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RIOTING AT COAL CREEK

Masked Mob Drive Six Men From the Mine

Threatened Their Lives if They Returned

[Special to The Daily News.]

Fernie, March 20.—The first overt act in the strike of the miners of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, which has been on just a month, has to be recorded. About midnight a mob of nearly 100 men believed to be miners, visited the No. 1 mine of the Coal Creek collieries and forcibly drove half a dozen men from their work, which consisted of running the machinery for the fans that ventilate the mine. The men were forced to leave town, and were only brought back by a special C. P. R. train, made up as soon as the trouble became known to the coal company.

It appears that the mob walked up the four miles of track to the coal mines and invaded the residence of the foreman in charge, J. Doneen. Mr. Doneen says that some wore masks and others had their faces blackened. They ordered Mr. Doneen to be quiet, and as they were armed with revolvers and clubs, he was forced to acquiesce. Quickly getting together the six men who assisted the foreman, the mob drove them with beatings and threats down the railway track to Fernie and several miles out towards Morrissey on the main line of the C. P. R. None of the men were seriously hurt, but it is said a volley of shots was fired in the air at the mine to give immediate obedience to the orders of the mob.

The names of the men driven out, as given to The Daily News correspondent, were as follows: J. Hunt, W. Spence, T. Evans, E. Tasmer, J. Dupre and G. Serina.

As soon as the police officials of the town learned of the outrage, chief McMullen and his men at once went to the mine to ascertain the exact facts, and three men have been arrested today as a result, and other results are expected to take place. One of those arrested is J. M. Morrison, whose mask was knocked off by Doneen and who was recognized. When the six men had been driven far down the railway line, some of the mob returned to the mine and informed Doneen that he could draw his fires, if he wished to, and save his boilers.

Manager Tonkin, of the coal company, sent a special train to overtake the men who were driven out, and reached them before they got to Morrissey.

The officers of the local miners' union denounce the outrage in the strongest terms, and assert that such practices are not tolerated by the union. What effect it will have on the efforts of the conciliation committee is not known. The committee continues to take testimony as to the wage scale, and while but little is given out for publication its members are still hopeful that a few more days will see a successful outcome of their labors. Manager Tonkin has agreed to everything but a part of the wage scale, and he and the men may yet get together on that.

Victoria, March 20.—The provincial constable at Fernie wired the attorney-general's department tonight asking for authority to swear in constables, which was given.

A GREAT LEGAL BATTLE

Will Be Fought Over Gamey Charges.—Eminent Counsel Engaged.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Toronto, March 20.—Interest in the Gamey charges still continues. John M. McEvery, barrister, of London, Ontario, has been at work on the case for over a week, having been sent for to assist E. F. B. Johnson, K.C., of this city, who has charge of the government's case. Sam Blake, K.C., has been retained by the opposition.

CHAMBERLAIN CONGRATULATED.

Presented With an Address by the Lord Mayor of London.

London, March 20.—Colonial secretary Chamberlain today received the city of London's congratulations on his mission to South Africa in the Guildhall, where lord mayor Samuels and the corporation presented him with an address of welcome in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering.

G. T. ENGINEER KILLED.

London, Ontario, March 20.—In an accident in the Grand Trunk yards here last night engineer John Douglass was killed. The accident was due to Douglass sending his shunting engine at an angle against a moving freight train. Douglass had one leg torn off and the other badly crushed.

DAUGHTERS OF JESUS.

Brest, France, March 20—One hundred sisters of the order of the Daughters of Jesus, have left here, owing to the closure of their establishment. Thirty of them are going to Belgium, 30 to Canada, and 40 to Southampton, where they will embark for the United States.

MINERS EXPECT AN INCREASE

Wellston, Ohio, March 20.—With the arrival here today of several of the state officers of the United Mine Workers the question of the day wage scale in the mines of sub-district 2 of district 6, which includes Jackson, Lawrence and Vinton counties, has increased in interest. April 1st is the time set for the annual settlement. Last year it was well known that the miners' organization had too many other and larger difficulties on hand to inaugurate a strike in this district on the wage question, and the operators settled on their own terms, paying $1.65 for inside day work, while operators in other parts of the country were paying $2.10. The affairs of the miners' organization are in better condition this year, and it is rumored that a strenuous effort will be made to bring the scale up near to that paid in other districts.

IN THE FLOODED REGIONS

SITUATION IS NOW MORE SERIOUS THAN EVER.

RELIEF MEASURES PROVE QUITE INADEQUATE.

Memphis, Tenn., March 20.—The feeling of hope that was produced yesterday and last night by the Mississippi river coming to a standstill at this point, with 40.10 feet on the guage, was dispelled today by the occurrence of two additional breaks in the levees north of the first crevasse, and the grave reports that are being received from Missouri points, as well as by a rise of 1.10 of a foot here.

Today the levee gave way at Randonshot and Shownee village, Arkansas. These breaks are reported to be serious. The situation there is more grave than at any time during the flood.

The calamities have come so thick and fast that relief measures hav been completely inadequate. Refugees are continuing to arrive in great numbers. In response to a telegram asking for aid from mayor Williams of this city, secretary Root has answered that he will supply all needed tents as well as provisions for the flood sufferers. This offer will be accepted.

From the protected sections able bodied negro men and their entire families are coming to the city in large numbers ostensibly as flood refugees but it is claimed their real purpose it to escape work and be cared for by the city and charitable organizations. Railway traffic west of Memphis is completely suspended.

A REALISTIC PERFORMANCE

WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE IN A PARIS THEATRE.

HER DAUGHTER'S FORETHOUGHT SAVED HER LIFE.

Paris, Mrch 20.—At the close of Sarah Bernhardt's performance in "Werther," at her theatre yesterday evening, following a dramatic climax, when Werther seeks to kill himself, the audience was startled by a woman's voice, in the body of the theatre, crying, "I wish to die."

This was followed by a pistol shot. It proved to be an attempt at suicide by Madame Paul E. de Martigni, a well known newspaper contributor. She was accompanied by her daughter, who knowing her mother's suicidal intent, had withdrawn the ball cartridges from the pistol and replaced them with blanks so that the shot did no damage beyond causing a temporary panic. Finding that the shot was not effective Madame Martigni swallowed a vial of laudanum, which she had concealed in her handkerchief. She was taken to a hospital and has recovered. Today's developments indicate that the attempt at suicide was due to destitution.

NO END TO THE DEBATE.

Gamey Charges Keeping the Opposition Pleasantly Employed.

Toronto, March 20.—Debate on the Gamey charges was continued today by Mr. Cross, of Welland, and Dr. Beatty Nesbitt, Toronto, north. The legislature then adjourned until Monday. The end of the debate is not yet in sight.

Goldwin Smith today stated that parliamentary inquiry appeared preferable to him not only because parliament should be the guardian of its own honor, but also because it would give the inquiry a larger scope. It is not likely that the money which passed was Stratton's own, or that he had a political fund separate from that of his party. He also said he considered the employment of judges should be confined strictly to judicial functions, in the interests of the preservation of their independent characters.

DEATH OF W. T. MURRAY.

Vice-President of One of Toronto's Best Known Business Houses.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Toronto, March 20.—W. T. Murray, vice-president of the W. A. Murray Company, limited, died suddenly this afternoon at his residence. He went to New York a fortnight ago on a business trip, but feeling unwell returned home last Saturday and placed himself under the care of his doctor.

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

Measure to Be Introduced Giving Ireland This Long Denied Boon.

London, March 20.—A bill giving Ireland an important extension of local self government will be introduced by the government. The leaders of the Nationalists and Irish unionists already have been consulted on the subject and thorough outlines of the proposed measures have been sketched.

WOMEN KILLED ON THE TRACKS

Phillippsdale, R.I., March 20.—Three women were instantly killed and a fourth was probably fatally injured today while walking from Pawtucket to this place on the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad. The victims, in trying to avoid one train, were struck by another.

J. R. STRATTON HEARD FROM

Ontario Minister's Reply to Gamey Charges

Semi-Official Statement in His Newspaper

Under the title of the Real Intention of the Gamey Scheme, Hon. J. R. Stratton, provincial secretary in the Ontario government, makes his defence in the Peterboro Examiner on the charges connecting him with the Gamey scandal. The paper is the property of the provincial secretary, and the two columns of space devoted to his view of the situation can probably be accepted in the nature of an inspired utterance. This is the first detailed explanation of the case offered by the official of the government who figures most prominently in the alleged effort to secure the support of the conservative member for Manitoulin by bribery. Here is Mr. Stratton's story:

"The statements made by Mr. Gamey of Manitoulin in the house on Wednesday, in which he sought to implicate Hon. Mr. Stratton, are to be referred for the most thorough inquiry to a royal commission of two superior court judges whose high character warrants the assertion that the inquiry will be conducted in the interests of fairness and in a perfectly impartial manner.

"Pending this investigation, the Examiner does not desire to influence public opinion unduly, yet it is fair to state that Mr. Stratton absolutely and positively denied Mr. Gamey's statement to the effect that any corrupt consideration or money was given or promised. Which statements, it may be pointed out, do not bear close scrutiny. Investigation will show that Mr. Gamey approached the government and offered his support; that he goes to the government as a friend, and is courteously received; that his correspondence, under these conditions, is promptly replied to with the courtesy that should regulate the amenities of intercourse between departments of the government and representatives of the people, who profess to be friendly to their administration, or indeed any representative, no matter what his relations to the government. Surely these circumstances do not constitute a crime or a corrupt act. One of the good qualities of the provincial secretary is the promptitude with which he replies to correspondence, and this particular feature of the business aptitude and business qualities with which Mr. Stratton is by common consent exceptionally endowed, resulted in Mr. Gamey's correspondence receiving prompt reply. It may well be asked what is there that is wrong in the correspondence which was submitted to the house by the member for Manitoulin. Were letters addressed to a government department by a member of the legislature to be ignored?

"As to the statement that Mr. Stratton gave or promised Mr. Gamey any consideration or money as a condition of the latter's support, Mr. Stratton declares it as false a statement as can possibly be made. The very evidence which Mr. Gamey advances will be the very evidence that will have the greatest weight in condemning his action.

"Mr. Stratton has for long been the object of frequent and bitter attacks by the conservative press. No more vicious and malignant attack could possibly be made upon any man, public or private, than that made upon him in connection with No. 5 dam on the Otonabee river. No more bitter attempt to discredit Mr. Stratton could have been made, if he had been charged with appropriating the whole Trent waterway system. These attacks were without any justification whatever. Facts have since shown that Mr. Stratton had no interest in the work in question, except the public interest, which has been served to the extent that the power at this dam has been developed, and the public are getting the benefit of its use, and several industries are being supplied with power. Mr. Gamey's story in reference to Mr. Stratton will be found equally futile and foundationless as the No. 5 dam slander.

"Some of the conservative press and some of the conservative leaders would like to crush Mr. Stratton. They wish to have him out of the way, because they regard him as a strong man in his own constituency and a strong man in the province.

"His organization of the province at the last general elections is credited with having saved the government from defeat.

"The opposition know this, and hence their bitterness, and the persistence of their attacks, from time to time.

"As to the latest form of attack, represented, in part, by the Gamey charges, Mr. Stratton is not afraid of the most searching investigation; and both personally and as a member of the government, wants an investigation tribunal that will deal fairly with the case, and in a spirit free from partisan bias or party rancor. Mr. Stratton does not want the investigation to be conducted by a committee of the house, which would of necessity be of party composition. He might as well refer the matter to a committee of Peterboro liberals. The finding of such a committee, though it might justifiably exculpate any person charged, would not be received as satisfactory, especially by the conservative element of the province. Mr. Stratton and the government desire the submission of the matter to a commission of judges ,whose finding, no matter what its nature, would command the respect and compel the acquiescence of both shades of political opinion—whose decision would not be influenced by any partisan bias.

"Though Mr. Whitney and the opposition profess to have received Mr. Gamey's revelations in the legislature on Wednesday as a surprise, there is evidence, especially to those more or less familiar with the circumstances, that the leader of the opposition, and at least his chief supporters, were fully cognizant of the arrangement and development of the scheme of which Mr. Gamey was the apparent manipulator, and that material assistance was given him. When Mr. Gamey first publicly announced his decision to support the government, he was pounced upon by the conservative press. But before long certain prominent conservative journals were taken into the secret, and mild references were made to the probability of Mr. Gamey still being among the faithful.

"No doubt the scene in the house was carefully prearranged and rehearsed in the opposition lobby. Mr. Whitney had left his seat and taken a vacant seat near Mr. Gamey. At the conclusion of the latter's remarks, when he said that he would place the documents he had used in the care of his leader, J. P. Whitney, he took these documents and walked down the gangway opposite Whitney and the latter, rising, struck a pose, and accepted the proffered documents, 'speaking his lines 'at the same time: 'What do you want me to do with these papers?' 'Whatever you see fit.' Mr. Whitney then with a flourish, bore the papers aloft to his desk and lifting the lid, ostentatiously locked the desk. The arrangement for dramatic effect was quite apparent, and argued a pervious knowledge. . . ."

CANADIAN TRADE REVIEW

BUSINESS CONTINUES BRISK ALL OVER THE DOMINION.

WINNIPEG IS BENEFITTING FROM INRUSH OF SETTLERS.

Toronto, March 20.—Bradstreet's weekly trade report says:

There has been moderate activity in wholesale circles at Montreal this week, but country trade is falling off owing to the arrival of spring conditions which make the movement of produce almost impossible in some sections. The sales of spring goods have been heavy and owing to the encouraging outlook for trade it is expected that sales by jobbers will continue active for five or six weeks more. Values are still firmly held. Domestic cotton goods are firmly held and British cotton goods have been advanced but sellers in the face of strong market conditions have this week made concessions to Canadian buyers in order to hold the trade which they have under the preferential tariff captured from Americans. Failures are few and unimportant. Railway earnings continue to increase. Labor disputes are less in evidence than in former years at this time.

Trade in wholesale circles at Toronto for spring and summer has been larger so far than in previous years. Payments are good, failures few, stocks less heavy, both in manufacturers and jobbers hands, and the general condition of business were never as satisfactory as at present.

Manufacurers are busy on contract work and there are no surplus stocks in the market, larger quantities of produce are awaiting shipment at interior points for the opening of navigation and railway traffic the next two months is likely to show a great increase.

Wholesale business at Quebec during the past week has not been quite so active as the preceding one owing no doubt to the bad state of country roads which prevents the movement of travelers. In the city retailers are busy. Remittances from the country are reported fairly satisfactory. Shoe manufacturers have lots of orders on hand and the outlook is favorable. Present indications point to an early opening of navigation and vesselmen are preparing their craft.

Wholesale trade at Victoria and Vancouver has suffered some from the strike of the freight handlers but a number of men have been sent from the east, and the strikers places are about all filled now, and there will be less difficulty in the delivery of freight in the future. Interior points have suffered perhaps the most in this respect. The demand for spring and summer goods continues to expand, and the outlook for the year is encouraging. Values are firmly held.

At Winnipeg there has been an active demand for staple goods. So far the volume of trade this month has exceeded any previous year. The demand in retail trade centers has been active and stocks have been so depleted in some cases that retailers have been obliged to reorder heavily. The influx of settlers is very large and will this year exceed any previous season. There is quite a boom in real estate which is not viewed very favorably by some. Mercantile loans are at six to eight per cent.

Wholesale trade at Hamilton this week has been active. The orders coming to hand from the various parts of the dominion have been numerous, large and well distributed and show a continued confidence on the part of retailers in the future conditions of trade. Shipments continue heavy. Values are firmly held.

London jobbing trade centers continue to show activity. The country trade is naturally affected at the moment by the breaking up of the roads, but retailers are still sending in nice orders in the expectation of large demands for the coming season.

At Ottawa wholesale trade is showing some activity for this season of the year. Shipments are large and a good many repeat orders are coming to hand, which indicate the expectation of larger sales than last year.

U. S. JUDGE DEAD.

Madison, Wisconsin, March 20.—Justice C. V. Bardeen, of the supreme court of Wisconsin, died here today.

STEAMERS IN COLLISION

Meet in the Fog in Long Island Sound

Six Passengers Were Killed Several Injured

New London, Conn., March 20.—Traveling at a moderate rate of speed through Long Island sound early this morning, the big passenger steamer Plymouth, of the Fall River line, eastbound for Fall River from New York, and the freight steamer City of Taunton of the same line, came into collision in the fog, just east of Plum island, the bow of the freight steamer raking the starboard side of the Plymouth, and causing the death of six of those on board the latter craft and seriously injuring a number of others. The responsibility for the accident has not been determined and will be the subject of an investigation. It is said by the officers of the two vessels that both were going at a fair speed considering the fog and that there was not time after the warning whistles, which speedily followed the lookout's discovery of the danger, to avert a collision. Engines on both vessels were reversed but they seem to have met under strong headway, the bow of the City of Taunton, which was proceeding toward the west, penetrated ten feet into the hull of the east bound passenger boat. Swiftly following the impact came the reverse movement and as the vessels pulled apart, the bow of the freight steamer raked the upper works of the Plymouth with terrible destruction, tearing out the second cabin and ripping out staterooms like so much cardboard. Seven cabins in all were swept from the starboard bow of the big passenger boat.

Investigation by the steamboat officials today has resulted in the following statement regarding the occupants of these wrecked rooms.

Stateroom 201 was occupied by Frank J. Mitchell, of Haverhill, who was uninjured.

Stateroom 203, occupied by a man who signed himself upon the passenger's register as "G. H. Nosten," or "G. H. Marsten," his writing was not clear. He has not been identified.

Stateroom 209, occupied by J. M. Thompson. He was slightly injured about the legs and body, but proceeded to Boston.

Stateroom 206, occupied by an unknown woman, she was rescued.

As soon as the Plymouth limped into this port shortly after 3 o'clock this morning ambulances were summoned to bear the injured to the hospitals and the passengers were cared for until a special train could be made up to convey them and their effects to Boston.

The work of searching for bodies of victims, members of the ship's company, who were in the flooded forward compartment, was then begun and with one exception they were all recovered before dark. The body of "Nosten or "Marsten" is at an undertaking shop awaiting word from relatives or friends.

A rumor was circulated in this city this afternoon that several Canadian workmen, who were steerage passengers on the Plymouth, were missing. Officials of the company who were asked regarding the matter tonight said as far as they knew, all the steerage passengers had been accounted for, although they admitted that it was possible that one or two might have been swept overboard when the Taunton's bow raked the steerage compartment.

The number of passengers was larger than usual at this season, being about 550, and that more people did not lose their lives is a miracle.

A detachment of United States marines, under command of captain Low, who were passengers on the Plymouth, had a peculiar experience. Awakened from a sound sleep, the soldiers rushed from the lower cabin where they were quartered without outer clothing or shoes. They were largely instrumental in averting a panic among the other passengers and while engaged in this laudable work, their clothing and effects were lost. The soldiers made other coverings of blankets and even cut the blankets into strips and wound them around their feet to replace their shoes. In this condition the marines boarded a special train for Boston.

The Plymouth will probably be able to proceed under her own steam to Hoboken where she will repair. The City of Taunton will be repaired at Noank. It is estimated that the damage to the Plymouth will amount to $28,000, and that to the Taunton to $2,000.

DOMINION COLLIERY FIRE.

Halifax, March 20.—A dispatch from Glace Bay, this morning, says that the work of fighting the fire in the Dominion coal mine is still going on and the workers are gradually getting the better of it it is thought. Another pump is being installed today and this will assist materially in the operations. Hundreds of men from Sydney, Glace Bay and all the collieries are hard at work, and new crowds are relieving the tired workers.

FENIAN RAID VETERANS.

Quebec, March 20.—A deputation from the eastern townships waited on the provincial government today and urged that Fenian raid veterans be given grants of land in this province. Premier Parent took the matter under consideration.

PASSENGERS TRANSFERRED.

New York, March 20.—The North German Lloyd steamer Grosse Kurfurst, which arrived at quarantine today from Bremen, Southampton and St. Michaels, brought from the latter port 162 cabin and 738 steerage passengers of the Danish steamer Oscar Second. The Oscar Second left Christiansland February 13th. She put into the Azores February 27th with her machinery disabled. The company chartered the Grosse Kurfurst to stop at St. Michaels and take the passengers to their destination.

THE WANSTEAD WRECK.

Will Cost the Grand Trunk Railway a Good Many Thousand Dollars.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Toronto, March 20.—The second lawsuit arising out of the Wanstead wreck was settled today. The Grand Trunk Railway will pay to the widow of Guy Burkholder, of Sarnia, $4,800 in full of the claim of herself and four children.

ARRESTED ON CROWDED CAR

TWO CHICAGO DETECTIVES CAPTURE GEORGE WILLARD.

BADLY WANTED FOR A ROBBERY COMMITTED IN PARIS.

Chicago, March 20.—George Willard, sought by the police of two continents for two years, for a daring $80,000 robbery committed in Paris, was last night, worsted in a revolver fight with two detectives on a crowded street car. With him were arrested Edward Carney, and William Moffatt, with whom Willard is said to have been operating in Chicago. The fight which preceded the capture of the three men caused a panic among the passengers of the street car in which several women were injured.

LORD ABERDEEN ON CANADA

HE CONSIDERS HER DEVELOPMENT MARVELLOUS.

AND PREDICTS GREAT THINGS FOR THE FUTURE.

Toronto, March 20.—A News London cable says: Lord Aberdeen visited the offices of W. T. R. Preston, Canadian superintendent of immigration yesterday, and expressed his hearty approval of the progressive immigration policy adopted by the Canadian government, and his satisfaction with the great results that were beginning to flow from that policy. He said he retained the deepest interest in the dominion, of which he had very pleasant memories. His own investments there were returning good dividends. Lord Aberdeen considers that the rapid development of Canada is one of the most marvellous features in the empire's history today. Canada, he says, is destined to hold a position of tremendous importance in the affairs of the empire and of the world, and he wishes her God-speed.

HOTEL BURNED DOWN.

Conflagration Due to Carelessness of a Guest.

Grand Rapids, Michigan, March 20.—By the careless throwing down of a lighted match by a guest in his room, fire was started at 7.30 tonight which practically destroyed the Clarendon hotel at Canal and Bridge streets, with its contents, entailing a total loss estimated at between $75,000 and $100,000, and causing the loss of one life, and the more or less serious injury of several persons. The dead man is William C. Hawkins, Bay City, Michigan. Fortunately at the hour of the fire most of the guests were out of their rooms. A panic occurred among those in the upper stories, and a number of thrilling rescues were made by the firemen.

BITUMINOUS MINERS

Gain the Eight Hour Day For Which They Have Been Fighting For Five Years.

Altoona, Pa., March 20.—The coal miners of the second bituminous district have at last gained a concession from the operators for which they have been fighting for the last five years, namely, an eight-hour day. A scale on the basis of an eight-hour day was signed by representatives of the miners and operators at six o'clock this evening. The miners, however, were obliged to relinquish the 12 1-2 and 14 per cent increase respectively for pick and machine mining called for by the national agreement at Indianapolis and which the operators are willing to grant on a nine hour basis. An increase of 10 per cent is granted for machine mining. The signing of the scale brought the meeting of the miners and operators to an end.

MACKENZIE KING'S REPORT.

Finds Recognition of the District Committee Cause of Fernie Strike.

Ottawa, March 20.—Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, has filed his report on the Crow's Nest coal miners' strike. He says: An investigation of the difficulties disclosed the fact that the recognition of a committee of a newly formed district union was the principal issue, and that neither of the parties was prepared to have any dealings with the other until this point had been determined. As a consequence, the determination of the issue had, for the time being to be left to the relative strength of the parties, the question being one which from its nature precluded the possibility of a settlement by either conciliation or arbitration.

PRESIDENT IS CONCILIATORY.

London, March 20.—The correspondent of the Times at Monte Video says that great hopes are entertained for a peaceful settlement of the revolution in Uruguay. The president of Uruguay has made a very conciliatory proposal to the revolutionists.

TWO THOUSAND ARRIVE.

Halifax, March 20.—The steamer Siberian arrived from Liverpool this morning with 2,000 immigrants for the west, and 125 bluejackets for the Pacific station.

THE COAST LABOR WAR

C. P. R. Importing Italians by Carloads

Unionists Suing to Recover Back Pay

Vancouver, March 20.—The arrival today of three additional carloads of imported laborers for the C. P. R. attests to the determination of the company to replace the striking employees in so far as possible. Many of the newcomers, who are intended for track construction work, teaming, freight handling and service on the Empress steamships, are Italians, and their advent is not regarded with favor by citizens generally.

Former premier Dunsmuir's avowal that he would have no difficulty in replacing the steamer Joan's crew with non-unionists, seems destined to contradiction, the substitutes standing the jeers of Nanaimo unionists one day and then deserting.

Today the steamer maintained her service with the mails, but only officers were manning her. As there remains no crew to handle it, all freight for the present is declined.

Unionists are filing counter suits to the company's damage claims, seeking to recover withheld wages.

This morning Fred. Stirling, who was one of the principal strikers, was sent for and offered a position as assistant freight agent, at almost double his former salary. He probably will accept.

The strikers still claim to be gaining in strength, and that the battle is far from ended.

AN UNLAWFUL BEEF COMBINE

COMPANIES INVOLVED MUST PAY HEAVY FINES.

DECISION OF SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI.

Jefferson City, Missouri, March 20.—The Missouri supreme court today found five of the beef companies guilty of maintaining an unlawful combination to control prices of meat in the state of Missouri and issued an order of ouster prohibiting them from doing business in this state and to pay a fine of $5,000 each and to bear the costs of the proceedings. The companies are given 30 days in which to pay the fine imposed and if during that time they shall accept the judgment and pay the fine, the ouster will be held in abeyance and the companies will be permitted to continue their business in Missouri.

The companies affected by the decision are the Armour Packing Co., Cudahy Packing Co., Hammond Packing Co., and Swift & Co., of Chicago, and the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Co., of New York. The evidence which incriminated the packers was obtained in these three cities. The decision in the supreme court today against the packers is the ending of proceedings which were started last May.

New York, March 20.—Ferdinand Sulzberger, president of the firm of Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, says, concerning the decision of the Missouri supreme court in the beef trust case: "It will not affect us in the least. We will pay our fine, that is if our lawyer so advises, and go right on with our business."

DIED FROM GLANDERS.

Contracted the Disease Whilst Attending a Sick Horse.

New York, March 20.—Coroner's physician Watson declared today that the death of Benjamin Hilson from glanders was the first case he had ever seen in which the disease caused the death of a human being. Hilson, who was 52 years old, became ill four weeks ago, and was removed to the Metropolitan hospital, where he died. The body was removed to the morgue and Dr. Watson in the presence of about 20 physicians and surgeons from Cornell and Bellevue colleges performed the autopsy. Hilson contracted the disease, it was found, by attending to a horse which was sick with glanders. In administering medicine to the animal he put his hand into his mouth. It is supposed that the poison was communicated to his blood through a cut or abrasion on his hand.

DUNDONALD MAY RESIGN.

London, March 20.—Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain replying to a correspondent, indicates that the British government can give no assistance to immigration to self-governing colonies.

The rumor here that it is the intention of the earl of Dundonald to resign the command of Canadian militia, is received with great regret, especially in official circles, where it is believed that lord Dundonald is the best officer ever sent to Canada.

YUKON'S NEW GOVERNOR.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Winnipeg, March 20.—Fred T. Congdon, the newly appointed governor of the Yukon, who has been visiting relatives here left this evening for Vancouver.

Hugh Armstrong, M.P.P., was re-nominated for the legislature this afternoon by Portage la Prairie conservatives.

Thomas Tait, manager of transportation for the C. P. R. is here.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

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THE GREAT STORES OF THE GREAT WEST — MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED

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Ladies' Costumes

in latest styles, blouse effect, semi-Norfolk and tight Norfolks, made up in box cloth and fancy Tweeds of light and dark shades. A grand assortment to choose from.

Prices Have Been Made Low to Suit the Times

We offer these new goods at $11.00, $12.00, $15.00, $17.00, $18.00 and $20.00 per costume, which is FULLY 25 PER CENT UNDER THE USUAL PRICE. Call, examine, and be convinced.

Ladies' Jackets

in Monte Carlo styles, black and fawn, from $6.50 to $12.00 each.

Ladies' Waterproof Raglan Coats

in dark grey and fawn shades, ulster and three-quarter length, at from $9.00 to $17.00.

Ladies' Fancy Neckwear

in chiffon, silk, lace and lawn. These are the very latest and are simply sweet and fascinating. We will take pleasure in showing them to you, and you will be pleased to see them.

Wash Ties

from 25 cents up.

Ladies' Belts

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REDISTRIBUTION.

The British Columbia members at Ottawa are now engaged in considering the redivision of the dominion electoral divisions of this province.

British Columbia is to have seven members, an increase in its federal representation of one. The vast constituency of Yale-Cariboo-Kootenay is to be divided into two. Victoria city will lose one member, and a new constituency comprising a portion of Vancouver island and a part of the northern mainland will be created. The greatest difficulty confronting the members is the subdivision of the Yale-Cariboo-Kootenay constituency.

A division that will be fair is difficult to conceive of. The territory is so vast and the interests so divergent that under any division that may finally be decided upon there will be dissatisfaction.

One proposal is to divide the constituency north and south. This would throw the provincial constituencies of Nelson, Rossland, Kaslo, Slocan, Ymir, Cranbrook, Fernie, Greenwood, Grand Forks, and Similkameen into one federal electoral district, and the Yales, Lillooet and Cariboo into another.

Another proposal is to throw the Nelson, Slocan, Revelstoke, Columbia, Kaslo, Fernie, Cranbrook, Ymir and Okanagan districts into one, and Rossland, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Similkameen, the Yales, Kamloops, Lillooet and Cariboo into the other federal division.

Both propositions present objections, and it would be a clever man who could formulate a plan that would be free from objectionable features.

The greater proportion of population is now in the southern portion of the single constituency. With the construction of one or more of the transcontinental lines the northern portion will quickly settle up, and that fact must be kept in mind.

The Columbia river offers in some respects a natural dividing line, but the constituency west of the river would be unwieldy, though of course not to the same extent as is the present constituency, which includes the territory east as well as west of the Columbia.

It is a great pity that the seat to be taken from Victoria city cannot be given to the northern interior, then two constituencies could be formed of the country south of the C. P. R. main line, and the third would comprise all the country north. Whatever arrangement is come to it is to be hoped that provincial electoral boundaries will be observed. This is an important consideration, as dominion elections are now run on provincial voters' lists, and grave confusion is liable to arise if provincial constituencies are partly in one and partly in another federal district.

TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM.

One of the most important of the measures promised in the speech from the throne at the opening of the federal parliament was that providing for the appointment of a permanent railway commission and for, in addition, the creation of a special commission to enquire into the whole subject of transportation of produce from western Canada through Canadian channels to the markets of the world. These two commissions, if composed of competent men, and there is no reason to think that any other than highly capable men will be given places upon either, will do a work which is of the greatest value to the entire dominion. The transportation question is a difficult problem, and the commission will find that it is of more serious moment to the upbuilding of the nation than at first sight appears. There is not only the current of transportation setting in from west to east, finding an exit from the country through ports on the Atlantic coast, but there is the through transportation from east to west and the more local transportation problems existing within this province. The data that the special commission will be able to gather, should be of vast service to the permanent commission. Such information as they cannot but gather in the course of their investigations will embrace many matters that have been the subject of much comment at different times in this province. There is not only the matter of freight rates to be considered, but there is also the question of the supply of cars for the transportation of ores and coke and other material used in connection with mining and smelting operations. It has more than once been stated that mines and properties have been discriminated against by the railway companies by so manipulating the rolling stock that a shortage of cars results at times and seasons, to the injury of those who are unable to move the commodity they have for sale, purchase, or treatment. Whether there is anything in these allegations or not, will be cleared up by the commission, and even if it does not do all that is hoped, there cannot but be very material benefit to the country as a result of their labors. The development of the dominion is largely dependent upon the west, and with the progress of the west itself, a progress that is irresistibly onward, is bound up this transportation question, and its solution will assist that progress and development.

THE TRANS-CANADA RAILWAY.

The promoters of the trans-Canada railway scheme are by no means diffident about asking for aid. They want the Quebec government to grant them a tenth part of the provincial crown lands. They are asking the Ontario government for 6,000,000 acres. Their request of the British Columbia government is for 8,000,000 acres. They also want a cash and land subsidy from the dominion government, and doubtless they will ask the Manitoba government for a contribution of equal magnitude to that asked of the other provinces.

Premier Parent, of Quebec, has said that if Quebec complied with the request of the trans-Canada promoters they could build their entire line from Quebec to Port Simpson without any additional cash or land grant, and make a fine profit on the transaction.

These railway promoters will have to be watched closely. They evidently are bent upon collaring that portion of the dominion that has not already been gobbled up by the C. P. R. and Mackenzie & Mann.

In face of the enormous influx of settlers it would be folly of the worst kind to part with a single acre of land to any railroad promoters. Let the provincial and dominion governments pool their interests and build the transcontinental line themselves as a public undertaking. The promoters expect to raise more than the cost of construction upon the land subsidies they are asking for. What they can do the governments, provincial and federal, can do, equally well.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

One of the first matters to be brought up in the local legislature when it convenes next month should be the present status of the East Kootenay coal and oil lands. Rightly or wrongly the impression prevails that the government have some job under way in connection with these lands. A demand should be made for an immediate return of all records, papers, etc., having reference to applications for these lands, and the legislature should see that no special advantages are accorded to any corporation or individual for the securing of any portion of these lands. It is difficult to understand what the situation with regard to these lands is at present, but a searching enquiry on the part of members of the legislature immediately the house opens should make known the facts. If it be shown that the government have connived at any improper disposition of the lands there should be enough fair-minded men in the house to cause the prompt cancellation of any such corrupt bargain and secure to southern Kootenay such an administration of this valuable asset as will best conserve its interests.

The market gardeners of Canada are asking for the following amendments to the tariff: Asparagus, 3 cents per pound; cabbage, 3 cents a head; cauliflower, 3 cents a head; vegetables, 1 cent a pound; celery, 25 cents a dozen; beans, 50 cents a bushel; cucumbers, 20 cents a dozen; onions, 40 cents per bushel of 56 pounds; potatoes, 25 cents per bushel; tomatoes, 5 cents a pound; melons, 5 cents each; spinach, 25 cents a bushel, and vegetables not otherwise enumerated, and green corn, 25 per cent.

DOMINION ESTIMATES

For the Year Enging June 30th, 1904.—Decrease in Public Works.

The estimates for the year ending 30th June, 1904, have been presented to parliament. The total expenditure for the year is $50,680,224 as compared with $51,194,234 in the main estimates for the current year. There is a decrease of over one million dollars in public works and an increase of over one million on the railways. There is also an increase of $150,000 for immigration, but a decrease of $229,500 for the government of the Yukon territory.

The estimates include the following British Columbia votes: Anderson and Kennedy lakes, clearing outlets, $2,500; Columbia river ,above Revelstoke, removal of obstructions to navigation, $6,000; Columbia river, improvements above Golden, $3,000; Columbia river, improvements below Golden, $5,000; Duncan river improvement, $2,000; Fraser river, improvement of ship channel, protection works, etc., $10,000; harbors, rivers and bridges, general repairs and improvements, etc., $3,000; Nanaimo harbor, improvements of north channel, $5,000; Skeena river improvements, $5,000; Victoria harbor, dredging in harbor, etc., $15,000; William head quarantine station, repairs to wharf and improvement of water service, $6,000; assay office vote, Vancouver, reduced $4,000.

Intercolonial railway appropriation increased $1,000,000, which means augmented pay all round.

Direct monthly steamship service to South Africa is to be established.

The details are as follows:

Service—	1902-3.	1903-4.
Public debt, including sinking fund	$13,967,312	$13,774,706
Charges of management	182,743	2,051,430
Civil government	1,605,312	1,644,234
Administration of justice	1,017,315	996,306
Police	30,000	30,000
Penitentiaries	491,490	474,420
Legislation	934,110	980,571
Arts, agriculture and statistics	709,400	589,000
Quarantine	193,500	283,720
Immigration	445,000	595,000
Pensions	85,643	91,801
Superannuation	328,240	328,240
Militia	2,138,003	1,777,308
Railways and canals, income	401,187	271,297
Public works, income	4,636,081	3,415,600
Mail subsidies and steamship subvention	746,766	890,566
Ocean and river service	361,870	308,600
Lighthouse and coast service	945,370	949,070
Scientific institutions, marine hospitals and sick and distressed seamen	53,000	53,000
Steamboat inspection	30,300	31,500
Fisheries	532,600	517,500
Superintendence of insurance	15,500	16,300
Subsidies to provinces	4,366,334	4,402,292
Geological survey	75,430	58,230
Indians	1,105,984	1,106,750
Mounted police	850,000	900,000
Government of N.W.T.	532,395	550,359
Government of Yukon Territory	634,500	405,000
Dominion lands, income	168,782	196,782
Miscellaneous	389,695	373,445
Customs	1,201,565	1,301,565
Excise	495,709	515,145
Weights and measures, gas and electric light inspection	122,050	129,300
Adulteration of food	25,000	30,000
Minor revenue	1,000	2,080
Railways and canals, collection of revenue	6,675,928	7,775,008
Public works, collection of revenue	374,550	382,300
Postoffice	4,069,000	4,166,216
Trade and commerce	47,100	50,600
Inspection of staples	52,500	62,500
Culling timber	18,350	17,500

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO FERNIE CONVENTION

Below is the full text of president Geo. O. Buchanan's opening address to the delegates in attendance at the Fernie convention of the Associated Boards of Trade:

The Delegates of the fifth convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia:

Gentlemen,—I welcome you to this our fifth annual meeting. It is opportune that this town, the metropolis of the coal mining section of our territory, has been selected for this convention. In an important sense the business of this town lies at the base of all our industries, and an inadequate intermittent production here means paralysis and disaster in all the communities that we represent.

It is again our lot to mourn the loss of one of our most esteemed members Mr. T. C. Thompson of the Fernie board of trade. He was courteous and genial in personal character, and tactful and capable in the discussion of public matters. He occupied a public position and we expected for him a long career of usefulness in connection with the industrial development of the province.

I recommend the preparation of a resolution which shall express our regret for his untimely demise.

The populous cemetery in the environs of the town will remind those of us who visit it, of the terrible catastrophe by which the town was visited on the 23rd of May last. A coroner's inquest and a special commission have already investigated and endeavored to trace the causes of and fix the responsibility for, the explosion that caused so frightful a destruction of life and property.

I am sure that board of trade men everywhere join in the demand that the most ample safeguards that knowledge and experience can suggest shall be insisted upon in order that the risk of recurrence of such fatalities may be minimised.

A large delegation of our members visited Victoria immediately after our session of last year and met the provincial government in regard to a variety of matters. I trust that some of the gentlemen who were members of that delegation will report in full to this meeting.

Messrs. Cronin, Aldridge and myself visited Ottawa and presented to the ministers the resolutions of the association upon subjects of dominion jurisdiction. We were informed that our recommendations in regard to the selection by the government of the coal areas on the south side of Morrissey creek had already been acted upon but that no immediate action was contemplated in regard to the operation of these areas. We were promised by some members of the government favorable consideration of the needs of the lead mining industry but the session of parliament closed without anything being done in that respect.

Since that time stress of continued low prices has almost extinguished the industry and the mine owners have undertaken an aggressive campaign in favor of the preservation of the Canadian market for our lead product. Some of the local boards notably those of Nelson and Kaslo have assisted this movement with ample contributions of labor and money. We have the promise from many members of the government and of the house of commons and senate of careful consideration of our requests at the present session.

Resolutions covering the subject will come before this meeting and will no doubt receive the attention that their importance demands.

From semi-official figures, I estimate the total metallic production of the province to have been for 1902, $11,850,000.00 as compared with a production for 1901 of $14,653,144.00. In lode gold the production has been $4,800,000, in comparison with that for last year of $4,348,603, a gain of $451,457. In copper the production has been 29,000,000 pounds, as against an amount in 1901 of 27,603,746 pounds, but in 1901 copper was entered at a rate of 16 cents per pound or a total value of $4,446,963.00, whereas the price this year has averaged not to exceed 12 cents equals $3,480,000 a loss of $966,962.

Silver has fallen off from 5,151,333 ounces worth, at 56 cents, $2,844,745 to 3,900,000 ounces worth, at 50 cents, $1,950,000, a loss of $934,745.

And lead from 25,791 1-2 tons worth at $77.50, $2,002,733, to 11,500 tons worth at $50, $570,000, a loss of $1,432,733.

The production of coal and coke from the Crow's Nest Pass mines has been for 1902 as follows: Coal, 441,236 tons; coke, 120,774 tons.

On the whole I estimate that the mineral production (other than coal) of Yale and Kootenay was for 1901, $13,683,044; and for 1902, $10,800,000, a reduction of $2,883,044, the greater part of which reduction is of of course due to the shrinkage in value.

The price of lead and copper have now returned to normal levels, and silver shews a rising tendency, and the output of all these metals should therefore (if other unfavorable conditions are removed) speedily exceed anything known in our history.

The economical success of the experiments in electrolytic refining of lead bullion at the Trail smelter is a subject for congratulation, as is also the fact that a market for zinc ores hitherto unsaleable, is being opened up.

In copper mining and smelting the results of the year have been not entirely unfavorable. In the Boundary and Rossland camps a record has been established in the line of economical extraction and treatment of copper-gold ores, and the results are being published abroad with the most complimentary references to the perfection of mechanical and metallurgical appliances, and methods, which have been attained by our mine and smelter managers.

It is useless, however, to shut our eyes to the fact that the metalliferous mining industry in our territory is on the whole in a disappointing condition. The list of dividend payers, which once contained the names of thirty mines has dwindled to the vanishing point. Many well developed and well equipped mines are idle. The development of new properties has almost ceased. Thousands of prospected claims have lapsed to the crown. Millons of dollars of domestic and foreign capital legitimately invested is lying unproductive, and the odium of the loss of further millions contributed in good faith for mining enterprises in British Columbia, but absorbed by dishonest promoters, rests upon the province.

"The purpose of this organization," I quote now clause three of our constitution, "is to discuss and take action upon all matters affecting the general welfare of the people residing within the jurisdiction of the association, and more particularly all matters pertaining to and affecting the mining industry."

In accordance with this declaration I invite this convention to investigate the causes of the present stagnation of our chief industry.

The maintenance in a high state of efficiency of the provincial agency in London, and the prompt publication of detailed information in regard to the operations of companies the stock of which is being offered in the markets of the world are means for the encouragement and protection of investors that in the past have been strenuously insisted upon by this association. In neither of these particulars have our recommendations ever been fairly acted upon.

In regard to the publication of mining information our suggestions were ostensibly adopted by the government of the province, but compliance with them has been systematically evaded.

The last year has been one of almost complete immunity from labor difficulties in the metalliferous mines. Two protracted strikes have, however, disfigured the year's operations in the coal mines. The latter of these at this moment we trust through the efficient labors of the conciliatory commission appointed by the Provincial Mining Association is on the point of an amicable settlement.

These coal mine strikes are particularly disastrous inasmuch as they not only inflict misery upon the districts immediately contiguous to the coal mines, but by shutting off the fuel supply necessary for the treatment of ores, they derange the industry of our whole territory. At the request of the Fernie board of trade, I called in July last a meeting of the executive of this association to be held in Fernie, with the hope that successful mediation might be offered in the strike then in progress.

As a majority of the boards declined to send representatives to the meeting it was abandoned. The strike was soon after terminated by mutual agreement of the parties but the settlement reached turned out to be temporary only.

The subject of the prevention, or cure, of labor troubles is one commanding world wide attention, the disease having become chronic and universal. The practice of allowing strikes to continue until terminated by the casual and voluntary intervention of third parties, combines many evils, such intervention is tardy, and uncertain, it is generally offered only after the situation has become desperate, the settlement reached is a compromise, and not a finding upon the merits of the case, it is not binding, and has no permanence.

If there is to be interference it should be prompt, and authoritative. There is a wide spread demand for the enactment in Canada of a law for the compulsory arbitration of labor disputes, such act to be modelled upon one in force in New Zealand.

As that country has had the benefit of several years experience of the operation of such a law, it would seem judicious that before proceeding in the matter we should have the advantage of full information as to the success or otherwise that has attended its enforcement there. A resolution suggesting this will come before the convention. In the meantime blessed as we are with prodigious quantities of coal of the finest quality and easiest possible extraction, in both the east and west of our territory, it seems needless that we should suffer from an insufficient supply.

There is no doubt that the discussion had last year in regard to the coal land reserved by the dominion government will this year be renewed with added force.

The temporary depression of our mining interests has directed attention to some of our other resources.

The cut of lumber in Yale and Kootenay for the current year will probably reach 100,000,000 feet. The value of this at the mills will approximate $1,400,000.

The territory of Alberta is almost entirely supplied with lumber from this district. Our lumbermen are also shipping large quantities to Assiniboia and Manitoba, but at that distance east the competition with lumber from Lake of the Woods and from Minnesota is very close. The eastern mills having the advantage of cheaper labor and lower freight rates.

The frightful destruction of our forest wealth by summer fires continues. Beyond the issue of some special instructions to their officials the provincial government have so far done nothing to check this waste. In the dominion government belt along the C. P. R. main line a corps of forest rangers under a competent superintendent was on duty during the dry season of 1902. The superintendent (Mr. Leamy) has reported that at trifling cost almost entire immunity from bush fires was secured for the whole belt.

As the preservation of public property to the value of millions of dollars is involved I recommend that we renew our requests for action by the provincial government similar to that taken in the matter by the dominion authorites. It seems reasonable that provision should be made whereby railroad companies and other large holders of timber lands should contribute to the cost of protective measures. It is demonstrated by numerous experiments that all the land in the mountain region up to an altitude of 3,000 feet is well adapted for the growth of such fruits as can be grown in other parts of Canada. It is highly desirable that one or more stations in charge of expert fruit growers should be established at which the problems arising from the diverse circumstances of the case such as altitude, selection of suitable varieties, irrigation, etc., may be investigated.

Such stations might be branches only of the dominion experimental farm already established in the province, or the work might profitably be taken up by the railway companies, which hold for sale immense blocks of land suitable for the purpose.

I succeeded while in Ottawa last winter in securing the passage of amendments to the board of trade act, simplifying the description to be given of the territory which a board may represent, and reducing the unit of population necessary from 2,500 to 1,500. These amendments apply to this province and to Yukon territory only. I trust that all communities desiring to maintain boards of trade will find these commissions sufficiently easy.

I have received informal requests from board of trade men at the coast to take the initiative in the organization of a provincial board of trade. At my request the Kaslo board of trade has placed a resolution upon the order paper that will bring this subject up for discussion. I commend it to your careful consideration.

The delegates, who at our meeting in Greenwood two years ago, so strenuously advocated the grant of the charter for the construction of the B. C. Southern railway will be glad to see that road now in successful operation.

The Kootenay Central railway projected to run north and south through the Kootenay and Columbia valleys and a coast to Kootenay railway connecting the Boundary districts by a direct route with the valley of the lower Fraser are works which in the interest of the development of our territory are still urgently needed. I am sure that any aid or encouragement that this association may offer to either of these enterprises will be cheerfully given.

In conclusion I desire to thank the boards of trade of eastern British Columbia for the honor which I have enjoyed of acting as the president of their association for the last year. I trust that my successors in office may in their respective terms receive the same measure of kindness and consideration that I have been shown.

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E. Ferguson & Co., Nelson, B. C., is agent for Kootenay country for the famous "CASCADE" BEER—"the Beer without a Peer."

A THOUSAND FOR ONE.

Chicago, March 20.—A thousand employees of Selz, Schwab & Co., shoe manufacturers, were thrown out of work today on account of one foreman, who struck for union wages.

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COPPER SYNDICATE EXTENDED.

New York, March 20.—Arrangements having been made for the extension of the underwriting syndicate of the United States Copper company, the syndicate did not expire today by limitation as it would have done otherwise. The syndicate was incorported in New Jersey in April of last year by F. Augustus Heinze and his friends, with a capital of $80,000,000. It is said in Wall street that so far the syndicate has not been very successful in disposing of its securities.

TENDENCY OF THE TIMES.

The tendency of medical science is toward preventive measures. The best thought of the world is being given to the subject. It is easier and better to prevent than to cure. It has been fully demonstrated that pneumonia, one of the most dangerous diseases that medical men have to contend with, can be prevented by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of influenza (grip), and it has been observed that this remedy counteracts any tendency of these diseases toward pneumonia. This has been fully proven in many thousands of cases in which this remedy has been used during the great prevalence of colds and grip in recent years, and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. Pneumonia often results from a slight cold when no danger is apprehended until it is suddenly discovered that there is fever and difficulty in breathing and pains in the chest, then it is announced that the patient has pneumonia. Be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the cold is contracted. It always cures.

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Mr. Jos. W. Currens, the postmaster at Monon, attests to the truth of this statement.

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MEDALS FOR MAINE NURSES.

London, March 20.—Minister Broderick in reply in the house of commons this afternoon to a question of Harold J. Tennant, liberal, said instructions were given March 13th to issue war medals for presentation to the five American nurses who served on the hospital ship Maine in the South African and Chinese wars.

GAINED FORTY POUNDS IN THIRTY DAYS.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that applications will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate the Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay, comprised as follows: Commencing at a point on the forty-ninth parallel, part of the international boundary line between Canada and the United States, where the said parallel intersects the one hundred and twentieth meridian; thence northerly along the said one hundred and twentieth meridian to that point of the same at which it becomes part of the eastern boundary line of the Province of British Columbia; thence south-easterly and along the boundary line between the said Province of British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, until such last mentioned boundary line intersects the said forty-ninth parallel; thence westerly along the said forty-ninth parallel to the point of commencement; and that the following powers be granted, viz.: The bishop, clergy, and laity of the said Diocese constitute a body politic and corporate under the name of the Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay. The said Synod to be constituted according to the provisions contained in the constitution and canons of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, as revised by the said last named Synod in November, A. D., 1892. All property acquired by or which has come into the possession of or held by the Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay, whether in trust or otherwise, be held by it as constituted under the said Act in the same manner as if the corporation had been so constituted from the first. To take and hold lands, tenements and hereditaments for the uses and purposes of the Church of England in the said Diocese including the uses of any and every parish, mission, institution, college, school or hospital connected with, or intended to be or which hereafter may be connected with the Church of England, and every devise by will, deed, gift, conveyance of land or any estate or interest in land to the corporation be valid and effectual, the Acts of Parliament, commonly called the Statutes of Mortmain, to the contrary notwithstanding. To sell, exchange, alienate, mortgage, lease or demise any lands, tenements or hereditaments held by the corporation. To invest all or any of the funds and monies, including the Episcopal Endowment fund, in mortgage, security of lands, tenements and hereditaments and other securities in any part or parts of the Dominion of Canada, and for the purposes of such investments take, receive and accept mortgages or assignments thereof and to sell and enforce the same. To exercise all its powers by and through its executive committee and such Boards or committees as the Synod from time to time may appoint by by-law for the management of all or any of the affairs, or property of the corporation. To constitute and appoint the Bishop of New Westminster, Bishop of the said Diocese of Kootenay, until a Bishop of Kootenay is duly and properly elected and constituted by the Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay, and for all other usual and necessary powers, rights and privileges.

Dated the 30th day of January, 1903.

EDWARD A. CREASE,
Solicitor for Applicants.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Robert Reisterer, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of Robert Reisterer, who died on or about the 15th day of October, 1902, are required on or before the 19th day of May, 1903, to send by post prepaid, or deliver to Macdonald & Johnson, Solicitors for the Executors of the said Robert Reisterer, deceased, at their offices, Burns, block, Baker street, Nelson, B. C., their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, duly verified by statutory declaration.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date, the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1903.

MACDONALD & JOHNSON,
Solicitors for C. L. Behnsen and Duncan McArthur, Executors under the will of Robert Reisterer, Deceased.

TIMBER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situate in West Kootenay District, B. C.:

Commencing at post planted at J. H. Christie's south east corner marked J. S. C. Fraser's post, thence east 80 chains, thence north 160 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 160 chains to place of beginning. J. S. C. FRASER.

Rossland, B. C., Feb. 15th, 1903.

TIMBER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a Lease, for a term of 21 years, to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situate in West Kootenay District, B. C.:

Commencing at a post planted upon the bank of Barnes creek about six miles from Cariboo Lake, marked C. E. Race post, thence east 160 chains, thence north 240 chains, thence west 240 chains, thence south 240 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning.

CHAS. ELMORE RACE.

Rossland, Feb. 15th, 1903.

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J. H. CHRISTIE.

Rossland, B. C., Feb. 15th, 1903.

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London, March 29—Lead, £13 10s.

NELSON'S NEWS OF THE DAY

The executive committee of the Nelson Conservative Association held a meeting at the board of trade rooms last evening.

The Nelson gun club will hold their first shoot of the present season on the grounds at the foot of Stanley street tomorrow morning.

Brigadier Hargrave, of the Salvation Army, arrived in the city last evening and will conduct special meetings this evening and on Sunday at the barracks.

Despite the existing depth of snow, crocuses and other early plants growing on the southern side of many city residences are already up an inch above the ground.

The Ratepayers' Protective Association of Rossland, has discovered that the water works system of that city is in very bad shape, and has demanded that the defects be speedily remedied.

A well illustrated pamphlet issued by the Vancouver Tourist Association has been received. It gives an interesting description of the advantages and attractions of the coast city and vicinity.

Rev. M. Vansikle, president of the British Columbia Baptist convention, will preach in the Baptist church, Nelson, tomorrow morning and evening. Mr. Vansickle is considered one of the most eloquent preachers in the province.

A supply of pamphlets advertising the western provinces of Canada have been placed in the city hotels for distribution among guests. During the last week the number of travelers over all the lines passing through Nelson has increased greatly.

Since March 1st, Batho & Co., of Ferguson, have shipped to the Nettie L. and Silver Cup mines, goods as follows: Groceries and vegetables, 27,100 pounds; dynamite, 5,700 pounds; beef, 6,000 pounds ,a total of 19 tons. Not a bad beginning for spring.

The cost of smelting at Northport was reduced for the month of January from $3.90 per ton, the figure for the previous month, to $3.56 per ton, and the profits for the month amounted to $20,471, in place of $15,000, as formerly estimated by the manager.

The ice on the lower end of the lake from Selous point to the old shipyards still holds, but it is becoming too soft for safe crossing, although it is still occasionally used by the residents of the Chinese ranches at the mouth of Grohman creek.

The deep snow has played havoc with the horses running at large in East Kootenay. A number of the C. P. R. horses on Alex. Miyuk's ranch, near Fort Steele junction, have died for want of food and many of the Indians will lose all of their ponies . It has been several years since this part of the country has had such a severe winter, and no one was prepared for it.

A deal has been closed at Cranbrook by which E. J. Peltier, of that town, has disposed of his interest in the wholesale liquor business of E. J .Peltier & Co. and in the lease of the Alberta hotel. These two concerns are now controlled by the Pollock Wine Co., Ltd., with fully paid up capital of $11,200. One half of the stock is owned by J. R. Pollock, who has been appointed manager.

The chess tournament at the Success Club rooms opens this evening, with a list of over 20 competitors. Since chess playing was started at the club it has developed that there are a number of very good players among the members, and the tournament now opening promises to be a most successful one. A double set of deck quoits were received this week by the club, and are proving welcome adjuncts to the recreation room. The attendance at the club every evening now ranges from 25 to 50.

The mayor and members of the city council have not yet been able to pay a visit to the prospective sight of the electric power plant at Kootenay falls, owing to the depth of snow on the ground, which makes a proper inspection almost impossible. When the city engineer decided that conditions are suitable, the party will go down as far as Beasley, on the north side of the river, crossing above the falls in a rowboat, and spending the day on the site so as to become thoroughly familiar with the surroundings.

T. H. Newitt, of Ymir, formerly a resident of Nelson, is in the city on business.

The business men of Kaslo banqueted John Walker, of that city, this week, on the occasion of his leaving Kaslo, after a six-years' residence, to go into business at Vancouver. R. F. Green, M.L.A., occupied the chair, and there was a large and representative gathering.

G. D. Curtis was among the lucky fishermen who were out yesterday on the lake trolling. He made a catch of 25 fish. Outside of this there have been few catches amounting to anything, and several enthusiastic fishermen, who have been out fishing every afternoon this week, have returned daily with empty baskets.

Alexander Sharp, of Rossland, who is stopping at the Phair, has been appointed superintendent of the First Thought mine, near Bossburg, Washington. Mr. Sharp is mining superintendent for P. Burns & Co., and recently returned from New Mexico, where he was on mining business for his firm. The First Thought mine was involved in litigation for some time, but this has been settled and it is now the undisputed property of the big cattle king. It is to be worked on an extensive scale, and Mr. Sharp will remain in direct control until the new machinery which has been ordered for the property is installed and the mine running regularly.

It is probable that Robert Robertson of this city, and H. Bentley of Fernie, will shortly start out on a tour of the Northwest Territories and Manitoba for the purpose of educating public opinion in these sections on the lead tariff issues. The lead question is apparently not thoroughly understood in the middle west, and some opposition to the tariff demands of this province is feared. It is thought that some good missionary work might be accomplished by western representatives and Mr. Robertson has already signified his willingness to go. Mr. Bentley will be heard from today, and the local lead men who have the matter in charge expect that both men will leave for the territories at once.

The convention of the boards of trade of eastern British Columbia at Fernie was concluded on Thursday, and in the evening the visiting delegates were banqueted by the members of the Fernie board at the Royal hotel. W. R. Ross, president of the Fernie board, occupied the chair, and among the guests were E. C. Smith, M.L.A., Southeast Kootenay, and H. B. Gilmour, M.L.A., Vancouver. Between 75 and 100 persons were present, and the entertainment proved a great success. Last night Messrs. Mackenzie, Binns, Ross, Willcox, Brown, Grigor, Galloway, and Jackson were in Nelson, on their way home from the convention. The party leave for the west on the early C. P. R. train today.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company are considering the building of a summer hotel at Slocan junction. This is one of the most popular fishing places on the Kootenay river, and although the sport is not as good as it was a couple of years ago, it is believed that with proper protection the trout would soon be as plentiful as ever. About five years ago the railway company put up a number of huts for the convenience of sportsmen near the junction, but these have been allowed to get out of repair. It is understood that what is being figured on would include a first-class summer hotel, at which tourists would find every comfort within easy reach of good fishing and shooting. Correspondence is now in progress regarding this, and it will probably be known definitely within a few days as to whether the project will be carried through this year or not.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES MEET.

No Change Will Be Made in the Hours. The Teachers Coming Convention.

The regular meeting of the board of school trustees was held last evening at the office of the secretary of the board, Dr. E. C. Arthur. All the members were present.

A large number of letters have been received by the secretary from parents complaining of the present system of school hours and asking that the old system be resumed. Formerly the scholars had from 12 to 1 o'clock for lunch, and were dismissed for the day at 3.30.

The hour allowed for lunch was found too short for many of the pupils who lived at a distance and at the instance of several of the parents the noon hour was increased by thirty minutes and the afternoon session was prolonged until 4 p.m. Apparently from the correspondence received the new schedule is about as unsatisfactory to a certain number as the former one was.

After the secretary had read a number of the letters referred to the members of the board discussed the matter at length, but decided not to make any further alteration. It was pointed out that in other places the hours for music lessons, were arranged to fit in with the regular school session and not the school hours set to suit the convenience of the music teacher.

Regarding the teachers' convention, which will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, of Easter week, it was decided on motion of trustee McKillop, seconded by trustee Annable: That the high school and public schools of the city of Nelson be closed during Easter week to allow the members of the school staff to attend the meeting of the Teachers' Institute. The motion passed unanimously, all the members of the board, while regetting the necessity of closing the schools for a week, expressed themselves strongly in favor of permitting the teachers to attend the convention.

Trustees Annable and Swannell were appointed a committee to attend to the furnishing of the high school principal's office. The meeting then adjourned.

WANT A TRAINING SHIP.

Kingston, March 20.—The local branch of the navy league will ask the British admiralty to furnish a ship for training sailors for the British navy, the ship to be located here. A deputation will also urge the militia department to use its influence to have the ship located here.

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Corn Starch, per package	10c
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Ashcroft Potatoes, per sack	$1.00
Tartan Tea, per lb	30c
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HIGHLANDER TO START UP.

Henry M. Stevenson, manager of the Highlander mine at Ainsworth, who has returned from a visit of two months duration to Philadelphia, New York, and other eastern centres, says that owing to the high price of lead it is probable that his company will commence operations within a very short time, in fact, he is expecting instructions to commence work. During his eastern visit he made satisfactory arrangements with transportation companies to ship the Highlander ore to Europe. This ore, which carries abut 70 per cent lead, will leave a good margin of profit for the company under present circumstances.

ABYSSINIAN EXPLORERS.

Marseilles, March 20.—A mail steamer which has arrived here from African ports, brings word of the arrival at Jibutil, Abyssinia, of a party of American explorers Messrs. MacMillan, Brown and Marlow, accompanied by a number of Englishmen. Emperor Menilek accorded the party a hearty welcome and placed an escort of 50 soldiers at their disposal and gave authority to the expedition to proceed to lake Tsana. Later the party expects to descend the Blue Nile.

YOUTHFUL IMMIGRANTS.

Montreal, March 20.—The Star's London cable says: A party consisting of three hundred and twenty-one trained boys from the Barnardo homes, sailed in the steamship Canada yesterday for Halfax. One hundred and fifty girls sail on April 13th. In all nine hundred and seventy-eight Barnardo children have been sent to Canada to date.

ANOTHER POLAR EXPEDITION.

London, March 20.—Anthony Fiala, who is to head the polar expedition to be equipped by William Zeigler, of New York, leaves London tomorrow for Tromsoe, Norway, to complete the fitting out of the expedition's steamer, America. He will return to the United States in April and will be back at Tromsoe in time for the expedition to start in June.

A BRIDE FOR KING ALFONSO.

Madrid, March 20.—The newspapers here are again talking of the project of a marriage between king Alfonso XIII and the princess Louise Francoise, daughter of the countess of Paris.

A VOTE FOR PRIOR.

Victoria, March 20.—Allan Neil, M.L.A. for Alberni, has been instructed by his election committee to support the Prior government in the coming session.

BOUNDARY ORE SHIPMENTS.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Phoenix, B.C., March 20.—Shipments of are from Boundary mines for the past week were as follows:

Granby mines, 4,820 tons; Emma mine, 420 tons; total for week, 5,240 tons; total for the year 119,597 tons.

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