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WILL MODIFY MINERAL TAX

Is the Announcement Made By Premier Prior

Outlines Other Features of His Policy

"I am not in favor of the 2 per cent mining tax. The actual amount collected is not material, but it bears unfairly on low-grade ores in comparison to high-grade ores, and the sentiment of the investing public is against it. The system of taxation on mining development will have to be attended to and revised before British Columbia can gain the confidence of investors. I intend to see that it is revised at once."

The foregoing statement is credited to premier Prior in an interview with a Vancouver press representative on Monday last. He is further reported as having said:

"The time has come when the government's ordinary expenditures should be kept within the revenue. I do not think the province should float any more loans except for specific purposes, such as railway development.

"I believe the finance minister is doing quite right in trying to get in all taxes in arrears. It is not fair that one should pay and another should get out of paying taxes.

"In regard to the West Yale constituency, the government never had any intention of leaving West Yale unrepresented at the next session of the house. They never had any idea but to bring on the election in that constituency before the house sits.

"Regarding the railway policy, I firmly believe it is the bounden duty of the government to formulate a railway policy. No country like British Columbia can be developed without being opened up by railways and it is the policy of the government to develop the province by railroad building. The government will assist railroads where necessary. If assistance is given, however, it will, I hope, take the form of land subsidies under such restrictions and conditions as will promote settlement and development. I believe that a line of railway from Vancouver to the north would be a laudable enterprise and well worthy of assistance. I also believe we should have another transcontinental line from the Rockies down to the coast. I believe that such a railway should come through Cariboo, then down to Bute inlet and across to the island, thus passing through the lower portion of the province, where the population is more thickly distributed. I do not approve of giving assistance to the scheme to run the railway to Port Simpson, thus building up a rival city to Vancouver, Victoria and other coast cities. What is wanted is a line of more immediate advantage to the present centres of population. I think a great deal could be done in the way of developing the resources of this province by the construction of narrow gauge railways as feeders for the main lines. The Coast-Kootenay road is also a grave necessity and must be built, as well as some other roads in the interior.

"Regarding the request made of the government by men and companies interested in deep placer and hydraulic mining that placer and hydraulic claims be crown granted, I will say that it is a difficult problem to deal with. There is opposition to the scheme by many individual placer miners. I can say, however, that some alterations will be made in the act providing for better titles to such land than at present.

"As to immigration, I believe there should be a general scheme of survey of unoccupied government land, so that when intending settlers present themselves or write for information regarding desirable locations, the government may be able to inform them as to local conditions, extent and topography of each section of the province where settlement is desirable, the nature of the soil, possibilities of livelihood and conditions prevailing as to transportation. It would be an expensive undertaking, but it is very desirable to have the lands of the province taken up by good settlers and the expenditure would well repay the province. Of course, the scheme would have to be carried out gradually.

"Regarding the unfair terms given British Columbia by the dominion government, I am going to Ottawa to talk the matter over with premier Laurier and his colleagues. Owing to our extent of territory and the inaccessibility in many regions, the cost of administration in British Columbia is very heavy, and, as is well known, we pay $2,000,000 more annually into the dominion treasury than we get back. The Dunsmuir government issued a pamphlet to the dominion government giving the reasons why British Columbia should get more reasonable terms. I intend during my stay in Ottawa to further impress on the government why the concessions asked for by the Dunsmuir government should be granted.

"In regard to Oriental immigration I may say that the government is strongly opposed to the influx of this class. The dominion government has disallowed the acts passed last session, but I intend to have them re-enacted as soon as the house meets, to show that the people of British Columbia are in dead earnest on this question."

When colonel Prior was asked if the government would be sustained, he replied: "It will be. We have a decided majority."

VICTORIA'S DREAM

May Be Nearing Realization—Ferry Service With Mainland.

Victoria, Jan. 7.—The Victoria Terminal & Ferry company, which has an agreement with the city of Victoria to establish a ferry system between Sidney and Liverpool, on the Fraser river, ultimately connecting by rail through the Delta district with the Great Northern system, will probably purchase the steamer Victorian, which is tied up at Tacoma since she retired from the Alaskan trade, officers of the company being now at Tacoma for that purpose. The arrangement is to take the machinery of the Victorian and place it in the barge, now at Portland, built for rock carrying, and 180 feet long and of 650 net tonnage, which will be made into a car ferry and passenger steamer to operate between Sidney and Liverpool, with a speed of 16 knots an hour.

TO INCREASE ITS OUTPUT

LE ROI WILL SHIP NEARLY 20,000 TONS MONTHLY.

FORCE NOW AT WORK WILL ALSO BE INCREASED.

Rossland, Jan. 7.—The Le Roi mine is increasing its monthly output by 5,000 or 6,000 tons, making an average monthly aggregate for the future of 18,000 to 20,000 tons.

The Black Bear stope in the western workings on the south vein, has been opened up. Its product is slightly lower in grade than the ore shipped for the past eight months, but it is desired on account of the reduced treatment charges at the Northport smelter, and the desirability of reducing the quality of the matte to the terms of the contract with the refinery, which the matte now exceeds.

The mine is employing 360 men, and this force may now be increased slightly.

LEAD DELEGATES.

Arrive in Winnipeg en Route and Are Entertained There.

Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—A delegation from the Kootenay district passed through the city today en route to Ottawa to discuss the question of the import duty on refined lead from the United States.

The delegation consists of Messrs. J. L. Retallack, the chairman of the deputation; G. D. Potter and G. O. Buchanan. The deputation was met at the The delegation represents the boards trade.

The delegation represents the board of trade of the interior of British Columbia, and the silver-lead mines, and they wish to obtain relief by an adjustment of the tariff, which, they say, is necessary to prevent the ruin of all those engaged in business in the section which the delegation represents.

The delegates were entertained by a committee of the local board of trade, and held a successful meeting with the committee before proceeding on their journey.

TRAIN HOLD UP.

Unsuccessful Attempt to Rob the United States Mails.

Watertown, New York, Jan. 7.—An unsuccessful attempt to rob the United States mail was made on a Watertown & Ogdensburg train near Gouverneur tonight. Two men, who boarded the train at Gouverneur, forced an entrance into the mail car and commanded clerk Stack to surrender the postal valuables. The clerk called for help, and the express messenger responded, when one of the robbers jumped from the train, which was moving at 50 miles an hour. The other was captured and lodged in the Canton jail. The identity of the robber was unknown. Late tonight the fugitive bandit had not been captured.

PREMIER LAURIER BACK.

Is in Good Health and Prepared for Labors of Coming Session.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier returned this evening from Florida. The premier has not gained a pound in weight, but looks considerably stronger than when he left, while his voice has regained strength. He declares himself fully prepared to undergo the labors of the session. He left for Ottawa after half an hour's stay.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

Shareholders Decide to Increase Capital to Fourteen Million Dollars.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—The Bank of Montreal shareholders today decided to increase the capital of the bank from twelve to fourteen millions. New stock will be issued to shareholders in proportion of one to six at $340 per share. The market value today was $540, par value of the shares being $200.

FOSTER NOMINATED.

Tory Ex-Finance Minister May Contest North Ontario.

Beaverton, Ontario, Jan. 7.—The conservative convention in North Ontario met here today to select a candidate to succeed the late Angus McLeod. The nomination was unanimously extended to Hon. G. E. Foster.

A MANITOBA TRAGEDY.

Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—News has been received at Winnipeg of the tragic death of a girl, north of Teulon, which may prove to be a case of murder. Only the most meagre particulars have been obtained, but it appears that a woman was shot and that a man is being held, pending an investigation, which is being conducted by the attorney-general's department. The names of neither the victim nor the accused have been received in the city.

WERE ROASTED TO DEATH

FATAL RESULTS OF A COLLISION NEAR PITTSBURG.

EIGHT KILLED AND FIVE OTHERS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Pittsburg, Jan. 7.—As a result of a collision between a passenger train and the rear end of a freight train on the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania railroad tonight at Cochrane station, seven men are dead, one is dying, and five others are injured.

The passenger train in the wreck was the west Elizabeth accommodation, which left Pittsburg at 3.20 p. m. It was on time and had a clear track, according to the signals displayed. At the siding at Cochrane, it ran into the rear car of an extra freight which had taken the switch but had failed to clear the main line.

The officials of the road attribute the disaster to the failure of Patrick Quinn, the rear brakeman of the freight, to see that his train had fully cleared the line. Up to 11 p. m. Quinn had not been located.

When the passenger train came along the caboose of the freight overlapped the main line enough to catch the tender of the passenger engine, which was forced back upon the combination baggage and smoking car with terrific force.

The thirteen passengers were jammed against the rear end of the car into a solid mass. Three of the victims were killed outright. Two, of the other four, were literally roasted to death, and the two who died on the way to the hospital were so badly burned that recognition was impossible.

Almost immediately after the impact, fire from the stove in the smoker communicated to the wreckage, and the imprisoned victims were tortured beyond description.

All of the victims were badly burned. Conductor Cook was found unconscious under the charred body of baggageman Stroud. He is so badly hurt that he can hardly live through the night.

When the passenger engine struck the rear end of the last car of the freight the beam of the cowcatcher knocked the cylinder on the left side off, and then dug in one end of the tank of the tender and shoved it from the trucks. This tank was driven back through the combination baggage and smoker. The tank cleaved through the shell of the combination car like a sheath knife. The roof fell after the tank had crushed the sides. In the front end of the car was a stove which was shoved back among the confused jumble. Any fire that might have been caused by the shock could easily have been extinguished without trouble in a short time, but when the tank came through it brought with it a 15-gallon can of gasoline or oil. This was instantly ignited by the coals of the stove fire. There was a little puff of an explosion and the wreckage commenced to burn furiously.

The most singular part of the whole accident was the fact that not one of the other cars of the train, nor the numerous other passengers occupying them, were injured in the slightest. Death and terror remained alone for the front car. When the fire began one man was discovered half out of the rear window of the car. His feet were pinned by a piece of wood in the car. He was alive and thoroughly conscious of his peril. He was a foreigner, and in broken English yelled for some one to release him. "Chop her," he would shout, pointing back into the car, at something which held him. Heroic efforts were made to release him, but finally the poor fellow had to be deserted and he slowly burned to death. One of the other horrors of the wreck was the body of baggage man Stroud, standing upright against the window which opens on the rear platform of the car. He was in an erect posture. His head was above the top of the window so that his features could not be seen, but he was identified by a ring he wore on the hand which protruded through the window, and by his badge.

FISHERY COMMISSION.

George Riley, M. P. to Take the Place of Late George R. Maxwell.

Victoria, Jan. 7.—(Special to The Daily News.)—The Times' Ottawa special says an order in council has been prepared appointing George Riley, M. P. to take the place of the late George R. Maxwell on the fishery commission, which was at work last year on the Pacific coast. The commission will meet shortly and will report before parliament meets. The opinion at the fisheries department now is that the commission will report in favor of traps.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Pittsburg, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Wylie, who was the widow of Stephen C. Foster, the famous writer of old melodies, among others "The old folks at home," was burned to death last night at her home here. Her clothing became ignited while she was sitting by an open fireplace.

DEADLY LIVE WIRE.

Fonda, New York, Jan. 7.—Ben Erick, of Gloversville, an employee of the Fulton Gas & Electric Co. was killed in Johnstown today by contact with a wire carrying 2,300 volts of electricity. At the time Erick was engaged in connecting two wires on a pole.

ROSS WINS ALL THREE

Result of Bye-Elections in Ontario

Will Now Have a Working Majority

Toronto, Jan. 7.—The Ontario bye-elections today resulted as follows:

North Norfolk—Little (liberal) defeated Snider (conservative) by 55.

North Perth—Brown (liberal) defeated Monteith (conservative) by 172, with two polls yet to be heard from.

North Grey—McKay (liberal) defeated Boyd (conservative) by 236, with one poll to be heard from.

Stratford, Ontario, Jan. 7.—(Special to The Daily News.)—The liberals redeemed North Perth by a majority of 221, the largest liberal majority ever cast in the riding for either provincial or dominion parliaments.

Stratford converted a conservative majority of 92 into a liberal majority of 138, and in Listowel a liberal majority of 6 became a conservative majority of 52.

In North Grey, MacKay (liberal) has a majority of 269.

North Norfolk elects Little (liberal) by 55 of a majority.

Listowel, Ontario, Jan. 7.—(Special to The Daily News.)—The following telegram was sent to Hon. S. Blake: "Eight thousand of your letters were circulated in this riding. The result is over 200 of a liberal majority. Please advise Foy. Signed, Liberals of North Perth."

Toronto, Jan. 7.—(Special to The Daily News)—The greatest praise is given by the liberals to premier Ross. He fought like a hero, and ably presented the liberal policy on the platform, and to his energy and able conduct of the campaign the results are largely due. He was overwhelmed with messages of congratulation tonight.

A NEVER ENDING MEDLEY

ELEPHANTS, CAMELS AND TROOPS AT DURBAR REVIEW.

ALMOST INCALCULABLE WEALTH WAS DISPLAYED.

Delhi, India, Jan. 7.—Viceroy lord Curzon of Kedleston, and lady Curzon, and the duke and duchess of Connaught today reviewed the retainers of the ruling chiefs in the durbar arena.

An almost incalculable wealth of gold and silver was displayed as the seemingly never ending medley of elephants, camels, troops, musicians and carriages representing the different Indian states passed and manoeuvred before the dais.

The elephants carried howdahs and trappings of the purest gold and silver. There were carriages of pure silver and sedan chairs of gold. During the temporary stoppages of the procession half a dozen bands, some carried all on one elephant, played different airs, while the state retainers, clad in mail and armed with lances and swords, yelled their battle cry and fought in the arena.

The maharajah of Jaipoor sent horsemen in complete armor riding on golden saddles and carrying lances with red and white pennons.

The maharajah of Kota sent many camels carrying swivel guns, a force of military ascetics and a number of quaint musicians.

The camel men of the maharajah of Alvar wore uniforms of blue and yellow. An elephant carriage drawn by four elephants followed the Alvar horsemen who were clad in mail armor and whose horses reared in salute to the royal personages present.

An elephant from the state of Datia also saluted the dais, salaaming several times before it.

The shanmen of Burmah carried golden gongs and teapots and wore golden helmets.

The carriage of the state of Jind was of pure silver and drawn by four black horses with golden harness.

The carriage of the state of Patiala was also of silver, decorated with gold. A dwarf from the state of Nabha was followed by a giant seven feet ten inches high. The contingent from Cashmere closed the procession.

The duchess of Connaught wore a black and white dress and lady Curzon appeared in a violet colored costume.

GREENWOOD ODD FELLOWS.

Greenwood, Jan. 7.—(Special to The Daily News.)—The installation of officers of Boundary Valley lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 28, took place last night, when D. D. G. M., H. D. Munroe, of Greenwood, was installing officer. There were numerous visiting brethern and members present. The officers for the year are: D. Bannerman, N. G.; J. L. White, V.G.; F. B. Holmes, rec.-sec.; G. B. Taylor, fin.-sec.; W. M. Frith, treas.; D. Ross, conductor; W. Smith, warden; Rev. Dr. McRae, chaplain; D. A. McKenzie, G.G.; W. G. Harvey, I.G.; A. D. Hallett, R.S.N.G.; C. Wilson, L.S.N.G.; J. W. Ellis, R.S.V.G.; D. Smith, L.S.V.G.; Davis, R.S.S.; S. McClelland, L.S.S.

MANY ACTS OF VIOLENCE

ALLEGED REIGN OF TERROR IN THE COAL DISTRICT.

CONTINUATION OF TESTIMONY BEFORE COMMISSION.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—The non-union men continue to occupy the attention of the coal strike commission in presenting evidence of lawlessness in the anthracite region during the strike. The testimony today included many acts of violence, from murder to plain assault, and petty larceny. Dynamite played a large part in the alleged persecution of non-union men and their relatives.

Five witnesses testified to their houses being more or less seriously damaged by certain persons, some of whom were known to be union men, placing high explosives on the property; other witnesses told of a dam being blown up, one locomotive damaged, steam pipes in two different collieries either broken or damaged by dynamite, bridges and fences damaged by incendiary fires, and attempted wrecking of trains.

One youth said he was stabbed. Several of the witnesses claimed they were boycotted, and several others told of being pelted by crowds, their houses being stoned. Besides this a young woman told the commission she was dismissed as a school teacher because her brother chose to work during the strike, and a young man testified that he was attacked as he was coming out of church after being married, forcing him to seek refuge in a colliery, while his bride got home as best she could. Another witness said he was afraid to attend the funeral of his mother, who had died while he was working behind a colliery stockade.

One witness told of having been punished by a crowd and having to walk 15 miles at the head of a cheering crowd of strikers. Other testimony was also presented in the endeavor to show that a reign of terror existed in the strike-affected territory of the state, and that members of the union were largely responsible for it.

It is the intention of the attorneys for the non-union men to occupy about two more days in presenting this sort of evidence.

Tomorrow they expect to place on the stand brigadier-general Gobin, of the 3rd brigade national guards, of Pennsylvania, and several of the commanders of the regiments in the field during the strike.

THE VENEZUELAN SITUATION

Washington, Jan. 7.—Through the United States embassy at Rome, the state department today received the answer of the Italian government to president Castro's proposition. It was forwarded to minister Bowen at Caracas for submission to president Castro. The note is said to be on lines similar to those of Great Britain and Germany.

Caracas, Jan. 7.—It has been learned from an authoritative source that the answers of the powers delivered by Mr. Bowen this afternoon have created a feeling of depression in Venezuela. All sorts of rumors are current in Caracas tonight concerning president Castro's answer to the communications but none of them is reliable.

Kingston, St. Vincent, Jan. 7.—Vice-admiral Douglas, comanding the British naval forces in West Indian waters, left Port of Spain, Trinidad, today on board the flagship Ariadne, to inspect and provision the ships under his command which are blockading Venezuelan ports.

La Guaira, Venezuela, Jan. 7.—Fishing smacks were not allowed to leave this port yesterday evening owing to the fact that some of them had infringed their blockade permits by communicating with and purchasing goods from a sloop which had contraband of war on board.

New York, Jan. 7.—A growing feeling of impatience at Berlin over the prospect of a prolonged delay in regard to a settlement of the Venezuelan claims is, according to the Tribune's London correspondent, noted suspiciously by a good many writers of the press. The German embassy in London is reported as reflecting the opinion of the Berlin foreign office, that an award must be made within three months from the opening of proceedings at The Hague tribunal.

Caracas, Jan. 7.—The answer of the powers to president Castro's last proposal relative to arbitration was delivered to president Castro this afternoon by United States minister Bowen. A meeting of the cabinet was called to consider this communication. It is expected that the Venezuelan answer will be handed to Mr. Bowen tonight.

GREENWOOD MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Greenwood, Jan. 7.—(Special to The Daily News.)—Not much public interest has as yet been evinced in the local municipal elections. It is stated that the present mayor, George R. Naden, will offer himself for re-election, and that alderman Smailes, of the firm of Rendell & Co., will also be a candidate. Outside of the mayoralty contest there is not likely to be much interest taken in the election on Thursday, 15th instant.

TRAFFIC DEMORALIZED.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 7.—The railroads were seriously affected by today's storm and nearly every train arriving in the city was from 1 to 6 hours late, the tains from the west being the most seriously affected, although the trains from the north were all late. Several instances are reported where engineers stopped their trains entirely during certain spasms of the storm, while they were on high or exposed ground being afraid to run because there was danger of being blown off the track while rounding curves.

A SOCIALISTIC CANDIDATE.

If Local Enthusiasts Can Raise the Amount of the Deposit.

Vancouver, Jan. 7.—It is reported that the labor socialists are anxious to bring out a candidate in the approaching dominion bye-election. The candidate will probably be Mr. Griffiths, who zealously propounds the doctrines of the party on the corner of Cordova and Carrol streets on favorable nights. The plan of raising sufficient money to make the necessary deposit is to sell tickets among the adherents of Mr. Griffiths at $1 each, the money to be returned to the contributors in case Mr. Griffiths does not lose the deposit as a result of his candidacy.

ATTACK A MINE MANAGER

RESULTS IN DEATH OF THREE OF HIS ASSISTANTS.

AND WOUNDING OF THREE MORE OF THE PARTY.

Eureka, Nevada, Jan. 7.—J. V. Traylor, manager of the York & Nevada Copper company's mine near Ely, was attacked today in the company's office at Keystone by twelve men, said to be members of the miners' union, who intended running him out of the town. They caught Traylor and threw him down, but he managed to break away and commenced shooting, killing James Staggar, Sam Johnson and J. S. Smith, and wounding three other members of the party. A strike has been on against the company for several weeks on account of a reduction in wages, ordered by manager Traylor.

IN THE BLIZZARD REGIONS.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 7.—Probably fifty buildings were damaged by the gale which struck Omaha last night. The wind did not abate with the morning but continued to blow at a furious velocity.

West Superior, Wis., Jan. 7.—A blizzard from the north west struck the head of the lakes early today. A drifting snow is interrupting traffic.

QUARRYING RESUMED.

Greenwood, Jan. 7.—(Special to The Daily News.)—The work in the quarries and other open workings of the mines of the Boundary, after having been for several days much impeded by the comparatively heavy snoww fall, is now proceeding as usual. The fall of snow this winter has thus far been greater than in ordinary seasons. At present the weather is fine, clear and frosty.

GREAT BRITAIN'S PROTEST

Constantinople, Jan. 7.—Great Britain's protest against the permission granted in September last to four unarmed torpedo boat destroyers to pass through the Dardanelles into the Black sea, under the commercial flag of Russia, will, it is believed, be followed by similar action on the part of Austria-Hungary and Italy, while Germany and France will remain aloof.

TOO MUCH DISCIPLINE.

Hamilton, Jan. 7.—Corporal T. C. Cantrill, of the South African constabulary, has engaged a firm of lawyers in this city to obtain his discharge from the constabulary, and is returning to Canada. Cantrill intimates that he and his comrades have not been treated right by the authorities.

MURDER WILL OUT.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—After a lapse of over 12 years, the murderers of Rev. Mr. Large, Methodist missionary in Japan, have been identified. Two burglars named Ogasawara Sugisaie and Baba Tsunemashi, sentenced respectively to 14 and 13 years for burglary, are the guilty parties.

COAL CONFISCATED.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—Mayor Cochrane learned today that a number of cars of coal shipped from Nova Scotia for sale to the poor of Montreal through the city, at cost, has been confiscated by the Intercolonial management. Fifty cars more have been ordered.

FLOOD FATALITIES IN AUSTRIA.

Vienna, Jan. 7.—About a score of lives have been lost in Austria as the result of floods caused by the breaking up of th eice in the rivers, due to rains and melting of snow in consequence of unusually mild weather.

SHORT IN HIS CASH.

Woodstock, Ontario, Jan. 7.—Charles White, for the past two years head book-keeper at D. Richards & Co.'s soap works, has left the city. An examination of his books reveals a shortage in accounts.

A SLEEPY GIRL.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The 100th day of the remarkable sleep of Miss Dora Meek finds her better than last week, though showing no sign of waking, says a dispatch to the Record-Herald from Centralia, Illinois.

TO ANNUL THE MARRIAGE.

Rome, Jan. 7.—The papal nuncio at Munich, Bavaria, has notified the vatican authorities that after the crown prince of Saxony has obtained a verdict in the court he will ask the pope to annul his marriage.

HE OUGHT TO KNOW.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Jan. 7.—Signor Marconi denies that he is engaged to Miss McGillivray, of Sydney.

ROSSLAND IS IN LINE TOO

Strong Resolution Passed by Board of Trade

In Support of Lead Tariff Agitation

Rossland, Jan. 7.—At a largely attended and representative meeting of the Rossland board of trade tonight, two resolutions dealing with important aspects of the mining industry were unanimously carried. The first referred to the desirability of abolishing the 2 per cent mineral tax because of its serious effect in preventing the utilization of the so-called low-grade ores of the Rossland and other camps.

The resolution demonstrated in figures that the 2 per cent tax represented a margin on actual profits as follows: On $16 ore, 3.6 per cent; on $12 ore, 8 per cent; on $8 ore, 16 per cent, and on $6 ore, 22 per cent.

The board strongly urged the removal of such a serious barrier to the utilization of Rossland's immense low-grade ore reserves.

The second resolution referred to the silver-lead industry, and read as follows; Moved by Arthur S. Goodeve, seconded by Alfred McMillan:

Whereas, the silver-lead mine owners of east and west Kootenay, some 40 or 50 in number, after a conference with the smelters and refineries, held a meeting at Sandon on December 10th, 1902, and passed unanimously a resolution favoring increased duties upon lead and lead products, and

Whereas a committee representative of such lead miners, smelters, and of the united boards of trade, have started east for the purpose of urging the dominion government to give them protection as outlined in their resolutions, and

Whereas, we believe relief to the lead mines, and increased activity in these properties, will create a demand for a large tonnage of certain low-grade iron ores of Rossland, which are now unprofitable to mine in connection with copper smelting, and

Whereas the prosperity of our neighboring town of Trail, where are located not only complete copper works but a lead smelter and an electrolytic lead refinery, is dependent on securing an adequate and regular supply of lead ores, which they are unable to do now, and as the prosperity of Trail means prosperity to Rossland;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the Rossland board of trade, do heartily endorse the action of the silver-lead miners of east and west Kootenay, and we hereby respectfully urge upon the government the necessity of granting the request of the committee now on its way to Ottawa, representing the silver-lead mines, the smelters, and the united boards of trade.

The secretary is instructed to forward copies of these resolutions to the ministers, the senators and members of the dominion parliament representing British Columbia, and to the press at the coast and eastern Canada.

NORTH YORK TO BE VACATED

MINISTER OF CROWN LANDS WILL RESIGN HIS SEAT.

IN CONSIDERATION OF PROTEST BEING DROPPED.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—Hon. E. J. Davis, minister of crown lands in the Ross government, has signed an agreement to resign his seat for North York in consideration of the attempt to void his election being dropped by the conservatives. Davis also agrees to pay the conservative petitioners' costs. He will retain his seat in the cabinet pnding the bye-election.

RUSSIA'S FINE WORK.

Pekin, Jan. 7.—The Russian custom's regulations are continuing. The British and Japanese representatives have advised the Chinese to reject the proposals, and the Chinese say they will do so. The Russian representative suggested modifications of the original scheme with the object of securing control of the Manchurian customs. The ability of the Chinese to resist Russian pressure is certainly doubtful.

SAGASTA'S FUNERAL.

Madrid, Jan. 7.—The archbishop of Toledo officiated at the funeral of the late premier Sagasta, which was witnessed by great crowds of people. The streets through which the cortege passed were lined with troops. The casket will remain in the vault pending the erection of a tomb.

FEARS THE ANARCHISTS.

Barcelona, Jan. 7.—Senor Quirno Costa, vice-president of Argentine, has cancelled all his engagements here and has left Barcelona hurriedly for Nice. His departure is attributed to fear of an anarchist plot against himself.

AN EXPENSIVE VOTE.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—Judge Britton today fined James Carry, of Kingston, $400, for having voted without the right to do so at Frontenac, in a recent provincial bye-election.

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THE MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

Behind closed doors last night a number of well known citizens met in earnest conclave. It is understood that the subject matter of their deliberations was the forthcoming municipal elections, and the possibility of putting candidates in the field opposed to the nominees of the Progressive People's Party.

No particulars could be obtained for publication at the close of the meeting, though it was intimated that a complete slate would be announced today. It is to be hoped that the period of private discussions will soon terminate, and that opportunity will be afforded the public to have some voice in the selection of candidates for civic office.

If this is to be a contest worthy of the name, the candidates should lose no time in declaring themselves.

ROSS SUSTAINED.

The result of the bye-elections in Ontario yesterday, upon which the fate of the government depended, is to ensure premier Ross a fair working majority. The liberals have carried all three seats, one of which, North Norfolk, was considered a safe tory stronghold.

North Renfrew is still open, and last night's dispatches indicate that North York will also be vacated, but in view of the governments' victories yesterday the probabilities are that both these constituencies will elect supporters of premier Ross.

Apart altogether from party considerations, the result of the bye-elections will give general satisfaction, as it will put an end to an unduly prolonged period of political turmoil in the province. The liberal administration, on the whole, has done well by Ontario, and although it has held office for an unusually long period, it is easily intelligible that the great majority of electors should be unwilling to displace faithful servants by men who have as yet enunciated no policy, and who, so far, have been unable to secure a leader of any pre-eminent ability.

Premier Ross has had a close call, and it is to be hoped he has benefited by the experience. There are not lacking signs that there is room for improvement in the internal economy of the Ontario provincial liberal party, and this must be made if the party is to continue to retain the confidence of the electorate.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Premier Prior is reported to have stated in Vancouver that he intends to do away with the 2 per cent tax upon the output of the mines. This will be welcome intelligence to the Rossland mine owners who claim that the tax is the one and only cause of depression in the mining industry. Whilst we do not believe that the removal of the tax will work the wonders claimed by the Rossland experts, we sincerely hope that if Prior gives effect to his promise, the most optimistic predictions of the owners of low-grade properties will be more than fulfilled.

It makes one tired to read of the alleged generous benefactions of Carnegie, Rockefeller, Schwab and other millionaires, who, whenever they have perpetrated some particularly profitable raid upon the public, donate a million or so to some college or library. This money represents the increased price paid for articles of consumption by the public, brought about by tariffs and combines, and the credit for the contributions to the various charitable funds by the millionaire controllers of trusts should be given to plain Brown, Jones and Robinson, who really foot the bill.

The election of alderman Urquhart as mayor of Toronto is a decisive victory for the municipal ownership idea. His candidature was based solely upon his record in the council as an advocate of the city's control of public franchises, more especially the gas works. As an alderman the new mayor fought the tramway company to a standstill, and in every instance in which the city's interests and those of the corporations conflicted, he was an out-and-out exponent of municipal ownership. It was noticeable that all the candidates in the recent Toronto mayoralty contest proclaimed themselves advocates of this principle. Of course alderman Urquhart would not have been elected had there not been a split in the tory camp, but his election is none the less a notable advance in the worldwide campaign for state or municipal control of public utilities.

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ENTERPRISE MINES.

Annual Meeting Held in London—The Directors Hopeful for Future.

The annual meeting of the Enterprise Mines, Limited, was held in London last month, Richard Popkiss presiding.

In moving the adoption of the report and accounts, the chairman said that owing to the serious drop in the price obtainable for silver and lead the last year's operations had resulted in a loss of £2,585. He did not consider, however, that the position of the company was quite so serious as would appear. In the first place, during 1901, the whole of the work, having to be carried out by hand, was naturally costly, and consequently it was in the company's interest to do as little as possible, as evidenced by the fact that only 738 tons of ore were shipped from the mine during the year, thus limiting the revenue to that extent. In November, 1901, the concentrating mill was completed, and it was not until the commencement of this year that the necessary adjustments in its machinery were effected, these adjustments being necessary in order to best suit the particular character of the ore to be treated; and further, it was not until about the same time that the installation for working the machine drills was introduced; in fact, the air compressor for working the drills and the mill for treating the ore were just introduced about the same time. The introduction of these improvements naturally effected a great reduction in the cost of mining as well as in the cost of treating the ore, which, together with a general reduction in all other departments, would, we understand from our engineer—and I think reasonably so—produce a far better result upon the current year's operations than was possible hitherto. You are doubtless aware that the product from the mine, consisting as it does of comparatively high-grade silver-lead and zinc ore, has been, and in fact is being, very unfavorably affected by the unusual and serious fall in the market prices of those metals. Hitherto the whole of the wining work carried out has been in the development of working a high-grade silver vein, which, although broken in its centre by a well-defined fault, has not, so far as its development has advanced, shown any signs of pinching out; in fact, it is generally understood that this vein can be traced for a considerable distance beyond out property, which is quite satisfactory so far as this vein is concerned.

Oliver Wethereld, who stated that he had visited the property, in seconding the motion, said that he confirmed the opinion expressed by S. S. Fowler, the local manager, regarding the mine; viz., that it was a very good property, and with normal conditions—normal prices—the company could make excellent profits. They might be thoroughly satisfied they had a very good mine, and also one of the best plants in British Columbia. After referring to market conditions for silver and lead Mr. Wethereld said that together with others interested, they were taking steps to get this matter put on a different basis, and if they succeeded in getting the duties raised to anything approaching the United States figures it would make a very large difference to this company.

The report was adopted unanimously, and Arthur Fell was re-elected a director.

HIS SERVICES APPRECIATED.

Ashnola Smelter Syndicate Present D. R. Young with Locket and Chain.

A meeting of the provisional directors of the Ashnola Smelter, Limited, was held yesterday afternoon at the offices of the company.

Final action in the matter of incorporation was taken, and all the provisional officers were re-elected permanently for the ensuing year, with the exception of J. W. St. John, formerly president, that office being voted to Robert Hamilton, of the William Hamilton Manufacturing company.

The officers and directors of the company are as follows: President, Robert Hamilton; vice-president, P. E. Wilson; secretary-treasurer, F. W. Swannell; board of directors, Robert Hamilton, Wm. Hamilton Mfg. Co., Vancouver; P. E. Wilson, barrister, Nelson; Dr. T. J. Jones, dentist, Victoria; D. R. Young, journalist, Nelson; J. S. Lawrence, railway official, Nelson; W. C. McLean, railway contractor, Nelson; R. J. Steel, financial agent, Winnipeg; J. A. Kirkpatrick, capitalist, Nelson; solicitors, rick, capitalist, Nelson; solicitors, Galliher & Wilson; bankers, Bank of Montreal; managing director, D. R. Young; consulting engineer, W. Blakemore.

The meeting ratified the action of the managing director in purchasing the coal areas on Powers creek, Okanagan lake, formerly owned by C. D. Rand and others, of Vancouver and New Westminster, the purchase price being $30,000 in cash and stock. The managing dirctor was authorized to put on a force of miners at once to continue development of this property, which was done by telegraphic instructions to the local manager.

There was a pleasant surprise in store for D. R. Young, the managing director of the company before proceedings terminated. The promoters of the company, to mark their appreciation of his efforts to bring to a successful issue the undertaking originated by them, through P. E. Wilson presented him with a very handsome gold locket and chain. The locket bears the inscription "Presented by the Ashnola Smelter Syndicate to D. R. Young." On one side it bears an enamel reproduction of the proposed Ashnola smelter ,and on the other a very fine diamond star. Mr. Young was naturally very pleased at this evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by his business associates. He has worked very hard for a long time past to make a success of the enterprise of which he is managing director, and it is very largely due to his energy and optimism that the company enjoys its present sound financial condition. Mr. Young leaves for the coast and eastern points tonight on business in connection with the company.

ZINC OUTPUT.

Joplin District Ahead of Previous Years By $1,459,000.

Last year was a prosperous one in the Joplin district generally, and while the top price during the twelve months just ended did not go as high as it did during the boom, the price averaged second only to that of 1899. As it is, the total value for the district was $9,430,790, with sales of 525,093,880 pounds of zinc and 63,230,840 pounds of lead ore, valued at $7,973,669 and $1,457,121, respectively. These footings include the few sales of ores from the Arkansas district and from the new central Missouri field, in Moniteau county. The total tonnage of zinc sold was 262,545.44 tons, against 255,396 tons in 1901, with the average price paid during 1902 $30.33. The lead tonnage was 31,615.4 tons, against 31,264 tons sold in the previous year, last year's average price being $46.08. Owing to the higher price paid for lead than for zinc it would have appeared that the values would have been reduced, especially when it will be remembered that the lead sales were 3,562 tons less than that of 1901, with only additional sales of 4,239 tons of zinc to counterbalance this discrepancy. Despite this handicap, however, the total value of the sales for 1902 exceeds that of 1901 by $1,459,139.

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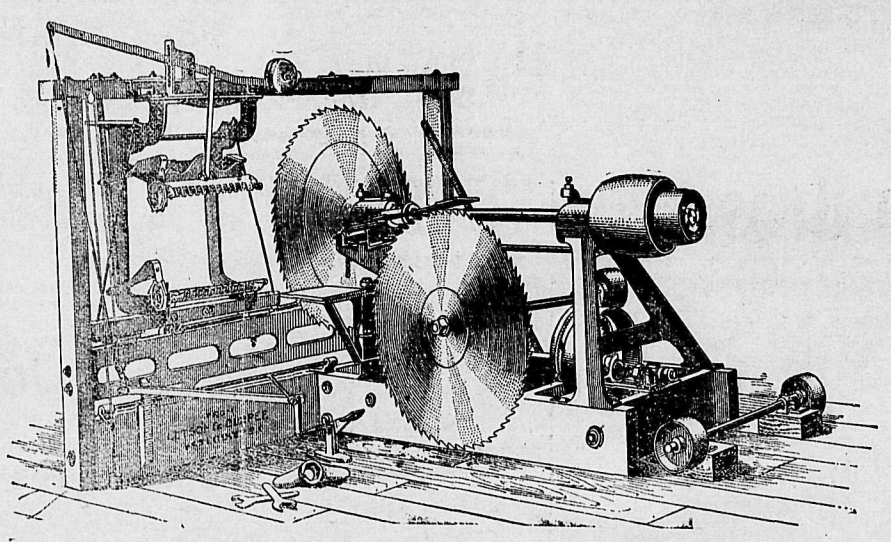

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SPECULATORS WILL LOSE

SOUTH AFRICAN VOLUNTEERS' SCRIP NO USE FOR TIMBER LANDS.

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE FROM VICTORIA TO THAT EFFECT.

Vancouver, Jan. 7.—The scrip issued to South African volunteers cannot be applied to timber lands. This announcement is official and comes straight from the government at Victoria. It was hoped that as the act said nothing to the contrary that this scrip could be applied to timber lands along the coast of British Columbia within 100 miles of Vancouver, and that an absolute crown grant could be secured, thus enabling the holder of the scrip to export the timber to the United States.

The so-called scrip is in the nature of a letter from the deputy-commissioner of lands and works, stating that the recipient, for services in South Africa, was entitled to 160 acres of unoccupied government land and would receive his title to the same on application and on stating the locality in which the land was to be taken up. The act simply states that those who served in South Africa during a certain period were entitled to 160 acres of any unoccupied government land. The letters notifying the South African boys were sent at first only to the members of the first contingent, but subsequently, however, members of the Strathcona Horse were included as participants in the government concessions.

These letters of credit are tranferable, and had been scarcely received, before they were being sold. They were at first transferred for $75 each, but so great was the demand the price soon reached $100 and then $125. At that time, they were being applied on sections of land on the surveyed route of the projected railways, or on agricultural land. As the applications had to be made in the instance of the first contingent by June next, and in the instance of the Strathcona Horse by a year from July 1st, the latter scrip

When the scrip had reached this price several speculators in Victoria, concluding that the act did not debar the scrip being applied to timber lands owned by the government, created a demand by offering to buy all that was offered at reasonable prices. Scrip was purchased in this way in Victoria, and several Vancouver timber men also decided to invest. In the meantime word had been received from members of the government that there was nothing in the act that they could see to prevent the concessions to the South African militia being applied to timber. The assurance made it next to impossible to secure the scrip here at any price.

The latest sensational news about the affair was the information that a syndicate had started a man on the road to buy all available scrip from Winnipeg to Vancouver at all costs. So that the announcement which is now made comes as a timely warning. This is to the effect that while the act may not be so worded as to prevent the military concessions being applied to timber land it was not the intention of the government that they should be so applied. Agricultural land was intended. The act however, will not prevent the government refusing an absolute crown grant for land so applied for, and Hon. W. C. Wells, the chief commissioner of lands and works, will so inform enquirers if the matter is referred to him.

The eagerness with which the scrip has been bought up is easly explained when it is understood that scrip at $160 means that the land would cost but $1 an acre, plus the survey charges, and that the securing of an absolute crown grant means that that would render it free from royalty. In other words, if good cedar on water could be secured and an absolute crown grant obtained, the price of the cedar, then exportable, if it ran 25,000 feet to the acre, would be about $12 plus the royalty, perhaps another $12, or $24 an acre. This for land that cost at most $1.50 an acre. This would be a handsome bonus for the soldier boys, who fought and bled for their country, but as it is, most of the scrip has fallen into the hands of the speculators and the government has declared that it will not be a party to such misuse of legislative concessions.

GOLD AND SILVER.

Estimate of United States Production In 1902.

The director of the United States mint has issued his preliminary estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1902.

The total production of gold was $80,853,070, an increase for the year of $2,186,370. The production of silver amounted to $31,040,025, a net increase of $3,352,084.

Following is the estimated production of states:

	Gold, value.	Silver, Commercial value
Alabama	$ 2,887	$ 5,000
Alaska	7,823,793	30,061
Arizona	4,155,099	1,680,100
California	17,124,941	480,793
Colorado	27,562,429	9,085,714
Georgia	102,388	445
Idaho	2,617,137	3,180,000
Maryland	2,956	2
Michigan	30,800	4,930
Montana	4,134,365	6,890,000
Nevada	3,514,212	2,120,000
New Mexico	688,400	298,602
North Carolina	91,713	11,418
Oregon	1,860,463	63,600
South Carolina	347,928	152
South Dakota	7,398,057	182,372
Tennessee	146	.....
Texas	600	250,327
Utah	3,720,930	6,360,000
Virginia	4,444	278
Washington	434,100	360,400
Wyoming	45,230	2,756
Totals	$80,853,070	$31,040,025
Klondike	14,562,101	91,768
Nome, and Alaska	5,502,256	9,400

MACKENZIE'S RETIREMENT.

An "Open Secret" That Was Well Kept—What Does it Mean?

The reported resignation of John A. Mackenzie, general manager of the Le Roi mine and smelter, is certain to revive the uneasy feeling prevalent in Rossland last summer. No reason is assigned for Mr. Mackenzie's retirement but it is hinted that the step has been taken "on personal grounds." Until the facts are made public, the announcement will be taken to mean that the mine is not on the satisfactory footing everyone hoped and believed it was. It was some time ago stated that the manager's report for the year was in the hands of the directors of the company in London early in December and that its contents would be made known to the shareholders and the general public before the holiday season. For some reason this has not been done, and mining men out here are left to draw their own inferences from these facts. Although Rossland's morning paper stated yesterday that Mr. Mackenzie's resignation had been an open secret in the camp for some weeks, not a hint of it has apeared in the local press and it was only incidentally mentioned yesterday that the Le Roi manager had some time ago gone off to San Francisco on an extended trip. As the press dispatch announcing the matter stated that it was received "with surprise and regret locally" it may be assumed that the affair was kept very secret by those most interested.

There is not hint at present as to who is at all likely to succeed Mr. Mackenzie and the whole truth in connection with this interesting change of front will probably reach the Kootenays through the English newspapers just as such matters usually drift out here. Rossland people will certainly feel uncomfortable concerning the present position and the future prospects of their biggest mining corporation, until some satisfactory explanation is forthcoming.

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NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Nelson that I require the presence of the said electors in the Council Chamber at the City office on Josephine street in the City of Nelson, on Monday the 12th day of January, 1903, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor and Aldermen and for the further purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Board of School Trustees for the City of Nelson.

The nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing. The writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder and shall be delivered to the returning officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 15th day of January, 1903, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 7.30 p.m., for the East Ward at the Council Chamber of the City offices, and for the West Ward at the office of T. M. Ward, on the north side of Baker street, between Stanley and Kootenay streets, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Mayor, shall be such persons as are male British subjects, of the full age of twenty-one (21) years and who are not disqualified under any law, and who have been for the six (6) months next preceeding the day of nomination, the registered owners in the Land Registry office, of land or real property in the City of Nelson, of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of $1,000.00 or more, over and above any registered encumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Aldermen of the City of Nelson, shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one (21) years and who are not disqualified under any law and who have been for the six (6) months next preceding the day of nomination, the registered owner in the Land Registry office of land or real property in the City of Nelson, of the assessed value on the last Municipal assessment roll of $500.00 or more, over and above any registered encumbrance or charge and who are otherwise qualified as Municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as School Trustees of the City of Nelson, are such persons as are householders in the School District of the City of Nelson, who are British subjects of the full age of twenty-one (21) years and who are qualified by the Public Schools' Act to vote at an election of School Trustees in the School District of the City of Nelson.

Given under my hand at Nelson, B. C., the 2nd day of January, 1903.

J. K. STRACHAN,
Returning Officer.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 1903

THE MAYORALTY

TO THE ELECTORS OF NELSON—

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the solicitation of a large number of the electors of the city I have consented to become a candidate for mayor at the coming municipal election.

I favor the construction of the power plant at as early a date as possible and only upon plans approved by electrical and hydraulic engineers of more than local reputation. If the site applied for on Kootenay river cannot be obtained, immediate steps must be made to secure some other available site.

I favor the extension of the sewers and water works as required, and think that the road making plant should be put into service to improve the condition of such streets as Vernon, Victoria and Ward.

I believe that every department of the city service should be carried on as economically as is consistent with efficiency.

If elected I shall do everything in my power to further the best interests of the City of Nelson.

WILLIAM O. ROSE.

January 2nd, 1903.

FOR ALDERMAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE EAST WARD:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate for alderman from the East Ward at the election on the 15th instant.

FRED H. SMITH.

January 7th, 1903.

WANTED

NELSON EMPLOYMENT AGENCY.—Help of all kinds furnished.

HELP of all kinds wanted and furnished. Western Canadian Employment Agency. Large warehouse for storage; call at Prosser's Second Hand Store, Baker Street, west.

WANTED—A woman cook to go out of town. Apply at the Queen's Hotel.

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TO RENT—Roomy, heated, furnished rooms by the day, week or month. Apply Room 1, McDonald Block, corner Vernon and Josephine streets.

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NELSON HARDWARE CO.—BAKER Street—Wholesale paints, oils, and glass; mechanics tools, fishing tackle and sporting goods a specialty.

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If you are interested in the Boundary you should read the Phoenix Pioneer, published in the centre of the greatest mining operations in Canada. Send for sample copy.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned carrying on a general freighting and tranfer business has been dissolved as from the 1st day of January, 1903, by mutual consent.

All liabilities of the said business will be paid by D. G. Kurtz to whom all accounts owing to the said partnership must be paid.

Dated this 6th day of January, 1903.

The Nelson Freighting & Transfer Co.
D. G. KURTZ,
R. H. WILLIAMS.

Witness: A. M. Johnson, Solicitor, Nelson, B. C.

NOTICE.

The business of the Nelson Freighting & Transfer Company heretofore carried on by the above named D. G. Kurtz and R. H. Williams will in future be carried on by the undersigned under the same name.

The Nelson Freighting & Transfer Co.
R. H. WILLIAMS,
GEORGE FERGUSON.

F. C. GREEN. F. C. CLEMENTS.
GREEN & CLEMENTS,
Civil Engineers and Provincial Land Surveyors.
P. O. Box 145. 'Phone 261.
Cor. Kootenay and Victoria Sts. Nelson.

JOHN McLATCHIE,
DOMINION AND PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYOR.
NELSON, B. C.

Corporation of the City of Nelson

NOTICE.

Notice is herby given that it is proposed to extend the limits of the Municipality of the City of Nelson as the said limits are now defined, by including within the said limits that portion or tract of land lying to the south and east of the said City and being part of Lot 182, Group One, Kootenay District of British Columbia, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point at the eastern limit of the City of Nelson where the same is intersected by the centre line of the lane in Block 21, of said Lot 182; thence north along the said eastern limit to a point where the centre line of Park street intersects the said eastern limit of the City of Nelson; thence south-easterly along the centre line of Park street to a point where the centre line of the lane in Blocks 22 and 23, continued to cross Park street, intersects the said line of Park street; thence north-easterly along the centre line of said lane, intersecting said Block 23, to the centre line of South Cherry street, thence south-easterly along the centre line of South Cherry street, to the centre line of Gore street; thence south-westerly along the centre line of Gore street to the centre line of Park street; thence north-westerly along the centre line of Park street to the centre line of said lane intersecting said Blocks 22 and 23; thence south-westerly along the centre line of the lane intersecting Blocks 22 and 21 to the place of beginning.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 10th day of December, A. D., 1902.

J. K. STRACHAN, City Clerk.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE, KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the reserve which was established in pursuance of the "Columbia & Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896," notice whereof was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 7th May, 1896, is cancelled in so far as, but no further than, it relates to a parcel of land in Kootenay District lying within the following boundaries, viz.:

To the west of Lots 330 and 4596; to the north of the northern boundary of Townships 8A and 9A, and to the south of the southern limit of the right of way of the Columbia & Western Railway.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department.
Victoria, B. C., 30th October, 1902.

COURT OF REVISION.
NELSON ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

A Court of Revision and Appeal under the Assessment Act, will be held at Nelson, in the Court House, on Thursday the fifteenth (15th) day of January, 1903, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated at Nelson this 29th day of December, 1902.

ROBT. A. RENWICK,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

TIMBER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease for a term of twenty-one years to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situate on Cariboo Lake in West Kootenay District, British Columbia, commencing at a post planted on the east bank and about one mile south of the north end of Cariboo Lake, and marked J. Fred Ritchie's south west corner; thence east 80 chains; thence north 320 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 160 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to the place of beginning and containing 3,840 acres.

Dated at Rossland, B. C., this 27th day of December, 1902.

J. FRED RITCHIE.

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Leave		Arrive
9.25 a. m.	Spokane	5.45 p. m.
10.15 a. m.	Rossland	5.10 p. m.
7.00 a. m.	Nelson	8.00 p. m.
11.00 a. m.	Grand Forks	4.00 p. m.
9.15 a. m.	Republic	5.40 p. m.

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For further information, maps, folders, etc., apply to any agent of the Spokane Falls & Northern Railway, Kaslo & Slocan Railway, Kootenay Railway & Navigation Company, or to H. BRANDT, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, W 701 W, Riverside Avenue, Spokane, Wash.

G. K. TACKABURY, Local Agent, Baker Street, Nelson, B. C

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8.40 a.m.	Ar. KASLO.... Lv. 3.35 p.m.

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ROBERT IRVING, Manager, Kaslo.
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STANLEY STREET—	7.00	7.40	8.20
	9.00	9.40	10.20

Every forty minutes until 10.20 p.m.

BOGUSTOWN—			7.20
	8.00	8.40	9.20
	10.00	10.40	11.20

Every forty minutes until 10.40 p. m.

SPECIAL RINK CARS—The 8.40 p.m., and 7.40 p.m. cars from Stanley will only run to Byers' corner, returning to rink at 8.50 and 4.10 p.m., in afternoons and 7.50 and 8.10 p.m. at night.

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PRICE OF METALS.

London, Jan. 7.—Lead, £11 1s. 3d.
New York, Jan. 7.—Bar silver, 48¼.
Amalgamated copper 64⅛.

NELSON'S NEWS OF THE DAY

A son was born yesterday to Mrs. Thomas Traves, of Silica street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Holt left last even for Vancouver, and thence to Seattle.

A meeting of those interested in the formation of a cricket club will be held this evening at nine o'clock in the Success club rooms.

There will be church of England service in the hall in Fairview this evening at 8 o'clock, conducted by Rev. F. H. Graham.

A letter was received yesterday by Rev. man named Stewart Burgess was residing F. H. Graham enquiring as to whether a in Nelson. His relatives have lost track of him and are anxious as to his whereabouts. He was last heard of at Nelson.

At the Presbyterian church this evening a meeting in connection with the week of prayer series will be conducted. The topic of the address which will be delivered by Rev. John Reid, Jr., will be "Special work among the young, families and schools."

The mayor has called a public meeting at the opera house for tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8.30 to endorse the action recently taken by the silver-lead men. The matter is an important one and there should be a large gathering of citizens.

The leaders on both sides in the approaching municipal elections held meetings last night, at which the prospects of success and the various necessary arrangements were thoroughly discussed. It is likely that in The Daily News tomorrow full tickets for both mayor and aldermen will be given.

At the regular meeting of the Sons of England last evening past-president T. Morley was installed as district deputy, the installation being made by past-deputy F. Starkey. At the meeting of the lodge on January 21st the officers for the ensuing year will be installed, after which there will be a banquet.

Constable Heavener, of Rossland, formerly of Nelson, was in the city yesterday, having brought over H. F. Townsend, a commercial traveller of that burg, who was convicted of several petty thefts. Townsend was tried on Monday and on pleading guilty was sentenced to three months' imprisonment here.

A. H. Gracey, manager of the Athabasca-Venus, was in the city yesterday. He states that very satisfactory progress is being made at the property and shipments kept up steadily to the mill, which has been working right along. The snow has settled down somewhat around the mine, but is still about six feet deep on the level.

Final arrangements for the Odd Fellows' ball to be held in Fraternity hall tomorrow evening have been completed. The committee in charge have secured the services of the Nelson orchestra of six pieces so that good music is assured. For the accommodation of those who do not dance the large upper lodge room has been set apart for card playing.

The dance to be given by the Ladies' Hospital society promises to be one of the best patronised social affairs of the winter. It is to be held in the opera house on Tuesday evening next, and the tickets are selling rapidly. Everyone is in sympathy with the admirable work undertaken by the society so that the selling of tickets is an easy task.

The Nelson Ice company, which supplies ice for the Kootenay district, is making preparations to gather in its yearly harvest at Mirror lake, near Kaslo. This year the ice is very late in forming but it is expected that with the present cold snap it will soon reach the requisite thickness. Generally the first crop is gathered about the middle or end of December, but this winter two inches has been the thickest ice formed even on sheltered ponds. Quite a large staff of men are employed at Nelson and Mirror lake in this work during the season.

At the opera house last evening the Scotch entertainers, Flora Macdonald and Gavin Spence, gave a concert under the auspices of the St. Andrew's society which was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. Both performers are remarkably clever, and the programme was so well arranged that it came to an end all too quickly for those present. Songs, readings and dances followed each other without any tedious waits, and in the hearty applause and insistent encores that greeted most of the selections the appreciation of the audience was testified.

There will be skating at the rink tonight. The band will be in attendance. A masquerade is talked of for Tuesday evening next.

Captain D. C. McMorris has consented to make the race for alderman from the West Ward. Captain McMorris is in favor of the power plant proposition and rigid economy in all the city departments.

The chess tournament at the Success club is proving most interesting to the members taking part, and at the conclusion of the present series the idea will be carried out on a larger scale.

In the report of the strike of rich ore at the Eva mine in yesterday's issue of The Daily News, in stating the indicated length of an ore shoot near No. 3 tunnel, 20 feet was given instead of 200 feet, the correct length.

The St. Joseph's school opened yesterday morningfor the new session with a large attendance. This afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock the children will have their Christmas tree entertainment, which will be followed by a presentation of prizes and presents.

Since the item regarding the dangerous condition of the sidewalks of the residential portions of the city appeared in The Daily News a number of citizens have filled up the cleared patches in front of their gateways, removing several dangerous holes.

The annual meeting of the Nelson board of trade will be held this evening in the board's rooms and a large attendance of members is particularly requested as in addition to adopting the report for the year, and the election of officers, there are many matters of importance to be discussed.

At the record office yesterday certificates of improvement were issued to E. Cole and H. A. Hendrickson on the Spotted Horse; to C. Faas, C. W. Greenlee, and J. H. Moran on Smuggler; C. Faas and W. H. Crawford on Monodonock; Godfrey Birtsch on Ore Hill; E. J. Stanley and E. H. Stanley on Gladys; A. V. Powys on Golden Gem and Cashier.

Yesterday morning a patient was having a refractory tooth extracted in the office of a local dentist. As an anesthetic he decided to take ether, which was duly administered. While under its influence, however, he went through a performance that cost him a good deal more than the dental operation. The dentist had hardly started to work on the tooth when the patient slid forward in the chair, kicked out wildly with both feet and swung his arms, smashing the window in front of him and strewing dental instruments all over the office. In the street below two passersby come under a shower of glass from the broken window which fortunately did not injure them. A number of articles were broken in the office.

ALD. MORRISON'S VERSION

REPUDIATES MAYOR FLETCHER'S ALLEGATIONS.

WAS NOT CONSULTED REGARDING LILLIE'S SUSPENSION.

Alderman C. Morrison was seen last evening by a reporter of The Daily News with reference to some of the statements made by mayor Fletcher in his published interview in yesterday's issue concerning city council affairs.

Mr. Morrison said, in reply to the reporter's query: "Yes, I have read what mayor Fletcher has said about my connection with the Lillie affair. It is true that when chief Lillie asked for re-instatement from the newly elected council a year ago he gave us to understand that he would resign in a short time. The chief said that as a dismissed official he would have little chance of obtaining a job elsewhere but if he was re-instated in his position for a time he would be able to obtain work elsewhere, and would do so. That was my understanding of the matter at the time the chief was given his place again on the brigade. I do not know why he did not resign as he agreed to."

"Mayor Fletcher is altogether wrong about what he says has recently taken place concerning the chief and my seeing Mr. Steele and promising to support the mayor if the latter would suspend the chief. I want to state very distinctly that not only did the mayor not consult me in the matter of suspending the chief, but as a matter of fact I knew nothing about the suspension and never heard of it until the matter was announced, and further, since the recent fire, which brought about the suspension, I have not seen or conversed with Mr. Steel at all. Mayor Fletcher therefore is entirely mistaken when he asserts that I saw Mr. Steel and stated that if he, the mayor, would suspend the chief I would support the chief's dismissal. As I knew nothing whatevr about the suspension, I could not have done what the mayor says I did.

"I may add," said the alderman, "that if the mayor had consulted me previous to suspending the chief, I would most certainly have told him that I would not support his action. I have nothing more to say about the matter at the present time."

YMIR'S NEW MANAGER.

R. M. Atwater Arrives in Nelson—Will Make No Changes at the Mine.

R. M. Atwater, the new manager of the Ymir mine and Mrs. Atwater, are spending a few days in Nelson before moving out permanently to the mine, where the manager, with his wife and family, will in future reside.

Mr. Atwater is a typical American mining man, about 40 years of age, and claims New Jersey as his birthplace. He comes to the Ymir direct from London, and for the past five years he has been on the staff of Bewick, Moreing & Co. in connection with the work of the West Australian Goldfields, Limited, the latter holding a large amount of stock in the Ymir mines. Previously the new manager of the Ymir was connected with the Exploration company, of London, for whom he has done extensive mining work in Europe and South Africa. He is also well known in Helena, Montana, where he met and married Mrs. Atwater.

"Although I am an American citizen," said Mr. Atwater yesterday, "I have been working for British mining corporations in British colonies practically all my life, and like the service so well that I am going to continue it by managing the Ymir. No; I have not been out to the mine yet, and know little or nothing about the property, further than what I have learned in talking over the situation with Mr. Fowler. We will move out to the mine in about ten days and in the spring will bring our family there."

It was rumored that some extensive changes were contemplated in the management of the mine, but the new manager says this is not correct. He has no intention of making a clean sweep of the present employees of the company, and installing his own appointees. He is very well satisfied with the excellent staff selected by Mr. Fowler and no changes are contemplated. This is a distinct change in policy from that adopted by many incoming mine managers who not infrequently think it essential to surround themselves with appointees of their own.

As detailed in these columns on the first of the year, Mr. Atwater will find the Ymir mine in a splendid condition, with a large quantity of ore in sight, and well developed ahead of production.

WITH THE CURLERS.

Curling was resumed yesterday at the rink, one game in the Bunyan trophy being played and four scratch matches. Tonight two games in the trophy series will be played—McLaughlin vs. Lamont, and Bunyan vs. Wilson. Owing to the delay in the playing of the series arranged through the recent soft weather, the schedule games will be played strictly according to rules, and no allowance made for defaulting.

The following was the result of yesterday's game for the Bunyan trophy:

Gillett	Tieney
McPherson	Burns
Weir	Goepel
Walley, skip, 15	Richardson skip, 10

DEWDNEY MAY RUN IN WEST YALE.

Ashcroft, Jan. 7.—It is rumored here that as a result of a meeting in lower Nicola, a requisition asking ex-governor Dewdney to be a candidate in the government's interest in West Yale will be circulated. Should Mr. Dewdney enter the field, the conflict between him and Mr. Semlin will be an exciting one. Premier Prior and the provincial secretary are expected here shortly, to look after their forces in this riding.

YMIR RETURNS.

S. S. Fowler, of the Ymir, cabled the following mine returns last month to the directors in London: "During last month 50 stamps ran 634 hours. Estimated profit on operating $10,000. This is after deducting development, $2,362, and repairs, $800." The profit for the previous month was $8,250.

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OPERA HOUSE
FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 16th

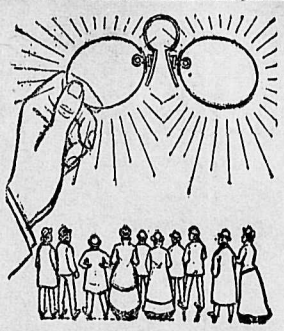
1. Boxing—J. G. Simpson vs. Jack Slavin. (3 rounds.)
2. Song—C. Reilly.
3. Boxing—Sam Connon, (Nelson), vs. Dr. Earle, (Australia). (3 rounds).
4. Song—C. Honeyman.
5. Boxing—F. P. Burden vs. Jack Slavin. (3 rounds).
6. Recitation—Hugh Pinkerton (late of "The Palace," London, Eng.)
7. Hypnotic performance by E. Sutcliffe.
8. Scotch Song—J. Gordon Scott (late of "Empire," Glasgow.)
9. Boxing—Sam Connon vs. Jack Slavin. (3 rounds).
10. Song—W. Caldwell.
11. Boxing—Fred. Bell vs. W. Calder. (3 rounds).

DOORS OPEN AT 8 O'CLOCK.
Programme begins 8.30 sharp.
ADMISSION ..... 50c.
"God Save the King."

Public Meeting

At the request of a number of citizens I hereby call a public meeting at the opera house on Friday evening next, January 9th, at 8.30 o'clock, to endorse the action of the silver-lead mine owners recently taken.

FRANK FLETCHER, Mayor



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