—John F. Birrell and Andrew Darby, of Mosiboro, were instantly killed by being struck by a Grand Trunk train while crossing the track yesterday morning.

Brantford, On., Jan. 8.—James C. Boughner, foreman at the Waterous Engine Works, narrowly escaped death from strychnine poisoning on Saturday night. Feeling hungry upon arriving at his home, Boughner went to the pantry where he made a hearty meal of some bread and butter which were, it appears, covered with strychnine with a view to poison rats. Prompt medical attendance saved his life.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 8.—D. Benjamin, of the well known hardware firm of Samuel Benjamin & Co., dropped dead this morning shorty after reaching his office. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause of death.

Quebec, Jan. 8.—Captain Turner, son of Hon. R. Turner, Member Legislative Council, who goes, with the second contingent to South Africa, was married to Miss Goodday, a former resident of the city but now of Liverpool, Eng. It was intended that the marriage should have taken place at the bride's home but owing to the call for a second contingent, Captain Turner put personal matters aside for the time being, but Miss Goodday consented to come to Quebec, where the marriage was performed as stated.

Quebec, Jan 8.—Felix Carbray, M. P. P., for Quebec West, is lying in a dangerous condition from a stroke of apoplexy at his home last evening.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 8.—Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church, a few days ago contended that the losses to the British army in South Africa was God's chastisement for the sin of rum traffic, opium trade, Sabbath desecration, and social and political corruption existing in Great Britain today. These remarks were strongly condemned by Rev. G. R. Turk, of Carleton Street Methodist Church, formerly of Winnipeg, last night. He contended that even if the remarks had been true they were at least most reckless and untimely. The congregation cheered the preacher, only one man in the congregation disapproving of them, the same by leaving the church with the remark: "This is too British for me."

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 8.—Lewis, the second son of Hon. A. G. Blair, died suddenly at his father's residence here last night. The young man had been in poor health but his death was not looked for.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—A son of Patrol-Sergeant Wills was tonight the victim of another hold-up in the east end, a few hundred yards from where the young woman was killed on Friday night. He is a lad of 16 or 17, and was seized while walking by a ruffian, who struck him heavily on the cheek. Wills fell into the arms of another man. The two then gagged him and bound him with ropes. The lad had only a dollar bill in his pocket and this was taken by the highwayman, who also took his watch from his pocket but left it lying on the sidewalk.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the "Companies Winding Up Act, 1898," and in the matter of the "Nelson Poorman Gold Mining Company, Limited," in liquidation.

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

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

Notice is also given (pursuant to "Companies Winding Up Act, 1898" section 10), that the creditors of and others having claims upon the said company, are required on or before the 16th day of January, A. D., 1900, to send their names and addresses, the particulars of their debts or claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them to William Murray Botsford, Merchants' Bank of Halifax, Vancouver, B. C., the liquidator of the said company.

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

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

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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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