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## LATEST NEWS OF GREENWOOD CITY

### The City Tramway to Phoenix May be Abandoned.

### RECENT MINING DEALS

The Miner's Special Correspondent Sends Another Most Interesting Letter From Boundary.

Greenwood, Dec. 2.—(Special Correspondence of the Miner).—A by-law to grant a bonus of $3,600 to the B. C. Copper Co. smelter, Greenwood, will be voted on the 28th of December. The by-law will not, however, go into effect until a year from that date and the money is not to be paid until 36,000 tons of ore have been smelted.

At a meeting of the council last night a letter was read from the Minister of Mines with reference to the application of the city to obtain power power to build tramways outside the city limits to the various mining camps. The letter stated that it would not be proper to make this a Government measure, but that the different members of the Government would not have any object in opposing it, unless some provisions were put in the bill that were likely to do injustice to other parties. Speaking for himself he thought it would be a good scheme, although in his opinion the municipality was exceeding its powers in undertaking such work, which should be left to private parties. It is likely that the project will be dropped.

A petition signed by 350 citizens, members of the Carpenters' Union and others, was presented to the Council praying for the establishment of a free library and asking that a portion of the new City Hall be set apart for the purpose. The petition was referred to a committee of three aldermen to report on at the regular meeting. This matter has already been advocated in the local press, and in all probability will go into effect.

Clarence King, the youth committed for forging a number of cheques in this city, who had been committed for trail and was about to be sent to Kamloops last night effected his escape from jail and has not yet been found. King was in shackles and it is supposed that in the afternoon while cutting wood he broke the steel links with the axe and tied them with string and then waited his opportunity to make a dash for liberty. He is a youth of about eighteen and his parents live at Fernie, B. C.

James Dale, one of the owners of the Carrin, on the east fork, came to Greenwood on Monday, and on Monday morning received the first payment on the bond of $25,000 from the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Milling and Mining Co., Coeur d'Alene. The company has had a force of six men at work all summer prospecting the claim and sinking a shaft. It is understood that the force has been increased and that development will be prosecuted vigorously all the winter. It is understood also that Dale and his partner have bonded the Butcher Boy, adjoining the Carrin, for $35,000 to the same company. The Butcher Boy is on the same lead.

Gus Wheatly, West Fork, has returned from Nelson, where it is understood he was negotiating a deal for his preemption as a townsite. It lies between Pendell and Beaverton. W. H. Bambo left Greenwood this week to work his claim, the North Star, on Cranberry Creek, which adjoins the Boston Group owned in Greenwood.

James McGregor, Mining Inspector, is in the city hospital dangerously ill with pneumonia. He has been in the city for some days feeling not at all well and suffering from la grippe. On Monday evening of last week he was removed to the hospital. His physician hopes that his vigorous constitution will pull him through.

Fred Oliver, manager of the Morrison mine has returned from Spokane. He is going to actively develop the Greyhound, a property in Deadwood Camp, which has great surface showings. Machinery has been shipped from Rossland and the work of sinking the shaft to the 100 foot level will be proceeded with at once. The Greyhound is likely to prove another Mother Lode from present appearances.

### HONORS EVEN.

Two Conservatives and Two Liberals Elected Yesterday.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 13.—In yesterday's bye-elections East and West Elgin elected Conservatives. Messrs. Brewer and McDiarmid being elected over McIntyre and McNish. McNish was elected at the general election and unseated. The Liberals won in South Brant, Mr. T. H. Preston, defeating Robert Henry, Conservative, and in South Ontario the Hon. John Dryden defeated Mr. Charles Calder, Conservative.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

Tonight Mr. W. F. Thompson, Business Manager of The Miner, leaves for Toronto and Chicago to purchase for The Miner a newspaper, job printing and bookbinding plant that will be up-to-date in every respect, and one that will enable The Miner to publish a larger and better paper with less trouble and at less expense, and to do any and every class of printing needed in West Kootenay in as good style and at possibly as small cost as it could be procured for in the East. The City of Nelson and the surrounding country is certainly worthy of a printing establishment metropolitan in its conception and fully modern in its possibilities. In no branch of trade are greater improvements and better inventions given to the world with every year than in the general publishing business. The plant and equipment that distinguished a modern shop a year ago may be out of date today, so The Miner's plant will not be selected from last year's "specimen" books, but in the up-to-date open markets of Eastern Canada and the United States, after personal inspection by a practical printer who is wedded to no old-fashioned ideas.

In paper stock as well as in mechanical equipment, The Miner will keep pace with the times. All the finer classes of English, Canadian and American stationery will be kept in stock, as well as a large assortment of wedding invitations, ball programmes, and invitation notes, such as are often desired, but seldom found in the Far West.

The services of skilled workmen from the leading establishments of the Eastern printing and blank-book-making world will be secured at the same time as the new plant, and they will bring to Nelson with them a thorough working knowledge of all that is new and good in their respective lines. With the new equipment, nothing in these lines that is needed in the office of the mine manager, the banker or the merchant need be ordered from the East, for The Miner will be prepared to fill all orders and at prices that will revolutionize the printing business in the interior of British Columbia.

### WILL FIX THE LINE.

F. Wright, of Ottawa, Appointed the British Commissioner.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Government of Great Britain has designated F. Wright, astronomer at Ottawa, as its representative in the delimitation of the provisional boundary between Alaska and Canada, about the head of the Lynn Canal, under the terms of the modus vivendi of October. The Government of the United States has designated O. H. Titman, assistant superintendent of the coast and geological survey, to act in a similar capacity.

### CABINET CRISIS.

Vienna, Dec. 13.—There are unconfirmed rumors current that the Government has resigned, or is about to resign on account of the persistent Czech obstructions.

## BRITISH REVERSE AT MAGERSFONTEIN

### Methuen Lost at Least Four Hundred and Fifty Men.

### ARMY RETIRED ON MODDER RIVER

The Flower of the British Army Could Make no Impression.—Boer Losses Said to be Terrible.—London Press Comments.

London, Dec. 14.—(4:45 a. m.)—Each important battle seems to bring a reverse for the British and the papers this morning sorrowfully admit that Lord Methuen's check at Magersfontein is the most serious event the war has yet produced.

The Morning Post says: "We have had our day of humiliation appointed for us, let us accept it humbly and nobly and be better and stronger for the lesson it has taught us. This last reverse will make us a fresh butt in Europe. There was never a more apt occasion to prove to Europe what we are worth."

The position Lord Methuen assaulted is thus described by a correspondent:

"The Magersfontein range terminates on the east with an abrupt saddle rock some 150 feet high. The Boer entrenchments are all round this whole front. The position is some two miles long, due east and west. The western ends of the trenches follow the contour of the kopjes, and afford a retreat."

It is estimated here that Lord Methuen's forces amounted to 11,000 men and perhaps more. No reliable estimate of his losses has as yet been received. They are believed to have been at least 450. All the papers comment upon the extreme gravity of the situation and upon the momentous decision Lord Methuen now has to take, whether to remain at Modder River or to retire on Orange River.

#### STILL MORE TROOPS.

The Times says: "At least 30,000 additional men must be sent out. The entire available reserve must be called out and the militia and volunteers turned to account. Efforts must be made to increase the local Colonial forces and further offers of troops from Canada and other colonies must be sought and accepted."

The Standard, which comments upon the "seemingly astonishing number of the Boers," is driven to the conjecture that a substantial portion of the Boer commandos has been recruited from the Cape Dutch.

All eyes are now turned hopefully to General Buller, who, taking into account the troops with General White in Ladysmith, has altogether 30,000 men. The Standard says:

"At this moment there must be few men in Her Majesty's dominions who have as great a weight of cares upon them as General Buller carries on his shoulders."

A dispatch from Boer sources says that Kimberley remained quiet during the battle at Magersfontein.

#### THE CASUALTIES.

Modder River, Dec. 12.—The British casualties included the Marquis of Winchester, Major of the second battalion, Coldstream Guards, who was killed, and Col Downham, of the first battalion of the Gordon Highlanders, who was mortally wounded. When the Highlanders met the murderous point blank fire of the Boers about two hundred were mown down of the Black Watch Regiment, which on reforming was able to muster only 140 men. The Boers also lost severely in the trenches and also in the wire entanglements when they came into the open in an attempt to make a flank attempt on the British.

The terrific British artillery fire provoked no response except from the Boer rifles until nearly 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Gordon Highlanders formed up to renew the attack on the entrenched kopje. They advanced with the utmost gallantry to the attack, close to the place where lay their dead and wounded comrades of the Highlander brigade. The enemy opened with a heavy shrapnel fire as the British advanced and it was found physically impossible to take the Boer trenches. The British got within 200 yards, but could not get nearer. It was here that Colonel Downham fell. The Boers had free recourse to barbed wire entanglements which offered great obstacles, even after the damage inflicted by the British artillery fire.

This morning (Tuesday) both sides occupied the positions they held before the battle. The greatest bravery was displayed by both officers and men. The wounded include Lieutenant-Colonel A. E. Codrington and Captain Sterling, both of the first battalion of the Coldstream Guards.

A detachment of the Boers posted among some thick bushes to the east maintained a most destructive fire on our right. With the remarkable talent for taking cover which the Boers always display, they were, generally speaking, virtually invisible; and although the enemy's artillery was practically silenced, this rifle fire was so persistent and concentrated, as well as usually well aimed, that it was absolutely impossible for the British infantry to take the position by assault. At the first advance of the Highlanders the Boers' shooting, probably owing to the darkness, was somewhat high, otherwise the British losses would have been still heaiver.

#### ACCOUNT OF BATTLE.

London, Dec. 14.—Mr. Julian Ralph, describing the battle at Magersfontein, in a special dispatch to the Daily Mail, says "The Boers were entrenched at Magersfontein, four miles off Modder River. At dawn on Monday the Highlanders advancing across the veldt were suddenly subjected to a murderous fire from the trenches, about 200 yards in front. The greater part of the fearful loss of the day was thus suffered in a single minute.

"Startled and overwhelmed, the brigade retired quickly, but soon rallied and retained their positions. This was on the left.

"On the right the Guards brigade advanced across the veldt against the outside trenches and fought an invisible foe for fifteen hours.

"At 11 in the morning the Gordon Highlanders were sent forward. The Boers allowed them to pass one line of trenches and then enfiladed them. The fighting only ceased with nightfall."

#### METHUEN RETIRES.

London, Dec. 13.—General Forrester-Walker telegraphing from Capetown at 3:30 p. m. today sends the following dispatch from Lord Methuen, dated Modder River, Tuesday, December 12, 7:30 p. m.

"As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning, I retired in perfect order here, where I am in security. I have gathered from some of the prisoners, and from our men with the ambulances who talked with the Boers that the enemy's losses were terrible, some corps being completely wiped out. The Boers have been most kind to my wounded."

#### BOERS THREE TO ONE.

London, Dec 14.—The special correspondent of the Daily Mail at Modder River described the fighting as follows:

"The Boers' trenches extended far beyond the kopje and into the open plain. Those on the plain were hidden by screens of leaves. Those near the kopje were guarded by a double line of barbed wire, evidently for fear of our storming and a bayonet attack. We raked the kopje and trenches with an intense and well directed fire of 30 guns, including a naval gun and howitzer battery, both using lyddite. I believe they inflicted severe damage. The Boer prisoners reports that one lyddite shell fell among forty men, only five of whom escaped unhurt, other shells burst in the enemy's laager, causing its complete destruction.

The Boers are still in larger force than we found them at Modder River, outnumbering us by almost three to one. The Transvaalers are apparently dominating in their military councils, although in a minority."

London, Dec. 14.—A special dispatch from Pretoria, by way of Lorenzo Marquez, says:

"While the battle of Magersfontein was proceeding the Free State artillery engaged an armored train along the railway line toward Belmont.

"Forty one prisoners belonging to the first battalion of the Gordon Highlanders have just traversed Jacobsdale.

In the last attack on Surprise Hill three leading Pretoria townsmen were killed, and several others were wounded, causing great sorrow here."

London, Dec. 14.—The Associated Press, understands that the War Office yesterday (Wednesday) decided in consequence of Lord Methuen's losses at Magerstontein to mobilize the eighth division in reserve and to send the seventh division in reserve to the Cape. Certain foreign stations will probably be garrisoned with militia, and if necessary volunteers will be called to take the places of the militia at home.

It is also likely that the millitia reserve will be sent out to join their respective battalions and the war office intends to order four more battalions of militia for permanent duty.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13.—A rumor was current on the streets today that the Canadian contingent was engaged in the Modder River fight and some of its members suffered. Inquiry at the military department, however, failed to elicit anything more than what was received Monday night from Colonel Otter, at Belmont, that all was well.

London, Dec. 13.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from General Forrester Walker:

"Capetown, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—Methuen wires that General Wauchope was killed in action yesterday."

General Wauchope, of the Black Watch, commanded the Highlanders brigade with General Methuen's column. He served in Ashanti, Egypt and the Soudan. He was freqnently mentioned in dispatches and twice contested Midlothian, once against Mr. Gladsone. He was a great favorite in the army.

#### AT LADYSMITH.

Frere Camp Natal, Dec. 12.—The Boers are still shelling Ladysmith. The heat is terrible.

#### AT LORENZO MARQUEZ.

London, Dec. 14.—The Capetown correspondent of The Times says:

"There is great dissatisfaction with the condition of affairs at Delagoa Bay. Lorenzo Marquez is rapidly becoming a regular Transvaal emporium, and is the headquarters for Transvaal agents of every description, who are able to communicate freely with other agents and with Europe. The importations of machinery and materials required for the state worked mines, explosives for the Government factory, and even of actual ammunition, have been enormously increased by the practical impossibility of conducting a thorough search of foreign vessels professedly conveying food.

The course adopted by the Imperial Government is regarded as helping seriously to prolong the war and to benefit foreign shippers at the expense of the British, who, in any case, are not able to trade with the enemy. Delagoa Bay, in the present state of affairs, is more useful to the Boers than if it were actually in Transvaal territory.

#### TRAITORS MAY GO.

London, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Central News says that the Schreiner Ministry at the Cape gave passes to the Orange Free State pupils attending Colonial Colleges who wanted to go home and fight the British. As a result Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape Colony, is considering the dismissal of Schreiner and his colleagues.

#### CASH FOR CANADIAN BANKS.

New York, Dec 13.—The local agencies of the united banks have received since Friday of last week $2,000,000 in gold from Montreal and other points of the Dominion. Of this sum, the bank of Montreal received $1,250,000 and the Bank of British North America, $200,000 by express, while the Canadian Bank of Commerce received $500,000 by mail. These banks took advantage of the money rate situation today and were free lenders of money.

## COMM'R CLUTE OPENS COURT

### Evidence Taken in Nelson Yesterday.

### TWO WITNESSES ONLY

Conditions Affecting the Mining Interests in British Columbia and the Alien Labor Law Gone Into.

Commissioner R. C. Clute, appointed by the Dominion Government to enquire into the conditions affecting the mining interests of British Columbia, the alleged importation of alien labor, etc., opened Court in Nelson yesterday, but as no previous notice had been given of the setting, the attendance was small. There were only two witnesses examined—in fact only two were available.

Mr. Clute opened the proceedings by having his commission—a very lengthy document—read, and then proceeded to say that he would be happy to hear evidence touching the subject under investigation. Any person who could throw light on the matter would be heard, whether he be a mine owner, a miner or otherwise—what was aimed at was a full and free investigation.

He also intimated that any of the witnesses examined would might be questioned by any party interested in their testimony. The court would be continued from day to day as long as there was evidence to be taken.

Mr. R. H. Tolmie was the first witness examined. He deposed.

"I am general secretary for the Silver-Lead Mines Association of Slocan, and the Nelson District Association. The district covered by these associations are the Slocan and Nelson mining divisions. The members of the association include the principal mine owners in these districts."

Mr. Clute asked: "What is the exact amount of capital represented by your association?"

Witness said he could not say, but would give an approximate answer later on—possibly next week.

He was next examined as to his nationality, etc. Asked if he was acquainted with the rate of wages ruling in the Slocan prior to 1st of June last, he said it was $3.50 for a day of ten hours.

Mr. Clute said he had been informed that a nine hour shift prevailed at night.

Witness was asked what action had been taken by his associations to procure miners for the mines in the district.

Mr. Tolmie replied that men were advertised for at these rates:

Hand drillers, $3; machine men, $3.50; miners in shafts, $3.50 to $4; carmen, $2.50 to $3; shovellers, $2.50; laborers, $2.50; blacksmiths, $3.50 to $4; timbermen, $3.50 to $4.

"What did you do to procure men at the rate of wages advertised?" asked Mr. Clute.

"I had several enquiries in response to the advertisements, and answered them," was the reply.

"What else did you do?"

"That was as far as my duties as secretary went. When men came to me in Sandon and applied for work I directed them to the mines."

"Did many come?"

"No, not more than a dozen interviewed me directly."

"Did you go to any of the United States cities to procure help?"

"I did not. I did not enter into any contract for the introduction of alien labor, nor did I get any one to act for me. No such contracts were entered into to my knowledge. I believe that up to May, 1899, the feeling between mine owners and miners was perfectly harmonious."

"Has there been a breach of the Alien Labor Law in Southern British Columbia to your knowledge?"

"Not to my knowledge." replied the witness.

Mr. Campbell asked witness if he was aware of the number of men the Silver-Lead Mines Association wished to employ.

He answered: "They advertised for 2,500 men. With the mines in full

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## A MARE'S NEST.

In compliance with the request of what was practically the Sandon Miners' Union the Dominion Government sent out Mr. R. C. Clute, Q. C., to investigate the labor troubles of Kootenay; and more especially in reference to alleged breaches of the Alien Labor Law. Mr. Clute has concluded his Sandon investigation, and began his enquiry here yesterday afternoon.

Much evidence remains to be taken so it would be impossible, as well as improper, to anticipate Mr. Clute's report, still one or two things may fairly be pointed out. The investigation was originally granted because of the alleged wholesale importation of aliens, under contract, into the Slocan. The Sandon investigation cut the imported laborers down to six, who were not brought in under contract and consequently had a perfect right to go to work if they wished, while Mr. Tolmie's evidence yesterday showed that only one actually secured employment.

The alleged importation of large numbers of Italian laborers really prompted the request for this investigation, which has so far brought out the following chief points: In the first place there was no importation of Italian labor as alleged; secondly, the Alien Labor Law is only directed against aliens who are Americans, so that the alleged importation, if it had occurred, would not have broken the law of the land; and thirdly, the majority of the kickers, in Sandon at any rate, are themselves American aliens.

But for the professional agitators and turbulent aliens there would have been no demand for, as there was no need of, this investigation.

## A SEVERE DEFEAT.

For the last few days everyone has been wanting war news, and at last some has come. No news was good news, and the tidings we print this morning will be read with sorrow by every Briton. A repulse, accompanied by heavy loss, is the gist of what has occurred. The troops seem to have behaved with the extreme gallantry which has ever been characteristic of the British soldiers, and which has never been more strikingly shown than during the present bloody campaign. Such misfortunes as have occurred are not to be laid to their door, and the details have not been sufficiently made known to show whether they are due to bad luck, bad generalship, or both. The fact remains that for the second time within a week the rank and file have been set an impossible task with disastrous results.

It was announced some time back that the Canadian Contingent had been brigaded with the Black Watch and the Seaforths. If this is so they probably had a share in that desperate struggle. There will be many loving hearts in Canada today secretly hoping that our gallant boys were still engaged in the safe if inglorious work of building sidings, rather than in the awful attempt to storm an impregnable position held by deadly marksmen. But wherever they were we may be sure they quit themselves like men.

The dispatches also tell of terrible Boer losses. This may be so, but it is but cold consolation when one thinks of the number of gallant Britishers whose lives have been uselessly thrown away.

That pleasant little ceremony yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the Nelson Gas & Coke Company's works marked another stage in Nelson's growth from a mining camp to a modern city. Many towns have mines in their vicinity, and almost every western town claims exceptional natural advantages for various reasons, but when powerful syndicates single out a young city for the establishment of expensive works that depend on the prosperity of that city for the payment of dividends, it means that those claims have been admitted by cautious and far seeing business men who are never swayed by sentiment. Nelsonites have but to point to the Tramway Company and the Gas Company when asked what is thought of their city by competent and unprejudiced observers. The Miner is confident that both companies will be amply repaid for their faith in Nelson.

The Spokesman-Review yesterday morning gave considerable prominence to the following telegram:

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 12.—At a meeting of mine owners and managers today it was decided to force the issue with the striking miners by testing the constitutionality of the eight-hour law. It is proposed to install other classes of labor—Italians, Hungarians and Doukhobors. The indications are that troublesome times are ahead.

The dispatch is absolutely untrue, and was sent in the hopes that the Review might innocently print a story calculated to again stir up bad feeling between the parties to the existing labor dispute, a feeling that was beginning to subside, much to the disgust of a few interested parties. The story would have been published in the local organ of the agitators, but then its object would not have been attained, as no one would have believed it. In view of the investigation now being conducted here by Mr. Clute, this malicious lie is particularly inexcusable.

The Alien Labor Law forbids the importation under contract into Canada of laborers who are citizens of a country that has legislation forbidding or impeding the employment there of Canadian labor. Thus the effect of the Alien Labor Law is confined to citizens of the United States.

The Union men declined to give evidence at the investigation yesterday afternoon as Mr. James Wilks is away at Fernie. The investigation will not be much delayed, however, as he is expected back immediately, and so will soon be able to tell the Union men what to say.

What particular fields of research are favored by Mr. Clute in private life we are unable to say, but The Miner feels safe in offering its respectful sympathy to the Commissioner for having had to travel twenty-five hundred miles to examine an Italian mare's nest.

General Buller's admirers said he would eat his Christmas dinner in Pretoria this year. If he be not careful, he may do so yet.

Seventy-two Nelson volunteers offered themselves for service in the Transvaal. There may yet be a chance for the sixty-eight rejected.


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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 10th day of January, A. D., 1900 to send their names and addresses, the particulars of their debts or claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them to William Murray Botsford, Merchants' Bank of Halifax, Vancouver, B. C., the liquidator of the said company.

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

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

OSBORNE PLUNKETT,
Mackinnon Building, Granville Street, Vancouver, B. C.
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.


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# A CORNER STONE

## WELL AND TRULY LAID AT THE NELSON GAS WORKS.

### A Large Gathering of Prominent Citizens Witness the Interesting Ceremony Performed by the Mayor.

"January 1, 1900." This may seem to be taking time by the forelock, but such was the significant inscription on the chief corner stone laid with all due ceremony yesterday at the Gas Works. Among those who took part in the proceedings which form an important epoch in the history of Nelson, were: Mayor Neelands, W. F. Peters, L. M. Lay, Dr. Arthur, Halifax Hall, Ald. Fletcher, J. K. Strachan, W. A Galliher, Ald. Hillyer, Rev. R. Frew, G. McFarlane, D. Morris, resident engineer; Rev. Akhurst, H. E. Beasley, Ald Beer, H. R. Bellamy, R. M. Macdonald, H. R. Cameron, C. D. Jarvis, W. J. Thompson, H J. Evans, City Engineer McCulloch, E. Ferguson, H. Burnet, Chief of Police Jarvis, etc., etc.

A cavity in the stone contained a casket in which were lodged a copy of the Nelson Miner and Tribune, a list of officers and contractors, list of officers of Nelson Coke & Gas. Co., a copy of the franchise granted the company by the City, and the names of the presiding mayor, aldermen, and corporation officials.

Shortly after 3 o'clock, the big stone was swung into position and Mayor Neelands was handed a trowel. A few scientific turns and an artful touch of the trowel and all was done, His Worship declaring the stone well and truly laid amidst applause. He then briefly addressed the assemblage, congratulating Mr. Morris and his assistants upon their good work and the company upon its enterprise in putting up such substantial works and invetisng their money in Nelson. He wished all concerned the success they so richly deserve, and concluded by saying: "Recently we have had a great deal of gas on the streets and in the Council chamber (Laughter) but now we can have it in our homes, to give us light and heat." Mr. D. Morris, the resident engineer, under whose supervision the works are being carried out, thanked His Worship for his kindly expressions of feeling, and those who had honored the occasion by their presence. Mr. Morris explained that the building would be in even more advanced state, but that there were several delays with material, etc., and the elements were somewhat against them. However the works would be pushed to completion, and as soon as possible the gas would be supplied.

The Mayor called for three cheers for Mr. Morris, which rang through the air for as many minutes, to be followed by a "tiger" of no less volume. Mr. W. A. Galliher responded to a call, and complimented the Gas Company upon their practical business methods, and the progress they were making with their work. It showed that they had confidence in Nelson, and Nelson would no doubt show their confidence in the company and support it.

Ald. Fletcher followed, stating that he was pleased with the title of the concern, the Economical Gas Co., and hoped that by economy they would be able to do much for the consumers in the way of cheap rates. (Laughter).

Mr. Peters spoke of "the natural bond of sympathy" which existed between the Tramway Company and the Gas Company, both of whom were working on City charters. He complimented the Economical people on the good work they were doing and would not indulge in more gas.

Rev. R. Frew said that he knew nothing of gas, never having been in the City Council, (Laughter) but this was the first Economical thing he struck since he came to the country. He ventured to hope that the company would grow until the present spacious buildings would become too small for them, and possibly be turned into a penitentiary. (Laughter).

Mr. R. M. Macdonald hoped that the reverend gentleman would not be there if the gas works ever became a penitentiary. (Laughter).

Rev. Akehurst said that not alone was he expected to supply a little pulpit gas every Sunday, but he was also supposed to be responsible for the acetylene gas for the church. (Laughter).

Ald. Beer spoke briefly and to the point, as did also Ald. Hillyer, the latter remarking on the energy of the company in undertaking to put up their buildings at this season of the year, instead of waiting till spring when the work could be done much cheaper.

Mr. Beasley spoke of the rapid growth of Nelson. The day before the Tramway Company had run its first car, and today was laid the foundation stone of a big gas works.

Dr. Arthur joined in the general congratulations.

Mr. F. Burnet, the general manager of the Nelson Coke & Gas Co., assured his hearers that capitalists in the east had a high opinion of Nelson, as evidenced by the amount of capital they have invested here. It was the intention of the present company to keep pace with the times, and to establish coke ovens etc., etc.

Mr. McFarlane was called upon, but said he was not there to make a speech. He was only the apparatus, Mr. Morris was the gas. (Laughter).

The ceremony concluded very happily, those present engaging an inspection of the works and other favors.

# LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. E. Annable yesterday closed a deal for the Victoria Hotel, W. E. McCandlish being the purchaser and the price $4,800.

Members of the recent C. P. R. excursion to the Boundary district are requested to meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Phair Hotel.

Mrs. W. A. Macdonald yesterday afternoon gave her first reception in her new house on Stanley Street. Her drawing rooms were crowded with the elite of Nelson society.

Arrangements are being made for the holding of the St. Saviour's Sunday School annual party on the 3rd of January. The happy gathering will take place in the Odd Fellow's Hall.

The tramway service was to have been inaugurated yesterday, but owing to the burning of the armature when the current was turned on, a delay of a couple of days has been found necessary.

There are still a number of railway contractors in town awaiting the decision of the C. P. R. authorities at Montreal as to the contract for the building of the branch from Nelson to Balfour.

The Boundary Creek Times apologises for not starting as a daily on the 1st instant as it promised. The delay is occasioned by the non-arrival of the necessary plant which has long been ordered.

The sidewalks, especially on the higher grades, have become dangerous, so slippery are they. Yesterday a quantity of sawdust was distributed on the Stanley Street sidewalk—an example which it is hoped the City Engineer will follow on other equally steep grades.

A meeting of the lacrosse and hockey clubs of Nelson will be held in the Fire Hall this evening at 8 o clock. A proposition has been received from Rossland for the establishment of a Kootenay league, and the meeting has been called for the purpose of discussing the subject. A large attendance will be in the interests of sport.

There was a meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners last night, the Mayor presiding, with Dr. Forin and Ald McKillop in attendance. All the City liquor licenses were renewed—four wholesale, two bottling, 15 hotels, and six saloons. There was no opposition, and having formally passed them, the board adjourned to January 6th.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, who have been around collecting subscriptions towards the establishment of their school in Nelson are reported to have met with great encouragement. It is the intention of the ladies to secure some temporary school house, pending the erection of the substantial structure which they hope to put up early next year.

There was a meeting of the Hospital Board yesterday, at which a good deal of routine business was transacted. The new wing to the building, which doubles the capacity of the institution was reported complete, and arrangement for furnishing same were discussed. The offer of the St. Andrew's Society to furnish a "St. Andrew's Ward," was thankfully accepted.

The Nelson Lodge No 23. A. F. & A. M., met last night and held their annual election of officers. The following gentlemen were elected: Bro. S. P. Shaw, Worshipful Master; Bro. Fred Irvine, Senior Warden; Bro. Harry E. Connon, Junior Warden; Bro G. L. Lennox, Secretary; Bro. F. B. Pollard, Treasurer; Bro. Rev. R. Frew, Chaplain; Bro. Maltby, Tyler.

The young lads of Nelson appear to thing that they enjoy a full monopoly of certain sidewalks for sleigh-riding. People who have to use these thoroughfares protest in vain. The danger is becoming so glaring that many think the police should interfere. There would be no serious objection to the youngsters coasting where there is little or no traffic, but the most frequented sidewalks in the City ought not to be used as toboggan slides.

At the City Hall last night Chief of Police Jarvis was the recipient of a presentation and address The address read; "The mayor, aldermen and municipal officers of Nelson ask your acceptance of the accompanying dinner set and cheque as a small token of their esteem on the occasion of your marriage, and desire to express their best wishes for your and Mrs. Jarvis' future welfare and happiness." Mayor Neelands made the presentation, which was feelingly acknowledged by the chief.

W. F. Tye, superintendent of constructin on the Columbia & Western division of the C. P. R., returned from Montreal yesterday. Seen by a Miner man last night, Mr. Tye said that while the tenders for the branch from Balfour to Nelson were under consideration, no award had as yet been made The explanation is that the tenders have been sent in in such a variety of forms that it is difficult to arrive at a conclusion. Mr. Tye rather inferred that there is no probability of a decision being arrived at within the next few days.

Messrs. Wadds Bros., of Vancouver and Nelson, have been notified that the Princess of Wales is much pleased with a photograph of Miss Eveline Richards, the English lady who accompanied the British Yukon Goldfields Expedition and who is now acting as the English correspondent for several British papers. Her Royal Highness thinks the photograph very interesting and is pleased to accept it. It is probably a revelation to the people of England that the Dominion of Canada is not altogether devoid of artistic ability. The Princess of Wales is one of the readiest women in the world to acknowledge talent and ability wherever it is found.


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### SIR GEORGE KIRKPATRICK DEAD

#### His Demise Causes Great Sorrow in His Old Home, Kingston.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 13.—Hon. Sir George A. Kirkpatrick, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, died at an early hour this morning. He has been ailing about two years.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 13.—The death of Sir George Kirkpatrick at Toronto, causes deep sorrow in this city, his old home. He was beloved by all classes of citizens. The funeral takes place to Cataraqui Cemetery, where the remains will lie along side those of the late Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Alexander Campbell.

### QUESTION RAISED AGAIN.

Rio de Janerio, Dec. 13.—The Government of Brazil will generally protest against the award of the arbitration tribunal of Paris on the part of the frontier between the Cotingo and Takutu Rivers, which territory, it says, belongs to Brazil and was not included in the protocols establishing the tribunal which arbitrated the British-Venezuelan questions.


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NOTICE.

The Commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government to enquire into the conditions affecting the mining interests of British Columbia; the alleged importation of alien labour, etc, etc., will be held in the Court House, in Nelson, today, the 14th December instant, at 10 o'clock a m.
R. C. CLUTE, Commissioner.

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## COMM'R CLUTE OPENS COURT.

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operation about that number would be required."

"How many men came in response to the advertisement?" asked the commissioner.

The witness said he did not know.

Mr. Campbell asked how many unemployed miners there were in the Slocan at the time of advertising.

Witness: "Speaking of Sandon, I should say about 100."

Mr. Clute: "Could a sufficient number of British Columbian subjects be obtained for the mines if they were working full capacity?"

Witness: "Not at present."

To Mr. Campbell—"Of the dozen or so men who applied to me I can only recall one who went to work."

"What reasons did these men assign for not going to work?"

"Two of them told me that they were met by the Union men and told not to go to work."

Mr. J. J. Campbell deposed: "I am connected with the Hall Mines as assistant manager and chief accountant, and am secretary of the Nelson Mines Association."

Mr. Clute: "Are the conditions between Slocan and Nelson different."

Witness: "Yes, and not alone between the two divisions, but also between mines in the Slocan."

Witness proceeded to explain the differences, and added that the conditions which would induce men to choose would be the proximity of the mine to town, the bunkhouse accommodation, etc., rather than the quality of the ore. Most of the mines in the Nelson division were at work.

"Have you had any difficulty in getting men at the Silver King?"

"Yes, during the current year. Until this eight-hour law was established I never heard of difficulty or trouble of any kind between the men and the mine owners. The relations with the men at the Hall Mines are pleasant enough now. We require more men now, and although our relations are pleasant we have not done as much work or employed as many men. We find a difficulty in getting skilled miners. The demand is greater than the supply. There has been no strike or shut down in the Silver King."

Mr. Clute invited any of the working miners present to testify.

One of the Union men explained that their principal officer, Mr. Wilks, was away at Moyie, and would be back next evening. The speaker said that he did not think any of the men would care to give evidence until Mr. Wilks' return.

There being no other available witness, the court adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

### LONDON MARKET REPORT.

Shares are Stagnant—Review of Exchange Happenings.

London, Nov. 25.—(Special Correspondence of The Miner.)—During the past week very little business has been doing on the London market. On the one hand money is likely to become dearer, and on the other hand the Transvaal war is not looked upon as such a walk-over for the English. General Buller requires more men and a further 10,000 are about to be dispatched. Government stocks keep firm.

In the foreign market stagnation is the order of the day, in all the leading foreign stocks such as Argentines, Brazilians and Spanish, in fact all through the list, dullness prevails. The only active market is American rails. Southern Pacifics have risen 10 points since last week and are likely to go higher, Baltimore and Ohios have been strong. Louisvilles, New York Centrals, Eries, Milwaukees and Union Pacifics are all better. In the Canadian market, Canadian Pacifics are good and also Grand Trunks. In our Home rail market most of the various securities are on the downward grade. In the Industrial market there has again been a good demand for Colts, which are now above par, but Vickers, Maxims are lower on the issue of fresh capital which is to be issued at £2 premium. Armstrongs are harder at £4¼ but Hotchkiss are lower at 14s. 6d.

In Breweries, Allsopps are steady at £134, Guinesses and Watneys are in demand, Eastmans and Hammonds are somewhat better at £1¾ and ¼ respectively. Lipton's were very dull at 48s, and Debenta at £106. Lyon's have been dull at £6¾. Salmon & Gluckstein's 50s. Slaters firm at £3¼. Barnum's also dull at 21s. Kodaks firmer at 38s. Mutoscopes better at 16s. Coat's cotton are dull at £75½, Spinner's at 41s. Wool Combers and Calico prints are dull. In the various oil shares, Russian oils are quoted £2½, Baku Par Anglo-Russian £2. In the electric lighting companies little or no change is recorded. The various theatre shares are about the same.

In the South American mining market the feature has been the continual demand for the various Rhodesian shares at better prices, Chartereds are firm at £4¼, Bulawayo Exploration at £3. 3s. 8d, Matabele Gold Reefs have been down as low as £8 but closed at £8¼.

Rhodesia Exploration fell a ¼ and small declines took place in Globe and Phoenix, Mashonaland Agency and Rhodesia Goldfields.

In the Kaffir market, Rand Mines are lower, East Rands steady, De Beers weak, Wemmers Knights, and Geldentines Estates lower on account of the absence of war news from the front. On the other hand Modderfontein, New Primrose, Randfontein, Robinson Gold, Heriot, Henry Nourse and Angelo are each a quarter lower.

In the miscellaneous shares very little business is reported and the only improvement of note is in the Indian section, Ooregum, which is quoted at £4¾. New Zealands are lower.

In British Columbians Le Roi and Ymir are about the only shares that have in any way been dealt in. London and Globes are fairly steady at 23s.

In the West Australian market, shares are evidently waiting for something to turn up as they are certainly affected by the other markets, consequently there have been more falls than rises in this section.

### GERMAN BUDGET DEBATE.

Dr. Von. Miguel Replies to the Criticisms of Emperor William's Speech.

*Berlin, Dec. 13.—In the Reichstag* today there was a continuation of the budget debate. Dr. Von Miguel, Minister of Finance, replied to the criticism of the Emperor's Hamburg speech made by Dr. Liebert the Centrist leader. He said the speech had found a patriotic echo in the hearts of millions of Germans and had also been a warning against the excessive growth of the power of party politics. The navy bill, as announced, was not beyond the financial strength of Germany, and the Centrists, he asserted, would ultimately admit the necessity of it. Herr Satler on behalf of the National Liberals said he hailed with great satisfaction the favorable sentiments of America towards Germany, adding, "since, however, America formerly went very far in repressing German interests, it is just America against whom we must strengthen our power.

### RUSSIA OBJECTS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—The speech of the German Minister of Foreign Affairs, Count Von Buelow, in the Reichstag yesterday, is keenly criticized here, both by the press and public on account of what are regarded as pronounced declarations in favor of German hegemony and their generally warlike and threatening tone.

### A FAVORABLE VIEW.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—The Novoe Vremya and other papers take a favorable view of Count Von Buelow's speech. The Herald says: "Russia is as convinced of Germany's sincere love for peace as of her own. Count Von Buelow, for the first time in history alluded to this relation between Russia and Germany, and Germany's security in Europe."

### COUNTERFEITER SENTENCED.

Boston, Dec. 13.—William Davidson, one of the band of alleged counterfeiters recently detected in Winthrop, was sentenced to serve four years in State prison by Judge Lowell of the Circuit Court here today on a plea of guilty. The indictment charged the defendant with counterfeiting $2 bills of the Dominion of Canada.

### COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—The Society for the Protection of Women and Children, of this city, is urging the necessity of compulsory education among children of parents who neglect that essential.

### INEFFICIENT FIRE BRIGADE.

Quebec, Dec. 13.—The Canadian Underwriters' Association have refused lower fire insurance in this city owing to the alleged inefficiency of the fire brigade.

### DUKE GOES HOME.

New York, Dec. 13.—Among the passengers of the White Star liner Oceanic for Liverpool today was the Duke of Manchester, who is returning to his home owing to the illness of his sister, Lady Alice Montague.

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### AFTER AGUINALDO.

He is Hard Pressed and His Chief of Staff Killed.

Manila, Dec. 13.—A dispatch just received from Cervantes says Major Marsh completely routed General Del Pilar's force on December 2, in a fight on a mountain 3,000 feet above the sea. Del Pilar was killed and two Americans were killed and nine wounded. On December 3 Major Marsh was about 24 hours behind Aguinaldo who had believed he had found an inaccessible refuge. Aguinaldo was greatly affected on hearing of the death of his chief of staff and instantly prepared for flight.

### NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE.

New York, Dec. 13.—The trial of Roland B. Molineux for the killing of Mrs. Katherine Adams, was continued today, but nothing of importance was elicited.

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