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SIR CHARLES FAVORS PARTY POLITICS

Thinks the Province Would Benefit by It.

A SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Hume Hall Was Packed by Citizens Anxious to Hear the Former Minister of Justice.

The Hume Hall was not large enough to accommodate all those who wished to hear the address of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper last evening. Every seat was filled, standing room was at a premium and a large number of people were totally unable to gain admission. Juging by the applause and the expressions of approval heard on every side as the meeting broke up those present spent a very pleasant evening. Sir Charles is a lucid speaker, is never at a loss for a word and turns a point neatly, provoking a smile which keeps his auditors in constant good humor. His speech lasted an hour and a half, concluding with an eloquent peroration at 10 o'clock.

Mr. J. Roderick Robertson acted as chairman and on the platform were Messrs. A. S. Farwell, W. A. Macdonald, T. G. Proctor, Hugh R. Cameron, Fred Starkey and Col. Ray of Port Arthur. Mr. Robertson made no opening remarks, simply calling on Sir Charles and to the accompaniment of a broken pane of glass and soft foot steps over head the former Minister of Justice commenced his speech.

Sir Charles first explained that the meeting had no connection with the local election into which Nelson is plunged. When he accepted the invitation of the Liberal-Conservative Association of Nelson to address the meeting he had no idea that an election would be on before the meeting was called. He would not presume to discuss local affairs; he was only a "carpet bagger," a term that he was not ashamed of but which had provoked profane language in high places There was no place in which he would ather address a meeting than in this prosperous district for prosperity and Liberal-Conservatism always suggested themselves simultaneously in his thoughts. It had been suggested that the old parties should line up according to party principles in the Province of British Columbia. Under the party system Canada had grown great and he would like to see the same system introduced here. It would guard against Martinisms, or Turnerisms, would eliminate personalities from our politics and make the fights between principles and not between men only. He referred to the analogous position of papers in this Province that support the principle of one of the parties in Dominion politics and also support men in British Columbia who assail those principles. He would like to see an out and out

PARTY FIGHT

and expressed the belief that the time of dangerous coalitions had gone.

Passing on then to compare the principles of the great parties in Canada, Sir Charles said that the policy of the Liberal-Conservatives party had never stood out more prominently over that of the Liberals than since the Liberals have been in power. At the time of Confederation the leaders of the two parties joined together, formed the Liberal-Conservative party and adopted the motto of union and progress. They welded the Provinces together, took, in the distant portions of the Dominion, among them British Columbia, which he believed would prove the very gem of the Confederation But all Liberals did not follow the heads of the party and the seceding faction, now represented at Ottawa by Hon. Mr. Fielding, attempted no later than 1886 to tear one of the Provinces away from Confederation. The Conservative policy was one of consolidation and the Liberal policy one of disintegration. The Liberal-Conservative party adopted the National Policy and have it yet. The Liberals were stealing it piecemeal. He would like to see them steal it all and would back them up in carrying it out if it kept them in power 20 years. The National Policy was the great means by which the Provinces were linked together as it gave money and credit to raise more money. Every step of the Liberal-Conservative party since '67 down, had been utterly opposd by the Liberals who bitterly bemoaned the growth of the debt that was necessary to support Canada with permanent public works and bring about the results for which the Liberals now claim the credit. They came in at the heel of the hunt and want all the credit. The two cent postage was only made possible by the party that was so bitterly opposed by those who now put it into force. Lord Ripon had said that the reason that Canada enjoyed credit on London markets second only to the Mother Country was on account of the public works of a permanent nature. Mr. Chamberlain had said that the building of the C. P. R. made Canada great by the opening of the greatest wheat fields on earth and one of the richest mining regions. All those great schemes were opposed by Liberals who had not been consistent in anything since '67. The Liberal party was one of organized obstruction and organized hypocrisy.

Sir Charles then enumerated some of the features of the National Policy that the Liberals had so bitterly condemned while in power and showed that now they were adopting the very same methods themselves. Figures were quoted to show how the debt had increased under the Liberal Government.

If there was one thing more than another Sir Charles said that the Liberals condemned it was the acceptance of titles by Canadians. K. C. M. G., they declared was a

TIN POT TITLE.

They wrote pamphlets against it. But a change has come o'er the spirit of their dr am. Their profession of democratic ideas were swept to the winds by their accession to power. Sir Wilfrid Laurier went to London and when he came back his best friends would not know him. He was covered with gold ribbon he had feathers in his hat, medals on his breast and a string of letters at both ends of his name. The Conservatives had a contempt for "Sir" for High Commissioners at London and the Liberals have a Lord. A "Mr." was good enough for Speaker but Liberals have a Sir in both Houses. There were five "tin pot titles" in Sir Wilfrid's Cabinet. He had so many that he could spare one and he sent him to govern Ontario. Even the clerk of the House was a "Sir." "Old Bourinot" was good enough for the Conservatives. To crown it all the Liberals had sent a Czar to govern British Columbia. The Liberals had protested against members of Parliament being given office but since they came to power they have made appointments from the House of Commons by wholesale.

But their particular aversion was protection. Sir Richard Cartwright had said that protection was worse than pestilence, war and famine, yet the Liberals have adopted it almost holus bolus. They had advocated a tariff of 17 per cent, then a tariff for revenue only, then unrestricted reciprocity, then free trade as they have it in England, then free trade in 40 years, then a tariff which discriminated against Great Britain so as to make our position with Americans better. They advocated the right of making their own treaties but now they have Lord Herschell with them at Washington. If the Commission is a failure he will get the blame, if it is successful, Sir Wilfrid will get the credit.

Sir Charles then went into figures again to show that the expenditure had grown rapidly under the Liberals instead of coming down three or four million dollars annually as they promised it would. Coming to the plebiscite the speaker said that notwithstanding the definite promise of Sir Wilfrid Laurier he had no doubt that no prohibition would be introduced at the next session. The last thing heard of was the growl against the Senate They were not all agreed as to how it should be reformed but it should be reformed. Sir Charles defended the Senate and said that the only manly course for the Government to have followed would have been to go to the country on the Yukon Railway Bill that they now assailed the Senate for rejecting. The Yukon Administration was next dealt with, Sir Charles saying that the Government stood convicted of the charges brought, by the withdrawal of all the officials that were accused of wrong doing. He closed with urging the party to stand together, keep its eyes on the course of the present Government, to uphold it when it did right but to check it sharply when it did wrong "Our motto is" concluded Sir Charles, "for the party, with the party, but for the country and for the Empire, first, last and all the time."

The closing remarks were eloquently uttered and as Sir Charles resumed his seat there was a great deal of hearty applause. The singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close. A pleasing feature of it, and an inovation here, was the presence of a number of ladies.

SHE MAY PRESUME THAT HE IS DEAD

The Court Gives Lady Curtis That Permission.

WIFE OF SIR A. CURTIS

Her Husband is Supposed to Have Perished While en Route to the Klondike.

London, Jan. 30.—At probate division of the high court of justice today, Lady Curtis applied for leave to presume that the death of her husband, Sir Arthur Colin Curtis, third baronet of that name, occurred near Quesnelle, Mud River, B. C., while he was on the way to Klondike. Evidence was given that he left his party's camp on June 10, 1898, after a disagreement and has not been seen since. The judge thought the application was early, in view of Sir Arthur's death being so recent. But he granted leave on the precedent being cited. The estate is valued at £16,000.

A dispatch from Victoria to The Miner a few days since stated that a returned Klondiker knew Sir Arthur well and was positive that he was still alive and well, having left him only a few weeks previously.

CHICAGO FIRE.

Mohogany Yards Burned Causing a Loss of $350,000.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—The mahogany yards of J. C. Raynor Morgan and Fulton and the box factory owned by F. C. Austin, burned today, causing a loss of $325,000 The fire was discovered in the lumber yards by the watchman. Fanned by a strong wind, the large stock of well-seasoned and valuable lumber was all ablaze before the arrival of the first engine of the fire department. The fire spread from the lumberyards to the boarding house owned by Mrs. Smith. The house was destroyed and the 25 lodgers were driven into the street, with the temperature at zero, in their night clothes. Ten of the firemen were on the roof of the Austin Box factory when it caught fire The flames broke through the roof beneath their feet and they were forced to jump to the ground. All of them escaped without any serious injury. A few minutes later the roof fell in. The box factory was totally destroyed. Frank Mever, a watchman in the Raynor building, was severely injured in jumping from the second story of the building. The stock of the lumber yard, which is a block and a half long was valued at $30,000, and is the most extensive loss.

DEPLORABLE CONDITION.

Philippine Indians Are Committing Innumerable Outrages.

New York, Jan. 30.—The Herald has the following: Manila, Philippines, Sunday, January 29.—The Spanish civil prisoners have not yet been released. Tales of suffering, hunger and dishonor come from the provinces. Young Spanish girls are forced to live in open shame with low born Indians, and their parents being powerless, appealed to Aguinaldo. His reply was a letter from a dishonored child, exacted after, God knows what suffering, saying she is happy and contented. Ladies have suffered dishonor to save their husbands from cruel treatment. Five priests have died in one province from hunger and cruelty, although $60,000 had been sent by the corporation for their maintenance. They appeal to the American nation in the name of God, to stop the tragedy.

WON THE WAGER.

Steamer City of Seattle Reached Skagway in Seventy Hours.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 30.—The steamer City of Seattle has returned from Lynn, having broken all records It made the trip to Skagway and return in six days, 17 hours and 40 minutes. Joe Barrett, wagered $1000 with Richard Butler, a rich mine operator of the Klondike, that the Seattle could not do the distance to Skagway in four days. The steamer made the trip in 70 hours and 25 minutes. The Seattle brings the first news from the famed Keokuk district since winter set in. Bedrock had been struck on various claims with excellent returns. There are about 1500 people in the district and 30 odd stern wheelers on the Keyokuk River.

RUMORS DENIED.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—The North German Gazette today again denies the rumors that Prince Hohenlohe contemplates resigning the Imperial Chancellorship.

ALDERMEN ELECT CITY OFFICIALS

W. A. Galliher Named as City Solicitor.

W. E. WASSON IS CLERK

A Prolonged Session and Many Animated Discussions—Finance Committee Recommendations.

Mr. W. A. Galliher was named by the city council last night as City Solicitor for the ensuing year; W. E. Watson was named as assistant city clerk and treasurer at a salary of $75 per month; William Gaton was named as pound keeper and H. D. Beck as caretaker of the cemetery.

These were some of the results of last night's regular meeting of the mayor and alderman. It was a prolonged meeting and all the oratory in town was not confined to the Tupper gathering at the Hume Hotel Hall. Ald. Fletcher and Hillyer bubbled over with eloquence and while there were troublesome times at first, when the storm subsided it was upon a scene as peaceful as a meadow stream in autumn time.

Consideration of the report of the finance committee was the first business before the council. The committee's recommendation that the city assessor be instructed to proceed at once with the assessment work, to be completed by March 1, was approved. A reduction of 25 per cent in electric light charges for the month of January, providing payment is made before February 20, was ordered. The Chief of the Fire Brigade was appointed water commissioner without additional salary. In the bills presented for approval by the committee was one providing for the payment to Engineer Coyle of $5 a day for services rendered in connection with the electric light flume. Ald. Hillyer took exception to this. He thought Mr. Coyle should be given $6 a day. Ald. Fletcher pointed out that engineers capable of doing the work required of Mr. Coyle could be secured for less than $5 a day, at the present time because there was so little work. He believed, however, that $5 was proper pay for the work. After considerable heated discussion Ald. Hillyer gave in and agreed that perhaps Ald. Fletcher knew more about engineers and their work than did he and Mr. Coyle will get but $5 a day for his work.

The finance committee also recommended the payment of $300 to the public library fund. Ald. Hillyer thought it would require a by-law in order to make the donation and to be on the safe side action was deferred until a city solicitor should be appointed and consulted.

The matter of the amendment to the by-law providing for a reduction in the tax on insurance companies doing business in Nelson came up on postponement from the last meeting. It was proposed to reduce the tax of $200, which has never been imposed, to $50. Considerable discussion ensued and it was finally decided to make no amendment to the by law but to enforce the $200 tax, $100 to be paid at once and $100 at the expiration of six months time, providing that the city will agree to amend the by-law if the insurance companies will agree to a reduction in rates.

Messrs. Macdonald & Johnson reported that they had communicated with the Hon. J. Fred Hume in regard to amendment of the water clauses act, under date of Jan 24, but that no reply had been received. Upon motion the solicitors were empowered to have their agents at Victoria act in the matter if necessary.

Applications for the position of assistant city clerk and treasurer were read from J. H. R. Christie, W. E. Wasson, H. E. Lawford, Murdock McKay, A. E. Eskrige.

Upon motion the council proceeded to ballot, with the result that Wasson was elected with four votes, McKay receiving the other three. The salary of the assistant city clerk was fixed at $75.

An application for the position of caretaker of the cemetery was read from H. D. Beck and he was given the position.

George Beaumont applied for the position of street commissioner and his application was placed on file. The application of J. E. Annable for city assessor was placed with Mr. Beaumont's.

R. F. E. Perry asked to be sworn in as a city detective. He was about to open a detective agency here.

Upon motion the application was filed.

The Nelson Opera House Co., asked to be given a license for the balance of the present year free, the city council to have the use of the Opera House four night during the year. The request was denied.

A communication from the Hall Mines Smelter asked the city to donate $100.00 to the purchase of instruments. There was no provision for such expenditure of money and in lieu of granting the request the aldermen each donated $5 and Mayor Neelands increased a former donation of $5 to $10. Chief of Police McKinnon who was in the council chamber also added his name for a like sum.

The matter of selection of a city solicitor was next in order. There were four applications: W. A. Macdonald, Q. C., W. A. Galliher, John Elliott and R. M. Macdonald. It took but one ballot to [illegible] the man. Mr. Galliher received four votes and Mr. W. A. Macdonald three votes. Mr. Galliher was therefore declared elected.

City Engineer McCulloch reported that he would be unable to secure from the Salmo mill the cedar lumber ordered for the flume and recommended that the order be filled with white pine. Mr. Hillyer and Mr. Fletcher again locked horns. The former undertook to criticise Mr. Lavin of the Salmo mill for not being in a position to fill the order. It developed in this connection that Gray's mill was in as bad a position as Lavin's and could not fill its order with clear lumber. The matter was finally settled by instructing the mayor to accept white pine on Mr. Lavin's order.

Ald. Hillyer presented a petition to the Provincial authorities from residents of the Hume addition askng for the building of a school at some point east of Cedar street. Ald. Hillyer asked that the council endorse the petition but this was not deemed advisable and a committee was appointed to wait upon the Minister of Education when he should arrive in Nelson and lay before him the wants of the East Side.

MARCH OF SCIENCE

WONDERFUL OPERATION PERFORMED IN CHICAGO.

A Brain Tumor Removed and an Insane Man Made Perfectly Sane.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—With a veritable drainage canal of rubber, replacing an insanity-producing tumor in his brain, Joseph Sepic, a butcher, who saw things "double" for many months, is improving at the Mercy Hospital where he went 10 days ago, the subject of an operation that a short time ago would have been considered impossible in surgery and which is said to be unique in the history of American medical science. He came to the institution suffering from suicidal mania. The throbbing headaches made him believe his skull was being hacked to pieces. His case was diagnosed as the hitherto incurable disease of brain tumor. Through the aid of a Skiagraph picture, the tumor was located in the brain just over the right eye. The sufferer had in the meantime developed the most violent symptoms of suicidal mania. The operation or trepanning, if quickly performed was suggested as affording a possible chance to save his life. The consent of his friends being gained, the operation was undertaken. When his skull bones were readjusted he was left with two inches of rubber tubing imbedded as a miniature canal to drain away the pus accretions Sepic's wonderful vitality helped him materially in the battle for his life. He no more sees things "double" and the throbbing headaches are gone. Recent examinations have shown the doctors that the case has passed the danger point and in a few days will be able to be removed from his bed.

DOKOHOBORS ASHORE.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 30.—The work of disembarking the Doukhobors from the steamer Lake Superior and housing them at Lawlor's island is proceeding rapidly today. One thousand will be landed today before night and the remainder will be put ashore tomorrow. There is no illness in the party.

FOR FUTURE PEACE AND CIVILIZATION

Mr. Balfour Speaks to His Constituents.

AMERICA AND ENGLAND

A Common Sympathy Between Two Great Nations a Guarantee of Progress and Freedom.

London, Jan. 30.—The Right Honorable Arthur James Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, and leader of the Ministerialists in the House of Commons, delivered his annual address this evening to his constituents at Manchester. After speaking of the "Intrinsic difficulty which continental nations find in understanding Great Britain's aims" he continued as follows: "But there is surely one great country which by community of language, religions and blood origin and even institutions is well to understand. Need I say that the country to which I refer is the United States. Some foreign critics, cynical by profession and training, hold the view that the friendship now happily subsisting between the English-speaking peoples on both sides of the Atlantic is but th growth of the moment and depends upon a transitory community of interests. They affect to believe that when this disappears, friendship also will disappear, they hold that if the British trade should feel injured by some inconvenient tariff immediately the sentiments so generally felt at this moment in Great Britain toward America would vanish like the leaves in autumn.

"According to my observations" said Mr. Balfour "the world of cynic is always wrong. I believe the cynics wrong in this case. If our good relations really depended upon those fortuitous circumstances while the latter might be the foundation of an alliance they could not by the foundation of what is infinitely more important, that species of friendship which in season and out of season thorough good report or ill is not to be shaken by mere circumstances.

"It was in this hall in 1896 that I first spoke of the international relations between the United States and England. In those dark days of the Venezuelan controversy when public feeling in America had been aroused by the wholly unfounded suspicion that we had some designs on Empire in South America and when by natural reaction we felt that our brethern on the other side of the water had neither judged nor treated us with knowledge and fairness I then expressed my firm faith that the time would come when all speaking the English language and sharing the Anglo-Saxon civilization would be united with a sympathy which no mere political divergence could permanently disturb.

"I felt then, though I spoke my inmost convictions, that I must impress my hearers as something of a dreamer and an idealist or as a prophet only hoping for what he himself can hardly expect to see realized. But the three years that have elapse since have changed the relations between the two countries, a change which I believe is not destined to be reversed, a change which has brought back these two great communities to their normal relations, disturbed as those normal relations were by more than a century of unhappy discord, a change which, once made, is a change that ought to be permanent, for it is founded, as I hope, upon mutual sympathy, mutual comprenension and the mutual belief that each great and free community desires to see the privileges it enjoys extended far and wide to all continents and among all nations.

"And, if I am right, and that common sympathy be implanted deep in the breasts of these two nations, there cannot be a greater guarantee for future peace, freedom, progress and ciivlizian not only of this country or community alone, but of the whole human race."

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

President McKinley Sent to the Senate the Commission Documents.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The President today sent to the Senate the correspondence on file in the State Department bearing upon the Peace Treaty and it was read in today's Executive session. The correspondence includes most of the letters and cablegrams from the Commissioners to the President and from the President to the Commissioners in the way of instructions. The documents are numerous as were the telegrams, letters and reports for almost every day the commissioners were in Paris. One of the first cablegrams from the President instructed them to demand the cession of Luzon Island, one of the Phillipines and he told them that full sovereignty should come with it The reading of the correspondence received the closest attention from Senators.

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JUDGE ON THE ISSUE.

Mr. Hume is not a blackleg, and Mr. Farwell is not a horse thief. If we all start the campaign with this fact fully recognized and govern ourslves accordingly, we shall probably feel fewer regrets at the close of it. Both are honest men and good citizens, and both mean well to the Province. The difference is that Mr. Hume believes the Province should be governed according to one set of principles, and Mr. Farwell by another. They appeal to the people to decide between them, for in these matters it is the people who are the ultimate judges. Whether one gentlemen is red haired, or the other has a hooked nose, is nothing to the point. Whether Mr. Hume is a Minister of the Government that at present commands a small majority, and Mr. Farwell is a private gentleman supporting a party in Opposition, is a question that has no right to consideration. As honest electors the people have only one thing to consider, and that is to determine according to their best judgment which of the two will represent them to the greater advantage in conducting the affairs of the Province with honor, dignity, and success; in other words, which set of principles is the more likely to promote the greatest good of the greatest number.

Mr. Farwell has placed himself fairly before the electors in the address published elsewhere in The Miner. He is opposed to the recent legislation excluding aliens from our placer mines, believing that it will lead to the exclusion of aliens from all mining in British Columbia. The electors of the Nelson Riding are largely engaged in mining, and those not directly engaged are largely dependent on the success of the mining industry. If they believe that mining development should be checked by the exclusion of foreign capital, they will be justified in disregarding Mr. Farwell's warning and in voting for Mr. Hume. If they believe that the prosperity of the country depends on the largest possible development of its mineral wealth, they will, if not mere partisans, vote for Mr. Farwell. As a material issue, this is probably the most important that will be presented during the contest, and no elector should vote on it without fully realising his responsibility to himself, to the Riding, and to the Province.

On other points relating to the mining industry Mr. Farwell has clearly defined views. He does not believe that a miner should be made to forfeit his right because he may inadvertently have allowed his license to lapse. Mr. Hume, as Minister of Mines, made and enforced this regulation. Here are opposite views, and the elector is expected to judge between them. Mr. Farwell is also opposed to hasty legislatin affecting mining communities and mining itself. As member of a Government that has put through hasty legislation of this kind, Mr. Hume is naturally in favor of it. Here, too, the elector will decide between them.

During the last session of the Legislature appropriations were made in aid of public buildings in Nelson, and for the construction of roads and trails that were necessary for the convenience of mining camps and for the development of trade with this City. The Government of which Mr. Hume is a member disregarded these and did nothing. Mr. Farwell believes Mr. Hume and the Government failed in their duty in neglecting them. The Nelson Riding elector can hardly hesitate in supporting Mr. Farwell on this point. Other issues are raised in the address, on all of which the elector will be asked to pronounce. If he will keep personal feeling out of it, and decide purely on the issues themselves, he will do his whole duty to himself and to the Province.

An Ottawa paper sneers at those who are opposed to a ten per cent. royalty on Yukon gold, and points to the declaration of a miner recently down from Dawson, who says that thirty millions will be taken out this year. If the royalty were as burdensome as claimed, the production would not be so great. This is a curious argument. If the gold is there to their hand, the miners will take it out, royalty or no royalty. No one has ever supposed otherwise. A better test will be to watch the proceeds realised by the Government. Thirty millions should yield a revenue of $3,000,000. Let us see how much of this sum will find its way into the Treasury. If not all, the law is being evaded; the excessive royalty is promoting smuggling and the immorality that goes with it. That is the complaint, and it has not yet been met either by argument or actual receipts by the Treasury.

Referring to the Placer Mining Bill, Mr. Bostock's Vancouver paper, The Province, says: "The Province does not believe that any attempt will be made to disallow the Bill or that it will have the slightest effect one way or the other on the Washington Commission. If it should be mistaken in these views, and if any effort should be made to strike the measure off the statutes, the effort will be resisted as long as there is a dollar in British Columbia or a man left to fight." This is incendiary language, but not wholly new in Canada. It has been heard wherever the present Attorney-General of British Columbia has happened to have any voice in the control of Government affairs. Mr. Hume is unfortunate in having as associates men and journals who openly preach violent resistance to the constituted authorities.

The Cascade Record has the following: "The Record received the Vancouver Daily Province of Jan. 17, 18, and 19 on the 24th inst., via the lightning mail route as now arranged. Rossland, Nelson, and other near-by papers reach Cascade from two to four days late, as a rule. One can travel from Vancouver to Cascade in 33 hours, and from Rossland to Cascade in 12 hours. If Inspectors Dorman and McLeod can explain why this is thus they will oblige hundreds of the people in the Boundary district. Such relics of mediaevlism should be relegated to the past, and bungling postal clerks or officials, responsible for this antiquated sort of service, should receive such a jacking up as will promptly improve the service.".

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Deadly Grippe.

Death is busy everywhere over the land. One can hardly pick up a paper nowadays wthout finding the announcements of the death of several well-known Canadians. The grip is probably responsible for most of the deaths. When the epidemic attacks people it affects their weakest part, and with those who are well on in years a fatal result seems almost inevitable, while with the younger generation it leaves a train of maladies which bear bitter fruit later on. A few years ago when suicide was so prevalent in Canada, the doctors laid almost every case at the door of the epidemic of grip of a few years before. —Victoria Province.

Much to be Desired.

The French shore question has hitherto been one of the main obstacles to the union of Newfoundland with Canada. When that obstacle is removed we think it likely that the question of confederation will once more become one of practical importance. If the people of Newfoundland are willing, and it need hardly be said that Canada will be no party to forcing them in against their will, the remaining difficulty will be one mainly of dollars and cents. The addition of territory which would bring Canada within less than 2,000 miles of Ireland, and the increase of our population by 200,000 people of British descent would certainly be an important event in the history of the Dominion.—Toronto Globe.

The Province Not Supreme.

The Labor Regulation Act passed by the British Columbia Legislature at its last session, disqualifying from employment, by persons or companies exercising Provincial franchises, Chinese or Japanese, was reserved by the Lieutenant-Governor and will not become law, as the Ottawa Government declines to give effect to it. * * *

The Minister of Justice in his report states that he has communicated with the Government of British Columbia, asking them to give the matter early consideration, and he recommends that further Federal action may be delayed until a reply has been received from the Provincial authorities. The British Government evidently looks upon legislation aimed at Japanese as a matter of Imperial interest, and it is noteworthy that in the protest entered by the Japanese consul it is stated that such legislation would hinder the development of the international trade between Canada and Japan which the Governments of the two countries are now triyng to foster. This matter shows that though the Province may claim the right to attach whatever conditions it chooses to its owns Acts, Dominion and Imperial interests may lead to disallowance.—Winnipeg Free Press

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Chief of Fire Department	W J Thompson
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Health Officer	Dr. LaBau
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City council meets every Monday, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, cor Victoria and Josephine st

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Registrar	E T H Simpkins
Inspector of Schools	William Burns

TIME TABLE FOR CLOSING OF MAILS AT POST OFFICE.

Mail for	Spokane; Victoria; Rossland Winnipeg; Vancouver and all Eastern Points.	9 a.m
"	Nakusp; Slocan Lake; Sandon; Vancouver, Winnipeg, Main Line, O.P.R.	8 p.m
"	Rossland; Trail, Robson and Points on C. & K. Ry.	
"	Kaslo and Lake Points,	4 p.m.
"	Kuskonook and Creston Monday and Friday	7:30 a.m

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND—Matin 11 a.m.; Even Song, 7.30 p.m. every Sunday. Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month after Matins; on 2nd and 4th Sundays, at 8 a.m. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. Rev. H. S. Akehurst, Rector. Cor Ward and Silica streets.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 p.m.; Christian Endeavor Society meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. R. Frew, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH—Corner Silica and Josephine Streets. Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sabbath School, 2.30 p.m.; Prayer meeting on Friday evening at 8 o'clock; Epworth League C. E., Tuesday at 8 a.m. Rev. John Robson, Pastor.

CATHOLIC CHURCH—Mass at Nelson, first and third Sunday at 8 and 10.00 a.m.; Benediction at 7.30 to 8 p.m. Rev. Father Ferland Priest.

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

LODGE MEETINGS.

NELSON LODGE, No. 23. A. F. & A. M. meets second Wednesday in each month. Visiting brethren invited.
G. L. LENNOX, Secretary.

I. O. O. F. Kootenay Lodge No. 16, meets every Monday night, at their Hall, Kootenay street. Sojourning Odd Fellows cordially invited.
E C Arthur, N. G. John Vanstone, V. G.
Fred J Squires, Secy.

S.O.E. NELSON'S QUEEN NO. 241 SONS OF ENGLAND, meets second and fourth Wednesday of each month at K. of P. hall, MacDonald Block, cor. Vernon and Josephine streets. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
CHAS. H. FARROW, Secretary.

COURT KOOTENAY, I.O.F., NO. 3138 meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month in the K of P Hall. F W Swanell, C. D. S. C. R.; J R Green, C.R.; J. Purkiss, Secy.

NELSON LODGE, NO. 10 A.O.U.W., meets every Thursday in the I.O.O.F. hall. G C Williams, M.W.; W S Smith, Rec.-Sec.; J. J. Driscoll, Financier; F. J Squire, Receiver, and P. M. W.

NELSON L.O.L. No. 1692 meets in the MacDonald block every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting members cordially invited. John Tove, W. M.; F. J. Bradley, R. S.

NELSON LODGE No. 25, K. of P. meets in Castle hall, McDonald block every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. All visiting knights cordially invited.
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MONEY FOR MUSIC

THE HALL MINES SMELTER BAND MAKES AN APPEAL.

Wants $100 From Citizens of Nelson Who Have Not Already Subscribed to the Fund.

The Hall Mines Smelter Band wants $100 from the citizens of Nelson who have not already subscribed to its fund. The band is to be strictly a Nelson organizaiton, composed of Nelson men and if the hopes of those interested in it are realized, will be in every way a credit to the city.

The Miner has been asked to assist in raising the $100 still required to put the organization in a position which will enable it to purchase instruments, music, etc. This The Miner gladly does. For those who will be members of the band The Miner appeals to its readers for donations. It is not necessary that five or ten dollars shall be given. A donation of $1 or less will be as gladly received and every little bit will assist in making up the required sum. It is the intention of the band, when it becomes efficient, to give band concerts in the open air during the summer months and even if some are not moved to subscribe for other reasons, they may have the assurance that should they do so they will get full value for their money in entertainment.

The Miner has consented to receive subscriptions at its office on Victoria street and each day a list of those subscribing will be published until the entire $100 is raised. Subscriptions will be received at any time either through the mails or in person.

The members of the band have each donated $10.

HEALTHY SIGN.

The Smallest Docket For Years Before the County Court.

When people pay their debts promptly there are no suits brought before the courts. So the number of suits entered on the docket for hearing at a sitting of the Country Court is a good indication of just how people are meeting their obligations. A sitting of the County Court will be held today, and the docket shows that business affairs in Nelson are in a much better shape than ever before. During January 23 summons were issued as against 34 during the same month last year. Twenty five cases are set down to be heard before the Court today a better showing than for any sitting during the past two years. Considering the large increase in population, Nelson seems to be in better shape now than at any time in its history

At the sitting today 19 applications for naturalization papers will be heard.

HOCKEY ON FRIDAY.

The Champions of Kootenay Will Play the Nelson Team.

What will undoubtedly prove to be the most interesting hockey event of the season will take place in the Crystal rink on Friday evening, provided of course that the weather clerk is kind enough to supply ice. The Victorias of Rossland will be here, and the Nelson team will endeavor to wipe out the defeat suffered at their hands at the Carnival last Friday evening. It was in that game that the Nelson team claims that one umpire's decisions were most unfair, and that if the team had received fair treatment the Victorias would have last. The Nelson team is confident that it can win, and when the two sevens line up on Friday evening a battle royal will be the result. The Victorias are the champions of the Kootenays and to defeat the holdres of that title is the ambition of the local players.

The Nelson club will hold regular practices this week and all players are requested to turn out.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

There Were Two Hundred and Fifty Visitors Last Week.

The Public Library continues to grow more popular. When a Miner reporter visited the rooms yesterday afternoon 15 men were reading the papers and magazines, the number just about taxing the capacity of the rooms. Last week over 250 people visited the library which amply demonstrates the good the library is doing. New subscribers are being added every day, and Librarian Harrison reports that there is a good demand for books.

An order will be forwarded to Toronto today for 250 new books. The list embraces a pick of the standard books and many of the recent works that have gained populatirity. They will be forwarded without delay. The papers and magazines are now coming regularly, there being 20 of the former and 21 of the latter.

Mrs. Painter, Mrs. Gurd, Mrs. Goepel and Mrs. Watson, have recently contributed readiing matter to the library.

FROM THE GAZETTE.

Appointments and Announcements in the Last Issue.

The following appointments and announcements appear in the current issue of the B. C. Gazette:

John E. Griffith, of Donald, S. M., to be Returning Officer for the North Riding of the East Kootenay Electoral District.

William Henry Evans, of Kamloops, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Royal Inland Hospital, vice R. Marpole, resigned.

The writ has been issued for the by-election in the North Riding of East Kootenay to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William H. Neilson, late member. The writ is returnable on Ferbuary 28.

The Rossland Air Supply Company, Limited, a specially incorporated Company with the meaning of Part IV. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," incorporated in September 30, 1898, has submitted its undertaking to the Lieutenant-Governor in-Council for approval. The Company proposes to erect hydraulic air compressors at the junction of Beaver Creek and the Columbia River, in the Trail Creek Mining Division, or to erect an electric plant, and to operate the same by the use of 3,200 inches of water, taken as follows, viz: 1200 inches out of Beaver Creek, 500 inches out of the main Salmon River, and 1500 inches out of the North Fork of the Salmon River, and recorded by the Company for the purpose of supplying compressed air or electricity, and conveying the same through conduit pipes or wires to the mines in the Trail Creek division, and for general power purposes. The undertaking has been approved. The amount of capital, which shall be duly subscribed before the Company commences construction, is fixed at $200,000, while the time within which such capital is to be subscribed and work commenced is fixed at six months from January 24, and the date by which such works shall be in operation is fixed at April 1, 1901.

The Summit Gold and Copper Mining Company, Limited, has been reincorporated as a Limited Company, with a capital of $1,000,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares of $1 each. The registered office will be in Grand Forks. Among its other objects is the acquisition, by purchase or otherwise, of the mineral claims known as the Canada and Swan.

Isabella Johnson, merchant, of Arrowhead, has made an assignment to Robert L. Johnson, of the same place. A meeting of the creditors is announced for February 1, at 2 p. m., in the offices of Harvey & McCarter, at Revelstoke.

Thomas Wilson, merchant of Trail, has assigned to Edward Baillie, of Rossland. A meeting of creditors is called for February 8, at 3 p. m., at McLeod, Pringle & Whiteside's office, Rossland.

A BIG BLAST.

A Cascade City Dispatch says: One of the heaivest and most effective blasts fired off on the construction of the Robson-Penticton branch of the Columbia & Western Railway, was that set off recently near Cascade, at a point along Christina Lake known as Rattesnake bluff. It was on the subcontract of Pat Welch, and it is said that some 300 kegs of black powder were used for the purpose. An immense quantity of rock was displaced by the blast. The concussion could be plainly noticed in Cascade, although the point is nearly two miles from this city. Many buildings were shaken and nearly all windows rattled quite perceptibly. It is estimated that several thousand cubic yards of material was thrown out of the way as a result of the shot, greatly facilitating the work of the graders on the railway line.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

C. W. Riley returned to Nelson yesterday from Rossland.

W. M. Jameson has purchased two lots at Josephine and Hoover streets and wlli erect a cottage. The purchase price was $500.

Mrs. J. W. Cowan, wife of the well known Nelson "Lightning Express" man left yesterday for St. Paul, Minn.

E. H. Goodfellow, of Vancouver, arrived in Nelson Sunday night to occupy a position in the C. P. R. telegraph office in this city.

Joseph Bradshaw, an employe on the Columbia & Kootenay road broke his arm yesterday morning while coupling two cars at Slocan Junction.

Twenty cases have been set down for hearing before the Supreme Court which sits here on Monday of next week. The chief justice will probably preside.

The lecture and concert that was to have been given at the Presbyterian Church, Friday Evening, February 3, has been postponed until Tuesday evening, Fetbruary 7.

The supporters of Mr. Farwell meet this evening in the Victoria Block. Sufficient accommodation has been secured there and meetings will be held nightly until the campaign is over.

P. J. Russel, manager for the Kootenays of the Parson's Produce Co, leaves tomorrow morning for Fort Steele, where he will meet Mr. R. A. Rogers of the company and accompanied him on a trip to the different agencies.

Richard Roane, a miner from the Silver King mine, died at the Misses Crickmay's hospital yesterday morning. The remains were removed to the undertaking rooms of the Nelson Furniture Co., from which the funeral will be held.

Emory & Whalley, dealers in gents' furnishings, advertise in this morning's Miner a sacrifice sale of their present stock of goods. It is a genuine removal sale as they have been given notice by the Bank of Montreal to vacate their premises by March 1. They have a big stock of goods and intend to get rid of everything.

The Davenport (Wash.) Chronicle contains a report of proceedings in a seduction case, dating as far back as 1895, and in which the defendant is George H. Inkster, a person not unknown in the Kootenays. The case is said to be creating a great deal of interest at Davenport. The defendant is under bonds for $500 to appear at the next sitting of the Superior Court.

COLD WEATHER.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 30.—Thirty eight at Battleford and 10 below at Marquette were the official announcements for temperature for today. The local record, 26 below was the coldest in years.

For Sale—A team, harness, wagon and sleigh. Apply at Miner Office.

To the Electors of the Nelson Riding of West Kootenay District.

GENTLEMEN—The seat for this Riding being again vacant by the resignation of the Hon. J. Fred Hume, at the earnest request of a large number of the electors of this constituency, I offer myself as a candidate to represent you in the Legislative Assembly.

I advocated in my last candidature, and still propose to support, the building of useful roads, trails, and bridges, in the District, and was pleased to see last year the commencement of some public works of that nature. I regret to find that practically all such improvements in this Riding were stopped upon the acceptance of office by the Hon. Mr. Hume. With regard to public buildings, appropriations were made last session for additional School accommodation, and a Land Registry Office in Nelson. As to the former the sum voted has been expended in a dilatory manner, greatly inconveniencing the Trustees, teaching staff and pupils. As to the latter no attempt has been made to supply the grave want. It may be remarked that when in Opposition the Hon. Mr. Hume strenously pointed out the inconvenience of having to register all documents affecting land in Victoria, and advocated the building of the office in Nelson.

I submit that the legislation already passed during the present sitting of the Provincial House of Assembly is against the interest of our mining industry. The Alien Bill prohibiting aliens from working in the placer mines of the Province is even now having a retarding effect on the development of our metalliferous mines. It is interpreted as the introduction of the thin edge of the wedge, towards, probably next session, introducing legislation to prohibit aliens from prospecting and developing the mineral resources of Kootenay. I may add that the miners of Kootenay view with alarm any radical changes in the mining laws as calculated to prevent the introduction of capital, thereby contracting the field of labor.

The privilege formerly existing of a free miner who had inadvertently allowed his license to lapse, being reinstated in his rights upon the payment of a small fee, was heartily endorsed by me; and the withdrawal of this privilege by the Minister of Mines was an arbitrary act which has already resulted in loss to miners, prospectors and others, and is calculated in the future to operate disastrously to those interested in mining.

I am opposed to the hasty passage of mining legislation without giving the mining communities the opportunity of considering such measures. Such hasty procedure is unusual in this Province and detrimental to the best interests of our great mining industries.

I consider the parsimonious administration of public affairs inaugurated by the present government, is calculated to seriously endanger the efficency of the civil service and hamper the transaction of public business.

I advocate a change in the mineral act to compel all partners in a mining claim to bear their share of the assessment work, or forfeit their interest.

I am in favor of further extending the Public School system, and placing greater powers in the hands of the School Trustees in organized localities, thereby increasing the efficiency of the school.

While opposed to a large portion of the legislation introduced by the present Government, I am independant and intend if elected to support in the Legislative Assembly measures, no matter by whom introduced, which are for the benefit of the Province, and will especially give my support to whatever may assist in developing and tend towards the prosperity of the Kootenay District. I wish to deal fairly and openly by the electors and think it right for me to add that I am a Conservative and if in the future party lines should be drawn, I will be found allied with the supporters of that party.

Yours Faithfully,

A. S. FARWELL.

Nelson, Jan. 28, 1899.

It's Not a Question

As to how much you paid for your shoes, as it is what did you get for your money?

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Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Neckwear, Hats, Caps, Underwear, Men's Clothing, Suspenders, Belts, Gloves, Hosiery, etc. . . . . .

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Montreal, Westmount
Nanaimo, B. C.
Nelson, B. C.
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Port-Hawksbury, N. S.
Rossland, B. C.
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MINES OF KOOTENAY

Mining Stock Quotations.

ompiled by H. G. McCulloch, mining brok- Nelson, B. C., P. O. box 465.]

Name of Company	Par Value.	Price
Nelson, Slocan and Ainsworth		
American Boy	1 00	6
Athabasca	1 00	43
Arlington Con	1 00	8½
Dundee	1 00	30
Dardanelles	1 00	16½
Exchequer	1 00	15
Fern G. M. Co	25	56
Hall Mines	£1	17 6
Nelson-Poorman	25	45
Kaslo Montezuma	1 00	25
Noble Five	1 00	18
Rambler Con	1 00	33
Reco	1 00	1 20
Slocan Star	50	1 40
Two Friends	30	17
Wonderful	1 00	8
Washington	1 00	10
Trail Creek		
Butte	1 00	1½
Caledonia Con	1 00	⅕
Commander	1 00	13
Deer Park	1 00	21
Enterprise	1 00	18
Eureka Consolidated	1 00	7
Evening Star	1 00	7
Georgia	1 00	3
Good Hope	1 00	2
Grand Prize	1 00	4
Giant	1 00	5
High Ore	1 00	4
Iron Mask	1 00	93
Iron Colt	1 00	11
Jumbo	1 00	43
Lily May	5 00	20
Mayflower	1 00	6
Monita	1 00	12
Monte Cristo	1 00	11
Mugwump	1 00	5
Novelty	1 00	4
Phoenix	1 00	5
Poorman	1 00	12½
Red Mountain View	1 00	2
Rossland Homestake	1 00	6
Rossland Red Mountain	1 00	2
Silverine	1 00	4½
Silver Bell	1 00	5
St. Elmo	1 00	5
Virginia	1 00	48
Victory-Triumph	1 00	9½
War Eagle Con	1 00	3 20
West Le Roi Josie	1 00	27
White Bear	1 00	6½
Miscellaneous.		
Alpha Bell	1 00	7
Cariboo (Camp McK)	1 00	1 50
Waterloo (Camp McK)	1 00	8
Cariboo Hydraulic Con	5 00	95
Channe	25	8
Golden Cache	1 00	12
Tin Horn	25	12

New York, Jan. 30.—Bar silver, 59⅜ Mexican dollars, 47⅛; silver certificates, 59 ⅛ to 60½.

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Mining Transfers.

Where no consideration is named in transfers the nominal sum of $1 is to be understood.

Nelson.

Jan. 21.—

Stanley Healey to Frank Flannery, ½ in Blue Bell, sit on north fork of Salmon river, $40.

Lewis Canonica to H. McAlpin, ⅓ in Clipper, sit between Sheep and Bear creeks, $150.

E. C. Arthur to A. H. Kelly, ⅓ in Julius Caesar, 3½ miles s of Nelson.

Jan. 23.—

Patrick Perkins to Joseph Sturgeon, ½ in Copper Clown, 7 mi from Nelson on C. & K. Railway.

Jan. 24.—

F. C. Green to British Canadian Gold Fields Co., Ltd., whole of Alberta Fraction, on Craig Mountain.

John Desireau to Samuel Marshall. ½ in Chantal, ¾ mi e of Grahman creek.

Jan. 25.—

N. A. Rivers to Gideon Malor whole of Gladstone, sit on south slope of Porcupine creek.

Samuel Marshall to John Desireau, ½in St. John, on Granite Mountain.

Jan. 26.—

Frank Grantham to Andrew Cairns whole of Hercules, n side of Toad Mountain.

Edmund Cape to L. U. Dewey, ½ in Rising Star, at head of Barrett creek.

Jan. 27.—

Edward Adams to R. W. Brown, whole of Francis B., near Salmon River.

Jan. 28.—

Henry E. Croasdaile to Hall Mines Ltd., whole of Horseshoe, on Morning Mountain.

A. Bader to Frank Link, ⅔ in Polecat, 5 miles from Lemon creek and whole of Boulder at head of Grahman creek, $575.

George P. Kelly to William H. Perot, ⅔ in Copper Nest, e side of n fork of Salmon River.

Montague S. Davys to the Hall Mines Ltd., whole of Eureka, adjoining Lulu and Berlin claims.

Jan. 30.—

John A. Coryell to Frank Coryell, whole of Florence and Bully Boy, on n fork of Salmon River.

The Locations.

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Combination—On Tamarac mountain. Chas. Northridge and J. M. Gill.

Jan.. 23—

Francis B, fraction—Near Salmon River, Edward Adams.

Jan. 24—

Big Two—½ mi s Big Patch, Wm. Foote

Jan. 26.—

Big Ledge—¼ mi e of Summit Siding, A. M. Gregor.

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The Comstock Mines' new concentrator is now completed and will be started up on February 1, says the Silvertonian. It has a capacity of 60 tons per day and the company expect to be able to send down to Silverton for shipment, not less than two carloads of concentrates per week. The mine has been systematically developed, thousands of feet of tunnels driven on the ledge and numerous upraises put in and a very large amount of ore blocked out. Enough ore is in sight to ensure the continuous running of the mill for a long time to come. The mill is situated about one mile below the mine and the ore will be transported, for the present, over a wagon road, but a tramway will, no doubt, be built in the near future. At present 25 men are employed at the mine, but a large increase in the force will be necessary as soon as the mill is running at full blast.

LIKES HER NAME.

London, Jan. 30.—It is announced that Queen Victoria has been pleased at the desire of Mr. Leander J. McCormick, of Chicago, to grant a license for Mr. Frederick E. Goodhardt, of Hadlow Castle, Tonbridge, to assume the name of McCormick.

The Morning Post says: We believe this is the first occasion upon which the Britisher has added his American wife's maiden name to his own.

MORE COKE OVENS.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company Will Enlarge its Plant.

Mr. W. Blakemore, General Manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, returned on Monday from the east, where he had been on important business connected with the Company, says the Fernie Free Press. He brings with him news that is of vital importance to the people of Fernie and the Kootenays generally. He has received instructions from the Board of Management to at once make preparations for the building of 150 and if possible 200 more coke ovens during the present year. This means the employing of a large number of men not only during the construction of these new ovens, but for all time, as each oven will require some four or five men constantly to supply it with coal. The building alone of these ovens will necessitate the outlaying of a large sum of money, and is the best possible evidence that the company is alive to the requirements of the country and to a sense of their responsibility. We imagine that nothing will disarm criticism so effectually as a pursuance of this energetic and reasonable policy, and a knowledge of which must convince any reasonable person that the Crow's Nest Coal Company has already done a great deal for Kootenay.

The development of the coking works has progressed rapidly during the last few weeks, and the whole of the 50 ovens erected are now shipping coke to the smelters in West Kootenay and at Great Falls, N. D. In this connection it may be mentioned that the first consignments of coke have now been tested at the smelters and the actual quality ascertained. The reports received by the company are most saitsfactory and are to the effect that the quality is equal to what was represented in the first instance from laboratory tests. The ash does not exceed 6 per cent., sulphur .70, moisture, 30, and fixed carbon 93 per cent.

SELECTED A SUCCESSOR.

The Dowager Empress of Japan Has Decided on a Man.

Perkin, Jan. 30.—The Chinese press says the Dowager Empress has decided upon a policy regarding the successor to the throne. At a meeting of her relatives, recently held, she selected the successor of the present Emperor. His identity is not divulged, but all reports agree that a change at the Palace is impending. The Emperor is still strictly guarded and in the southwest corner of the island palace. It is asserted that the Dowager practically ignores the Grand Council of State and Tsung Li Yamen.

FAMILY WIPED OUT.

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 30.—The loss of an entire family on Lake Erie has been reported here On one of the islands of Bass Group lived a family named Robinson. The family consisted of a father, mother, daughter of 20, son of five and a hired man, Henry M. Martel. The little boy died and his parents determined to take his body back to Canada, whence they came. A clinker boat was used, the entire family starting on the perilous journey. The battered clinker boat has been found and the body of a woman was reported found recently near Port Burwell, on the Canadian shore is presumed that of Mrs. Robinson. The other bodies have not been found.

DROWNED IN ALASKA.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 30.—A special to the Post Intelligencer from Keyokuk River, Alaska, says: John C. Tait, of Chicago, was drowned September 28, 1898, eight miles north of Peavoy by the capsizing of his canoe. The body floated under the ice and was recovered. Mr. Tait was general manager of the Alaska Union Mining Company, of Chicago. He carried a life insurance of $100,000 and was a large dealer in building stone at Joliet and Chicago.

BLIZZARD IN THE EAST.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 30.—The worst blizzard of the winter is raging in northern Ohio today. The mercury has been hovering around the zero mark for the past 48 hours. A fine, penetrating snow is falling, accompanied by a high wind. Kate Stevens, 70 years old, living at 190 Canal street, was found unconscious in her room being frozen. Physicians say she will die

FILLING A LONG FELT WANT.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—Saturday afternoon a deputation, composed of George A. Cox, A. E. Kemp, Robert Jaffray, Edward Gurney, Aemilius Jarvis and several other gentlemen who are interested in the construction of a palace hotel in Toronto had a conference with Charles M. Hays of the Grand Trunk Railway. The merits of the project were discussed, but no definite action was taken.

VERY COLD WEATHER.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 30.—Specials from points in interior Wisconsin report a very low temperature. At Appleton the theremometer recorded 35 degrees below zero, the coldest in recent years. Black River Falls reports the temperature 40 degrees; Medford, 40, and White Hall, 38 below zero.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 30.—Engineer Westaway was instantly killed on Saturday by the floor over the boiler room giving way in the Verity plow works.

KILLED AT TRAIL

SMELTER MASTER MECHANIC MEETS INSTANT DEATH.

Received a Shock While Making Repairs to the Switch Board.

Trail, B. C., Jan. 30.—J. E. Boyden, master mechanic at the Trail smelter, was instantly killed this afternoon by a shock received while making some repairs to the switchboard in connection with the electrical plant. The unfortunate man was on his knees under the switchboard and struck his head agaist it. Boyden came here from Seattle.

A SUGAR DEBATE

Prussians Fear That American Competition Will Be Injurious.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—During the discussion in the Lower House of the Prussian Diet today, Baron Erffa, referring to the opinion of the Secretary of the Imperial Treasury, that there was no danger to the German Sugar industry from America in the future, said the manufacturers of Saxony took a different view from those who underrated the collossal financial resource and enterprises of "The American Sugar Trust" in California The only thing to help Germany manufacturers, was to lighten the excise duty on sugar and this promote some consumption. Baron Von Hammorstein-Loxten, the Minister of Agriculture in reply, said he fully agreed with the statement that most serious danger existed from America. Moreover, he remarked, the export of sugar from Cuba would greatly increase during the next few years, now that the energetic and intelligent American capitalists had taken the matter in hand. The danger arising from the production of beet sugar in America, he further said, was continually increasing.

WINNIPEG GROWING RAPIDLY.

Winnipeg, Jan. 30.—The directory just issued places the population of this city at 49,000, an increase of 5000 the past year. Lieutenant-Governor Forget passed through Winnipeg on Saturday en route to Ottawa.

HAD A NOTORIOUS NEPHEW.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 30.—Roderick Mackenzie, who died on Saturday after being drugged and robbed, claimed to be an uncle of Piper Findlater of Dargai Ridge fame.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED.

Perth, Ont., Jan. 30.—The new Presbyterian church was dedicated here yesterday, the pastor Rev. A. H. Scott being assisted by Rev. D. Torrance, of Guelph, Moderator of the General Assembly.

OF INTENSE INTEREST.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 30.—Joseph Pope, who is acting as private secretary for the Canadian Commissioners, came up from Washington Friday night, left again for American capital today.

RESTORATION ASSURED.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 30.—The restoration of St. George's Cathedral is now assured in fact the amount needed in subscriptions, $10,000, is almost subscribed. A New Yorker has forwarded $250 to the fund.

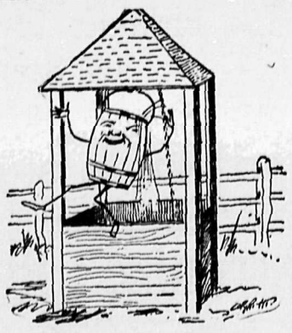
A SUDDEN DEATH.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—Robert Tait, an old citizen and member of the firm of Caldwell, Tait & Wilkes, accountants, died suddenly last night in his 60th year.

Meterological Report,

(Observations taken by A. H. Holdich.

DATE	DAY	HIGHEST	LOWEST	SNOW FALL	BAROMETER
Jan 24	Tuesday	34.5	30.0	0.02	28.10
Jan 25	Wed'day	28.0	33.0	0.00	28.00
Jan 26	Thursday	41.0	34.0	0.00	28.10
Jan 27	Friday	44.0	32.0	0.05	27.90
Jan 28	Saturday	45.0	34.0	0.00	27.95
Jan 29	Sunday	43.0	36.0	0.00	27.70
Jan '3	Monday	43 0	36.0	0.02	27.70



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