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BLACKSTOCK WINS OUT

Low-Grade Silver-Lead Mine Owners Fall in With His Views

Resolution Adopted With String Attachments Re Disposition of Lead Bounty

"That this association do hereby endorse the proposal of the low grade lead miners, whereby the government is to be requested to extend the benefits of the Bounty Act to a limited amount of ore to be exported and smelted abroad—provided that such extension shall not prejudice the payment of the full bounty on ores smelted in Canada."

"Provided further, that lead ores sold and smelted in Canada during the period of such proposed extension of bounty, the maximum freight and treatment rate shall not exceed $15 per ton as per scale now in force; that the marketing charge shall not exceed $20 per 2,000 lbs. of lead, as at present; and that the limit on zinc shall not decrease from ten per cent, and the penalty on the excess shall not exceed 50 cents per unit. And that the executive council be and are hereby authorized to confer with the smelters, and aid the producers of low grade ore in securing their co-operation, with full power to act for the association as a whole."

The above resolution proposed by John L. Retallack and seconded by Henry Giegerich carried unanimously last night at the meeting of the Silver-Lead Miners' Association held in the local board of trade rooms.

The meeting was called to order by Alfred C. Garde, the president, at 8 p.m. Among those present were S. S Fowler, W. S. Drewry, James Cronin W. E. Zwicky, H. M. Stevenson, George D. Potter, Wm. Hunter, W. S. Jenkins John L. Retallack, Norman Carmichael Henry Giegerich and A. C. Garde.

G. T. Blackstock, of Toronto, vice-president of the St. Eugene mine, was also present and addressed the meeting at length. W. S. Drewry, the association's secretary, acted as secretary of the meeting.

President Garde said in opening that the meeting had been called to hear from Mr. Blackstock what the St. Eugene management wanted at the present time He understood that Mr. Blackstock had been offered a better rate for freight and treatment of the St. Eugene output than could be obtained locally in British Columbia and that he wanted to benefit by the new rate and at the same time to get a share of the bounty. There had been a good deal of correspondence in the matter and the present situation was not entirely an accentable one to any of the parties concerned, and the present meeting was called to, if possible, arrive at a solution which would work out satisfactorily. "We certainly want," said the speaker, "to protect the smelters of B. C., but we also desire to see our low grade mines prosper. The high grade mines in a measure can take care of themselves but their tonnage is small and they alone will not bring the prosperity to this country which we all desire to see existing here. Personally, I am in favor of obtaining help for the mines which are rich in lead and low in silver."

Mr. Blackstock being called upon, said that he only wished the duty of explaining the situation had fallen on some one who was a little closer in touch with Kootenaymen than at the moment he was himself—a resident of the district in fact.

He had large mining interests here, and since 1896, when he first came to the Kootenays, he had followed events here very closely. For some time he had been very pessimistic about B. C. mining generally, but in the last 60 days he had completely changed his views. He fully believed that B. C. mining affairs now stood on the eve of great prosperity and a real revival of the times of 1896 (hear, hear).

He had told the Toronto Globe in 1896 that he did not believe there were two men in Toronto who knew where Sandon was, yet that camp had then a future and was the terminus of two independent lines of railway. The action taken by himself and associates in '96 had been a revelation to eastern Canadians, who for the first time learned of B. C. mines. Since that time he and his friends had spent many thousands of dollars in developing low grade mines and had obtained little or no return as these proposition took time. He had had many conferences with Mr. Aldridge of the Trail smelter and had over and over again discussed with him better freight and treatment rates which would permit them at the St. Eugene to mine and ship wholesale at a profit. The rates offered $15.50, and $20 for marketing lead, and that for only six months at a time were prohibitive. Aldridge had told him that he had tried to market the lead in London but the charges were so great that the lead had to be reshipped to Canada and there the matter rested and the St. Eugene had been forced to close down. Now they had got an offer from some European plants who wanted the ores for fluxing purposes and would give a better rate than Mr. Aldridge could offer and these men had already, so he had been told on high authority, obtained a satisfactory rate from the C. P. R. from Kootenay to Vancouver, from whence the ores would be sent around the Horn to Europe in vessels. "I am a strong protectionist and I hope a consistent one," said the speaker, "and I have no desire to kill our own smelters, and want that very clearly understood." He saw the government who told him they were anxious to see B. C. prosper, "see them out there and tell us their views," the government had said. He had seen the smelters and had ascertained that they wanted to raise the freight and treatment rate from $15 to $17, and that they did not want any exporting done without first being consulted—and satisfied. The new rate offered from Europe had been an eye opener locally but the smelters claimed that they could not get a steady supply of ore and that unless the St. Eugene shipped to them their rates would have to go up to $17. At Trail they were willing to make certain additions and changes to their plant in time, which they claimed would enable them to treat all the lead ores produced in B. C.

In the past the C. P. R. had fought them on every question but this was all changed now as the railway officials recognized that the low grade ores of the province must be got out if B. C. was to prosper, and accordingly they were prepared to give rates which would permit of ore shipments to Europe. Before any further progress could be made however, the smelters here had to be settled with. Nothing could be accomplished until that was provided for. At the St. Eugene there was now 16 months supply of ore in sight and he was quite willing to make the output in such a way as not to hurt the other mines. Mr Fielding had told him that the result of the bounty had been disappointing but he had pointed out that it took time to work out. "What I want," declared Mr. Blackstock, "is to see credit and standing return to B. C. and dividends will do this. If we all work together dividends will result and money will flow into the province once more." The present time, was particularly favorable deep mining was turning out well in Rossland, the railways were getting more reasonable, the bounty would help and there were other favorable circumstances all of which pointed to a distinct revival of mining business out here, if we could only once get well started. No possible good would result from quarrelling with the smelters and he was personally opposed to it. He had frankly told the smelters that it was for them to say what was to be done. Nothing could be accomplished without them, and he had asked them to take a broad-guage view of the situation as they might otherwise kill the hen that laid the golden eggs In reply the smelters had said that some one must guarantee the necessary tonnage and he appealed to the association to act in a business way with the question. Joint action at the present time was absolutely essential in order to deal with the smelters and railways. The smelters must be settled with before a deal could be hoped for. If a deal could be effected the St. Eugene would be mined, but if not, they would wait for better times, which would certainly come.

Mr. Cronin pointed out that as the St. Eugene ore was penalized for zinc their rate was now really $17 a ton.

Mr. Garde paid Mr. Blackstock some nice compliments and called on S. S Fowler, who spoke up for the dry ore men, whose product, he said, was even more important to the country at large than that of the lead men, as five or six times as many men were required to get out the dry ores, as compared with the lead product. The dry ore men had to depend on the local smelters for treatment and he agreed with Mr. Blackstock that the B. C. smelters must be protected. He was a firm believer in protection but he sympathized with Mr. Blackstock and desired to see the best end accomplished. The small producer must be protected also and he would like to hear what was proposed in their interests. There were other propositions such as the Paradise mine in which he was interested which would also have to be considered. He thought a move should be taken only on mature consideration when many details now wanting, were forthcoming.

Mr. Garde thought discussion desirable as it would help matters at present not understood.

Mr. Cronin pointed out that a rate to Europe for ores, low in silver, but high in lead could be obtained, whereas the loss on high silver values for the six months' voyage around the Horn would prevent high grade ores being shipped that way. The smelters were unable to get enough dry ores for charging purposes. The charge should be about 12 per cent lead not 19 per cent as quoted.

Mr. Retallack said the smelters demanded a guarantee of 40,000 tons of 45 per cent lead ore yearly.

Mr. Garde—Who will give the guarantee demanded. It seems to me to be an impossibility.

Mr. Retallack said mines and smelters were dependent on one another. The bounty was intended to benefit both. Those who had asked for the bounty would stultify themselves if they went to the government now antagonistically to the smelters. What was wanted was the co-operation of the mines, smelters and the general public to make B. C. prosperous.

Norman Carmichael said the Highland mine could not mine and treat ore at $15 a ton at a profit. All interests must be protected and he would prefer to see new plants which could give lower rates.

Mr. Blackstock said he took the position with Mr. Fielding that until we got a large production of silver-lead ore here we were not likely to get new plants. The proposed extension of the bounty to exported ores should be limited and only granted from time to time and it should not prevent the home treated ores from obtaining the full benefit of the bounty. If there was any abatement the exported ores should abate first. If this were done no one would be hurt and there could be no objection to exporting. Anything that tended to put the industry on its legs should be very carefully considered. He wanted to get all the ore in sight out of the way or else there would be an abatement of the bounty.

Mr. Giegerich—Who will supply the deficiency for the local smelters?

Mr. Blackstock—We will supply it up to a certain amount and export the balance if the deal is approved.

Mr. Giegerich—If the smelters demand 40,000 tons yearly of 45 per cent lead ores, I think we are up against it. We are not in a position to guarantee any amount just now. With the bounty and a $15 rate we have a small margin, but a $17 rate would put us out of business.

Mr. Blackstock—We are willing to make sacrifices to get things moving, but we must mine all classes of ore and to do this we must export.

Mr. Giegerich—Where is the 40,000 tons of 40 per cent lead ore to come from?

Mr. Blackstock—The smelters ask us to guarantee 18,000 tons of lead for 12 months and we are then left free to export the balance and take our chance of the bounty.

Mr. Stevenson—What will you guarantee?

Mr. Blackstock—Under certain restrictions and limits, we will guarantee the deficit, if any, up to 18,000 tons of lead.

Mr. Stevenson—Under the circumstances we should support Mr. Blackstock's proposition, otherwise we are up against a $17 rate.

Mr. Blackstock—I think we will all have to be reasonable. I fancy the C. P. R. is in a reasonable state of mind now and we should fix the rates for a year from next June 30th.

Then after some further discussion the resolution above quoted was passed and today at 10 o'clock the executive of the association will meet as provided for.

BRILLIANT LAND TACTICS

JAPANESE TURN RUSSIAN POSITION ON YALU RIVER--GREATEST MILITARY ACHIEVEMENT SINCE NAPOLEON STAGGERED EUROPE

LONDON, March 10.—Up to a late hour last night the Japanese legation here had heard nothing of the reported fighting at Port Arthur or of the Russian Vladivostock squadron, but it is considered significant that none of the Russian official dispatches make any mention of the Vladivostock cruisers. The news from Washington of the appearance of the Japanese froces at Fung Wang Ching is regarded as important.

According to the Tien Tsin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph the Japanese advanced from the Yalu river, captured Fung Wang Ching and drove out the Russians in the vicinity to the Taku Ling eastern pass, and are in fact seventy miles east of New Chwang.

The Russians with 35,000 men, are entrenched strongly at Liao Yang and Hai Chang, where fighting is imminent. Some small engagements already have been fought, the Russians retiring with losses. This correspondent says further that the Japanese are using the same tactics and advancing along the same route they followed during the Chino-Japanese war.

The Yin Kow correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald also says there are vague rumors that the Japanese are 50 miles northwest of Antung and well to the westward of the Yalu river. To some of the military critics it is inconceivable that Japan can really execute such an unexpected and successful turning of the Russian position on the Yalu river, which is thought would have necessitated the employment of a much larger force than it is believed Japan can possibly have at this point.

The Daily Telegraph says that if the news of this strange and marvellous collapse of Russian power on land is true, there is nothing to prevent the Japanese from seizing Mukden and the railroad. There has been nothing to compare with this move since Napoleon staggered Europe. Its effect will be stupendous.

Rumors of mediation in the far east continue to circulate, but evidently the British government has no idea how mediation is possible. Foreign secretary Lansdowne replying to a letter on this subject, which suggested mediation under The Hague convention, said his majesty's government feared that such an offer could not usefully be made to the belligerents at the present time.

Under date of March 9th, a correspondent of the Times at Tokio says the Russian advance south of Possiet bay continues.

The Times thiss morning publishes what it terms a remarkable instance of Japanese confidence. The Japanese have arranged for the dispatch of coal from England to Port Arthur or Vladivostock, and the steamers taking it are to call at Singapore for definite orders. The coal is explicitly warranted to be Japanese property.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The government here has received advices by cable from Chee Foo, opposite Port Arthur, to the effect that Japanese land forces have appeared at Fung Wang Ching and at Taskan No details are furnished. The first named place is about 45 miles north of Antung, in Manchuria, and the latter is a few miles from the mouth of the Yalu river. According to the calculations of naval officers here they believe that this movement has placed the Japanese on the Russian flank and perhaps in the rear and on their line of communications. It is believed that yesterday's attack on Port Arthur and Talien Wan was a diversion, perhaps to cover the Japanese forces, who very probably landed from transports at some point west of the Yalu river. Finally it is asserted that Whoang Kishan fort at Port Arthur was half destroyed by the Japanese shells, and that only three batteries are available.

LONDON, March 9.—A dispatch to the Times from Wei-Hai-Wei, dated March 9th, says: "It is reported on good authority that a collision between Japanese and Russian troops has occurred near Hai Ju Korea, 54 miles northwest of Chemulpo, which resulted in the defeat of the Russians."

TOKIO, March 9.—Japanese warships bombarded the forts at Talien Wan (Port Dalny) on the night of March 8th, and then attacked Port Arthur.

NEW YORK, March 9.—A cable to the Sun from Berlin says that a St. Petersburg dispatch says it is believed that the Vladivostock squadron has gone in search of the Chilian warships that Japan is reported to have bought. Naval officials in St. Petersburg are confident of the capture of these ships. The foreign naval attaches think, however, that if the Vladivostock squadron ventures too far from the coast it will be overwhelmed by the Japanese.

SEOUL, March 9.—A party of nine Russians seized the Korean telegraph station at Yung Won today It is reported that a fight has occurred between Koreans and Russians on the Korean side of Tumen river

PARIS, March 10.—The Figaro this morning gives great prominence to the recital of an alleged attempt to sell naval secrets to Japan, which, however, has semi-officially been declared to be unimportant This communication was made through a news agency. According to the Figaro story, a non-commissioned officer has been arrested over the matter, and the paper alleged that a woman is also concerned. It adds that one important document is missing, although this statement has been semi-officially denied.

The Matin has high authority to the effect that there has been no betrayal of naval secrets, that the non-commissioned officer was arrested for neglect of duty, and that no document is missing.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal telegraphs that it is affirmed that the grand duchess Olga Alexandrovna, sister of the czar, is going to Manchuria to act as superintendent of Red Cross work.

SEOUL, March 9.—A messenger to the emperor of Korea was detained at Chemulpo March 8th by the Japanese, because he was supposed to be carrying an imperial letter to M. Pavloff, recently Russian minister at Seoul.

YIN KOW, March 9.—Families of the Russian officials have departed, siege and field guns are being mounted on the Chinese fort on the east bank of the Liao river. General Kondrotovichs is to arrive today. He will establish the headquarters of his five regiments at New Chwang.

BALFOUR HAD TO BACK DOWN

LONDON, March 9.—Herbert Asquith, the principal opposition speaker in the house of commons tonight drew from premier Balfour the admission that he had withdrawn the memorandum presented to the cabinet advocating preferential tariff and a tax on food.

The premier said he did not believe the country would accept any fiscal arrangement with the colonies involving the taxation of food and contended that unionists who desired to go further than that were entitled to their view, but that they need not therefore vote against the government. Mr. Pirie's motion was finally rejected by 289 votes to 243, and loud opposition cheers greeted the reduction in the government's majority.

A number of free food unionists supported Mr. Pirie and some protectionists abstained from voting. The fiscal controversy took on a new phase, which showed the strength of the Chamberlain party. As an offset to the motion made in the house of commons by Mr. Pirie premier Balfour had put up a conservative member of the house, John Lloyd Wharton, to move an amendment "approving the ministerial declaration of the fiscal policy as including neither a general system of protection nor preference based on the taxation of food." Chamberlainites to the number of one hundred held a hurried meeting and intimated that unless the Wharton amendment be withdrawn they would abstain from voting on the Pirie motion. As this would almost certainly have led to the defeat of the government, Mr. Wharton's amendment was withdrawn.

This incident proves that premier Balfour can hold office only by consent of the pronounced protectionists. In the division on the Pirie motion 60 nationalists and 26 free food unionists voted against the government.

SCANDINAVIANS SCARED

FEAR RESULT OF JAPANESE VICTORY OVER RUSSIA.

REPULSED IN FAR EAST THE BEAR MAY TURN ON THEM.

New York, March 9.—A despatch to the World from Copenhagen, says that throughout Northern Europe, and more particularly in Denmark and Sweden, the war has aroused grave fears for the future status of the Scandinavian countries. They have regarded the far east as the safety valve of Russian energies As long as Russia was fully occupied in forging her way towards the Pacific, the Scandinavians felt they might escape But now they feel it is not too much to expect if Japanese be victorious if Russia be foiled in her attempt to reach the Pacific, she may turn to the Atlantic and seek to annex a part at least of the Swedish and Norwegian seaboard. Another possibility confronts the Scandinavians. Should not the war be confined to the present combatants, should it extend to Europe, the neutrality of the northern countries might be endangered. A strong public opinion is growing in Norway, Sweden and Denmark that they should combine to guarantee their neutrality and preserve their individual integrity under any circumstances.

DEPOSITED CASH

Ottawa, March 9.—The Grand Trunk Railway company made a deposit of $5,000,000 in cash today as a guarantee for the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

BRITAIN'S FISCAL POLICY.

Chambers of Commerce Adopt a Very Non-Committal Resolution.

London, March 9.—The association of chambers of commerce of the United Kingdom today adopted this resolution "That the United Kingdom has just cause for complaint of certain restrictions and unfair arrangements directed against the commerce of the empire and that the chambers of commerce would support his majesty's government in measures for negotiation but urge that the government appoint a royal commission to investigate and report on the whole fiscal policy of the nation."

A CANADIAN NAVY.

Minister of Marine Prefontaine Has Plans in That Direction.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Ottawa, March 9.—Hon. Raymond Prefontaine minister of marine and fisheries, will leave for England next summer to confer with the admiralty for the purpose of obtaining two British war cruisers on which to train candidates for the navy. This is in connection with a bill which the minister of marine will introduce during the coming session to establish a navy in Canada. One of the cruisers will be placed on the Atlantic and the other on the Pacific.

BRITISHERS IN CONTROL.

New York, March 9.—The Globe says today that the International Mercantile Marine Co. has passed into the control of the British interests in that concern and the recent election of Bruce Ismay as president of the company, is cited as evidence of the change. According to the Globe the control is now held by W. J. Pirrie, of Belfast, and the White Star interests.

RETVIZAN REPAIRED.

Port Arthur, March 9.—The hole in the hull of the Russian battleship Retvizan which was made during the first attack by the Japanese, has been repaired and the battleship has been refloated. She is now anchored in the inner roadstead alongside the Czarevitch. The other necessary repairs to the ship will be completed shortly.

DEATH OF CHARLES FIELDING.

Halifax, N. S., March 9.—Charles Fielding, aged 83 years, father of Hon. W. S Fielding, minister of finance, died today at Noel, Hants county. Deceased did business in Halifax previous to 1850 but of late years has been a resident of Noel.

JAPAN'S REPRESENTATIVES

Tokio, March 9.—It is announced on reliable authority that prince and princess Arisugawa will represent the Japanese court at the St. Louis exhibition.

THE PITILESS FLOODS

In Wyoming Valley $1,000,000 Damages Done--2,000 Homeless

Business Sections of Many Cities as Well as Residences are Submerged and in Danger

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 9.—Wilkesbarre and the Wyoming valley were in a turmoil today. The mighty flow of water made the north branch of the Susquehanna river a vast stretch of water, sweeping everything in its path. Industries from Pittston to Nanticooke are closed down on account of the flood. In the central portion of Wilkesbarre today business was crippled by the high water.

The business section of Plymouth is under water and the loss will be heavy. The water backed up rapidly at the gorges this afternoon and many families were caught in their houses and are living on the upper floors. The principal churches of the town are flooded. Communication by railroads is cut off.

Summing up the situation in brief over $1,000 000 worth of property has been destroyed in the Wyoming valley and over 2,000 families are homeless.

Though the water is falling at Wilkesbarre tonight, towns in the vicinity of Bloomsburg are experiencing the worst flood in their history. The steel bridge at Catawissa was swept away this evening. The Pennsylvania railroad bridge over Catawissa creek went out this afternoon. The Second street wagon bridge was also swept away. This was the last bridge remaining on Catawissa creek.

Mill street, at Danville the business thoroughfare, is under water. The ice moved at Danville and carried away the great covered river bridge. This bridge was 2000 feet long. The Pennsylvania railroad company fears the bridge will sweep away its bridges at Northumberland, and is making every effort to prevent this.

IN OLD CARIBOO.

Duncan Ross, Liberal Candidate, Back From Successful Political Mission.

Duncan Ross, liberal candidate for commons for Yale-Cariboo, returned last evening from a three weeks' canvass of the Cariboo section in the interests of his candidature. Mr. Ross went as far north as Barkerville, making a 600-mile sleigh trip; that is 300 miles from Ashcroft, the beginning of the Cariboo road, and 300 miles back by a different route. At a number of places Mr. Ross addressed the electors and he reports that the trip was very successful. The people are very hospitable, extended him a hearty welcome and it is manifest, he says, that Cariboo is strongly favorable to the liberal government and its railway policy. The people are strongly in favor of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. Mr. Ross says he is confident that he will have a very large majority in Cariboo.

There is considerable mining in progress there, considerably more he says than one hears of. Several mining companies have put in large plants for deep placer mining to tap the beds of the old rivers and streams at depth and to take from them their rich auriferous deposits, with good prospects of success. Other propositions, like the Point claim, near Stanley, are taking out gold. This particular claim is producing $500 a day.

There has been a very heavy snowfall during the winter in Cariboo district and the prospects for hydraulic mining during the coming summer is particularly bright.

Mr. Ross leaves for home this morning and his next trip will be through the Similkameen and Nicola sections.

BLIZZARD AT WORK.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Winnipeg, March 9.—A severe snow and wind storm, one of the heaviest of the season, raged throughout the province and the Northwest today. The railways are drifted badly and trains will be delayed.

A rink building at Regina was wrecked by the wind.

LOSS OF FRENCH STEAMER.

London, March 9.—A despatch from Paris announces that the French steamer Cambodge, of 2355 tons, which left England February 17th for Cochin, China, has been wrecked in a storm off the coast of Cochin, China. The despatch adds that it is believed a hundred people perished in the wreck.

FRENCH COAST DEFENCES.

Paris, March 9.—In pursuance of orders issued by the minister of war active work has begun with a view to placing the coast defences in a state of readiness. A hundred coast artillerymen have arrived at Marseilles, and are occupied in perfecting the harbor batteries. A force of naval mechanics are working on the approaches.

DEATH OF LORD LOFTUS.

London, March 9.—Lord August Loftus, the former British ambassador at Berlin, and St. Petersburg is dead. He was born in 1817.

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A MINING DEPARTMENT.

President Coste in his opening address at the annual meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute advocated the establishment of a thoroughly organized geological survey and mining department at Ottawa, under a minister of the interior or of mining. The branches which this department would embrace were stated to be administrative; geological survey, paleontological and botanical; geographical and topographical; mining, geological survey and monograph; statistical, economic and commercial mining, and chemical and metallurgical.

"The best specialists are often none too good," said Mr. Coste, "to stand the sharp light and competition of such rapidly advancing progress," and it was natural that the mining and metallurgical industries of the country should be specialized in different branches, each with a competent head, and all under the direction of a cabinet minister.

The work of such a department, he said, would not interfere with the mining rights and the making and administration of mining laws in the several provinces.

Similar recommendations have been made by British Columbia mining organizations, provincial and local, but the matter has never been taken up with any degree of enthusiasm by mining men and consequently no headway has been made, although hon. Clifford Sifton, ministed of the interior, has frequently intimated a desire to see something along the lines suggested by Mr. Coste put into effect.

The need for a thoroughly organized federal mining department becomes more patent every day. Questions such as are now agitating the local silver-lead mine owners, and the zinc problem could well come within the jurisdiction of a federal minister of mines. In the event of certain points being raised in regard to the disposition of the lead bounty it would be of great advantage to the industry if there was a minister at Ottawa whose special business it was to keep properly informed as to all the circumstances surrounding the mining industry.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Parliament opens at Ottawa today. The probability is that the session will be short and unimportant, save for the passing of the amended Grand Trunk Pacific contract.

So far as is known at present there is nothing else of moment to come before parliament, unless it be the bill to be introduced by the minister of marine and fisheries to provide for the establishment of a Canadian navy. Presumably this will not entail, at first, more than provision for one or more training ships.

It is hinted in some quarters that the opposition will endeavor to force a prolonged debate on fiscal matters with a view to educating the electorate. This is quite possible and if the opposition are to make any showing at all in the forthcoming general elections there is need for them to do a good deal of educational work.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, has been down in New Orleans. He was, of course, interviewed and is alleged to have given utterance to the following pro-Japanese sentiments: "Japan does not need assistance at this time, and I hope will not. The sympathy of every British-American subject, and every American, too, for that matter, is with Great Britain's ally. We cannot stand off, and see Russia defeat hardy little Japan. If Japan needs our help it will be forthcoming, and with such force that Russia will be driven

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completely out of Manchuria. Great Britain does not want to become involved, but if Russia becomes too strong for the Japs there is no telling what may happen. The Anglo-Saxons must stand together in this crisis. Should occasion require, I think you will see British and American soldiers fighting side by side with the Japanese in a common cause, while the combined fleets of the three powers will sweep the seas of whatever enemy they meet."

A remarkable instance of political prophecy is reported by Dr. E. J. Dillon in the Contemporary Review. A Russian named Levitoff published recently at Port Arthur a pamphlet urging that the Russians do everything possible to gain time, and that they withdraw the fleet as an encumberance, and depend upon their numerical superiority on land. With great clearness he pointed out the perils of meeting Japan on the sea. 'The Yellow Bosphorus' (the straits of Korea) is a trap into which the Japs, at England's instigation are trying to entice us. So long as we steer clear of a sea fight, he continues, the command of the sea and the Anglo-Japanese alliance are not worth a sucked egg. If we resolve to keep out of an engagement on the water, and if we are further prepared to do without our fleet, not only by refusing to increase it, but by getting rid of it wholly and without reserve, then the Japanese doctrine, Asia for Asiatics becomes meaningless, and we have a free field on which to continue our work of culture in that part of the globe. It is needless to say that this prediction has received striking confirmation in the past few weeks.

A comparison of mining and manufacturing statistics show that in mining there is a profit of 300 per cent, with 35 per cent failures, while manufacturing ranges from 10 to 25 per cent profit, with failures 95 per cent. The statistics of 50 Colorado mining companies, with a combined capitalization of $46,000,000, show the following results: Dividends paid, $20,000,000; original investments by stockholders, $7,000,000; returned to stockholders on par value, over 43 per cent; returned to stockholders on original investments, 300 per cent.

WALDERSEE'S FUNERAL.

Last Marks of Respect to Germany's Great Soldier.

Berlin, March 9.—The funeral of field marshal count von Waldersee at Hanover today was an imposing military pageant. Before the hearse walked a lieutenant bearing the deceased field marshal's baton on a cushion; colonel von Heiden Linden, with the insignia of the order of the Black Eagle, and four other officers carrying the field marshal's other decorations on crimson velvet cushions. Led behind the hearse was von Waldersee's favorite horse. Next, alone, walked the crown price, Frederick William, followed by princes Henry and Albrecht five generals and a great company of officers, representing the sovereigns of the German states and deputations from 60 regiments.

The procession moved from the garrison church to the railway station between ranks of infantry, cavalry, and artillery, standing at present arms, while the regimental bands played Chopin's Dead March. Wreaths were hung from all the street lamps.

Countess von Waldersee, the widow according to the German custom, did not accompany the body to the station but quietly entered a coach there and went to Neversdorf, Holstein, where the burial will take place tomorrow. Emperor William, the empress, and most of the sovereigns of Europe sent magnificent floral tributes.

GERMANY'S NAVY.

Official Organ of Naval League Advises Immediate Increase.

Berlin, March 9.—The Fleet, the official publication of the German Naval league, says that the happenings in the far east point with flaming fingers to the urgent necessity for hastening the carrying out of the German fleet program.

After pointing out that Germany might become entangled in war against her will, the paper affirms that battleships decide sea fights while torpedo boats only reach results under specially favorable circumstances. The German duty before it is too late, is to hurry the construction already authorized and to add to the scheme for naval defence adopted in 1900 because since then Great Britain, Russia and the United States have increased their navies at a more rapid rate.

WHERE THE MONEY IS

Japan Appoints a Financial Agent in London.

London, March 9.—M. Takahassi, vice-president of the bank of Japan, who started from Tokio for the United States February 24, for the purpose of investigating the financial situation generally with a view of floating a loan later if one should be needed, has been appointed financial agent of Japan in London, a newly created position.

MINERS IN CONVENTION

DENUNCIATION OF ROYAL LABOR COMMISSION'S REPORT.

FAVOR SUPPORT OF SOCIALIST CANDIDATES IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS

District No. 6, W. F. M., met in convention again yesterday morning and continued in session until 12 noon, when it adjourned until 1 o'clock. At 1 o'clock it reconvened until 6 o'clock when it adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning. Among the important business transacted yesterday was the passage of resolutions. Among the resolutions unanimously adopted was one regarding the Royal Labor Commissions' report on industrial strife in British Columbia.

The report is declared to be unfair, one-sided and honeycombed with falsehoods. The resolution declares that the publishing in the report of the oath of the U. B. R. E. to have been entirely unwarranted; that the report denounces the boycott as used by labor organizations, but makes no reference to the blacklist in vogue with capitalist combines; that it disapproves of the bond of unity that exists between the labor unions of Canada and the United States, but has nothing to say against the bond that exists between the different international bodies of organized capital; that in all the evidence given before the commission they find all omitted that was favorable to organized labor; the most glaring of all the recommendations put forth by the commission is the one that the Western Federation of Miners, the United Brotherhood of Railway Employes, and the American Labor Union be declared illegal for no other reason than that they endorsed the principles of the socialist party; that it was an insult to the Western Federation of Miners to declare that James Baker, the executive officer of the federation, gave misleading information before the commission; denounces Rev. Mr. Rowe, who expounded on the lecture platform in favor of the public ownership of public utilities, as a Judas toward his fellow man for denouncing the very system which he formerly advocated and declares Mr. Rowe to be a capitalist hireling of the worst type. In conclusion it is declared to be the most deceiving report ever handed to the Canadian public and that it is purely a capitalist production. It is further declared that the makers of the resolution believe that the only salvation of the working class lies in the exercise of their right at the ballot box by voting for the public ownership of all utilities, abolition of the wage system and equality of opportunities for all.

The following resolution was also passed: "Resolved, that this convention, District No. 6, W. F. M., in convention assembled, recommend the socialist party platform and the support of socialist candidates wherever nominated and that the delegates of this convention do hereby pledge ourselves to use our influence with our local unions in support of the socialist candidates during the ensuing dominion elections, providing always that the said candidate be a member of organized labor or at least a bona fide working man."

QUEEN MINE TO BE OPERATED.

Owners Have Secured a Lease on the Yellowstone Mill.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Ymir, March 9.—William Waldie of Nelson and his associates in the Queen mine property on Sheep creek have secured a lease on the Yellowstone mill and they will operate the Queen property from now on. Mr. Waldie and four men have gone out to break the road so that supplies can be taken in. There is already on the dumps ore sufficient to keep the mill running for three months. The Queen property was under lease two years ago to the Holmes syndicate and all connected made a handsome cleanup and there is no reason why Mr. Waldie should not do the same.

Wm. Bauer, of Sayward, lost his home by fire last week. The hotel building that he occupied has been a landmark on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard road for a number of years. It was erected by Heinze when he had teams hauling coke from Sayward to his smelter at Trail. The fire commenced at 8 o'clock in the morning, supposedly from a defective flue, spreading rapidly. All that was saved from the building was a sewing machine.

William Feeney, who for the past week has been out in the mountains in the neighborhood of Cultus creek, reports a great depth of snow ranging from 10 to 12 feet. Saturday night last four feet of snow fell during the night.

PREMIER BALFOUR'S WARNING.

Situation in the Far East Necessitates Increased Army Estimates.

London, March 9.—During the discussion of the army estimates in the house of commons tonight premier Balfour said that so long as the army home defences were maintained in an adequate condition any invasion of this country by an organized force capable of reducing it to submission was merely a dream, but no man could blind himself to the fact that circumstances in the east were making Great Britain a great continental power conterminous with another great military power and those circumstances must be taken into account in framing the British army estimates.

During the night session of the house of commons today Duncan V. Pirie liberal, after calling attention to the public utterances of chancellor of the exchequer Austin Chamberlain and other members of the government on the fiscal question, moved: "That this house, noting the continued agitation in favor of protective or preferential tariff which is encouraged by the language used by certain of his majesty's ministers, deems it necessary to express its condemnation of any such policy."

PHOENIX BRANCH OF V. V. & E.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Grand Forks, March 9.—From an official source the statement was made this week that the Phoenix branch of the V. V. & E. railway will be commenced as soon as the snow is off the ground and the contractors can get their outfits shipped in. Some 1200 men will be put to work between this point and Phoenix where a lot of heavy rock work will have to be done and construction will be pushed along rapidly. The smelter spur will also be constructed and it is anticipated in railway circles that this branch will be carrying ore from the Phoenix mines to the Granby smelter before next Christmas. The building of this branch will mean considerable to this city and already the business men are making preparations for a big increase in trade.

COAL AS CONTRABAND.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—The Novoe Vremya has a leader today on coal as contraband. It argues that it has been so considered since the American civil war, but now that England has coal to sell to Japan she objects.

SHAUGHNESSY OFF TO ENGLAND.

New York, May 9—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R. sailed for Liverpool today.

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NOTICE

A general meeting of the Kootenay Fruit Growers' Association will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at 8 p.m. in the Board of Trade Rooms.

O. NEWLING, Secretary.

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NOTICE

KOOTENAY LAKE GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

Tenders for the supply of Drugs, Meat, Groceries, Bread and milk, also for washing, for six months from May 1st for the above institution will be received by the secretary up to March 15th. Specicifications for drugs and groceries may be seen at the office of the secretary.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

GEORGE JOHNSTONE
Secretary.

YMIR LICENCE DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that James D. Band, of Nelson, has made application under the provisions of the "Liquor Licence Act, 1900," for an hotel licence for the Grove Hotel, at Fairview, and that a meeting of the Board of Licence Commissioners will be held to consider such application at the Court House, at the City of Nelson, on Tuesday the fifteenth day of March, 1904, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

C. W. YOUNG,
Acting Chief Licence Inspector.
Chief Constable's Office, Nelson, B. C., February 29th 1904.

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HILLS OF ARROW LAKE

THEY WILL TURN OUT LARGE QUANTITIES OF LUMBER.

LUMBERMEN TRYING TO GET LOWER FREIGHT RATES

Joseph Carter, district passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific railway, returned yesterday from a business trip along the Arrow lakes, during which he visited Halcyon Hot Springs and Arrowhead. The output of lumber along the lake promises to be very large this year. There are many millions of feet of logs in the water as a result of the winter season's logging in the woods. At Arrowhead the two big sawmills, McMillan's and Ludgates', are practically ready to begin the cutting of lumber. With these mills in addition to the old mills the quantity of lumber produced should this year be very large. The mills at Arrowhead he says, will saw almost entirely for export to the Northwest territories.

F. W. Peters, assistant freight and traffic manager of western lines of the C. P. R., with headquarters at Winnipeg, has been holding a conference Mr. Carter says with the B. C. Lumbermen's Association. This association includes the lumber men of the Kootenays and along the main line of the Canadian Pacific and other sections; as a matter of fact, it includes all of the lumbermen outside of those at the coast. The question is a reduction of the rates on lumber from British Columbia to points in Manitoba and the Northwest territories, so that the provincial producers of lumber can compete with those who send lumber from the United States into Manitoba and the Northwest territories. Mr. Carter said he thought such concessions would be made as would result beneficially to the provincial lumbermen.

Mr. Peters will be here on Friday and after spending a day or two in this city would go east over the Crow's Nest railway. It is probable while he is here that the matter of the discrimination against Nelson on the part of the railway, which prevents Nelson from becoming the important wholesale point her geographical position entitles her to, will be gone into with him. Mr. Carter did not state that this was the object of Mr. Peter's visit to this city, but it will be an opportunity which the Nelson merchants should take advantage of, so that their side may be properly presented to Mr. Peters who as a former resident, is well acquainted with local conditions.

THE COMMISSIONERS.

License and Police Boards—Three Licenses Renewed and One Refused.

The police commissioners Mayor Hamilton, Dr. W. O. Rose and alderdman H. Bird have held their initial meting but only routine business was transacted.

The new license commissioners, mayor Hamilton, Dr. W. O. Rose and alderman ilker held their first session yesterday afternoon at the city offices.

The commissioners promptly renewed the three licenses cut off at the close of the year by two of the former commissioners, and refused a license to the Rossland hotel.

The licenses renewed were: The Lakeview hotel, August Thomas; Athabasca saloon, E. J. Brown & Co., and the Office saloon, Clark & Thompson.

The application of J. V. O'Laughlin for the Rossland hotel license was refused on the ground that the accommodation provided by the house was not in accordance with the requirement of the act.

The transfer from T. H. Rankin to J. J. Langride of the former's interest in the Manhattan saloon was acquiesced to, and the commissioners adjourned.

The police board meets monthly on the first Tuesday of every month and the board of license commissioners quarterly on the second Wednesday in March, June, Sentember and December.

The commissioners of last year, or rather two of them granted a license to the Victoria hotel, but no action was taken, it being alleged that the grant was an illegal one. The question did not come up yesterday in any shape before the new board, and mayor Hamilton has never signed the license granted by the former commissioners.

OFF HIS BALANCE.

Former Hall Mines Smelterman Causes a Local Sensation.

Walter Briggs, an employee at the Hall Mines smelter, was yesterday committed to the provincial asylum at New Westminster by police magistrate Crease as a person of unsound mind.

Briggs is well known here and for the past year and a half has been employed on the feed floor at the smelter, drawing $4 a day. He is 23 years of age and has always proved a quiet, hard working man, the smelter authorities giving hi man excellent character for industry, sobriety and intelligence. He appeared to be rather absent-minded last Saturday, the last day he was at work, and had been acting strangely ever since until yesterday, when the police were forced to arrest him. On Tuesday the unfortunate man walked into the Queen's studio and charged the proprietor with exhibiting a picture of his sister for sale. Mr. Lane picked up the offending photo and tossed it into the fire-place with the remark "All right, I'll put it away." This proved too much for Briggs, who angrily insisted that the remedy provided only made the original offence more insulting, and he tackled Mr. Lane forthwith. Later he returned and expressed regret for the matter, and the police, who had been called in passed over the matter but as Briggs had been reported from other stores and places around the city as acting very strangely a man was detailed to watch him, and this resulted in his arrested yesterday morning, he showing undoubted signs of insanity.

Before Mr. Crease yesterday Briggs told a rambling story claiming that his real name was "Lord Dalton," and later on that he was The Saviour, adding that when he made the world, he made it round and that some foolish people now wanted to make it square, something he would not permit.

Later on yesterday Briggs was examined by Dr. McLennan, the acting medical health officer, and Dr. Rose who united in pronouncing him insane and his commitment to New Westminster followed. He left for the coast last night in charge of constable Pitchford.

Briggs had a brother, a miner who was killed in a mine accident in B. C. about a year ago and has another brother now living at No. 2 Newton street, Werneth Oldham, Lancashire, England.

THE LATE B. T. A. BELL

G. O. Buchanan Pays a Tribute to His Memory.

G. O. Buchanan in speaking yesterday about B. T. A. Bell, secretary of the Canadian Mining Institute, and editor and proprietor of the Canadian Mining Review, who died from the effects of a fall down an elevator shaft in Ottawa, a few days since, said: "I was much shocked to learn of Mr. Bell's death, and the breaking off suddenly of what was really a useful career. Mr. Bell was always ready to back up our statements in his journal and to advocate the cause we were supporting during the visits of British Columbia delegations to the federal capital. He went with us to the ministers whenever he was given the opportunity and was a strong advocate of the cause we represented. He was a vigorous friend of all that was legitimate in mining, and, at the same time, the unscrupulous promoters found in him a fearless foe, as he was uncompromising in his opposition to them.

"In his journalistic capacity he was very clean, and kept himself clear of all taint of dishonesty. The Laurier government showed its confidence in him, though he was not a partizan, in appointing him on the commission to investigate the hydraulic mining concessions in the Yukon.

"When the Canadian Mining Institute held its session here in the fall of 1902 a supper was given in honor of the members of the organization in the Hume hotel. He entertained the company with speeches and then called for the song of the mining profession. As no one seemed inclined to respond he did so himself, and rendered "Drill, ye Tarriers, Drill," in fine style, and was loudly applauded for his effort. Mr. Bell never made long speeches, but when he did speak it was to the point and was strong and incisive and made an impression.

"I knew Mr. Bell 20 years ago in Winnipeg, when he was one of the private secretaries of J. M. Egan, general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific railway. As I said at the start, his death gave me a distinct shock, as I numbered him among my best friends."

UNDER KELLIE'S TRUCK ACT

Conviction Secured Against Kootenay Shingle Company.

Erie, March 9.—Before Messrs. Hunnex & Buckworth, J. P.'s, a case under the Kellie Truck Act has been disposed of. Frank McCaslin, foreman for the Kootenay Shingle Co., was charged with discharging men because they did not board at the company's boarding house. Rex Macdonald, of Nelson, prosecuted, while Archie Johnson, of Nelson, defended. The Shingle Co. pleaded guilty and were fined $25 and costs. Court was held at the Mersey hotel with the whole town of Salmo in attendance.

Two other charges were laid but the defence withdrew them after securing a conviction.

Poultry expert, who understands all branches of poultry raising, natural and artificial, for show or utility, would like to join someone as partner or would start up a poultry ranch and work for wages. Apply "Poultry," care The Daily News, Nelson, B. C.

TENDERS WANTED

Cash Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon Monday, the 11th day of April, 1904, for the purchase of the following parcels of the assets of the firm of H. Byers & Company, of Nelson, B. C., Hardware Merchants. Viz.:

PARCEL 1.—The stock in trade of hardware, shop fixtures and warehouse building of said firm, situate at Nelson aforesaid.

PARCEL 2.—The stock in trade of hardware, shop fixtures, store and warehouse buildings, of said firm, situate in the City of Sandon, B.C.

PARCEL 3.—Lot 23, Block 70, City of Nelson, on which is erected a seven roomed frame dwelling house, and Lot 24, Block 70, City of Nelson, on which is erected a seven roomed frame dwelling house.

PARCEL 4.—Vacant Lots 25 and 26, Block 17, Map 393, City of Kaslo, B. C.

Tenders for the said stocks in trade will be a rate on the dollar on the inventoried value thereof as per inventories taken by the undersigned, as official receiver, and which may be seen at his office at the hardware store of the said firm at Nelson aforesaid, and the tender shall include a lump sum for the balance of the parcel.

Tenderers may make separate offers for the several Lots in Parcels 3 and 4.

No tender necessarily accepted. The acceptance or rejection of offers being subject to the discretion of a Judge of the Supreme Court.

All or any of said parcels are open to inspection by intending bidders.

Dated this 7th day of March, 1904.

G. W. McBRIDE,
Official Receiver, Nelson, B. C.

NOTICE TO TUNNEL CONTRACTORS.

Office of the C. P. R. Mining Department, Banff, Alberta, Feb. 23, 1904:

Sealed proposals in duplicate will be received until March 21st, 1904, for driving a tunnel 1200 feet long, more or less. The tunnel will be mainly in gravel. Possibly some shale and sandstone rock may be encountered. Bids must specify one price for gravel and one for rock. Bids are requested on three sizes of tunnels, viz:

Plan No. 1.—Size outside of timbers 16 feet 7 inches wide by 11 feet high, with no centre prop; double track.

Plan No. 2.—Size outside timbers 20 feet 6 inches wide, by 11 feet 4 inches high; with no centre prop; double track.

Plan No. 3.—Size outside timbers 24 feet 6 inches wide by 11 feet high, with a centre prop; double track.

Each set of timbers is provided with a sill and sill blocks. All timber will be supplied by the C. P. R. mining department.

Plans and specifications may be obtained upon application to this office.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, waive technical defects to accept one part and reject the other.

C. P. R. MINING DEPARTMENT.

A DECISIVE ENGAGEMENT

BELIEVED IN TOKIO VLADIVOSTOCK REPORT IS CORRECT.

NEWS FROM ADMIRAL URIN IS ANXIOUSLY AWAITED.

Tokio, March 8.—(Tuesday)—It is believed here that there has already been a decisive naval engagement in the vicinity of Vladivostock, and tidings of it are anxiously awaited. The Japanese fleet did not, it is said, go to Vladivostock for the purpose of bombarding the town, but to locate and attack the armored cruisers Gromoboi, Rossia, Rurik and the cruiser Bogatyr, the Russian fleet stationed there. It is understood here that when the Japanese fleet arrived there on Sunday last, it found the Russian squadron absent. If this is true, it gave the Japanese squadron advantages in the way of avoiding the inshore batteries, at the same time putting it in a position to prevent the Russian ships reentering the harbor. It is doubted that the Japanese withdrew their entire squadron unless the location of the enemy had been discovered, as it meant surrendering the advantage of being in a position between the enemy and the enemy's base. There is a strong possibility that the Japanese found the Russian ships in the vicinity of Possiet bay and gave battle there. The names and numbers of the ships in the Japanese squadron have been kept secret, but it was probably sufficiently strong to separate into two divisions, the one to guard Vladivostock and the other to cruise in search of the Russian ships. It is said the newly purchased cruisers Nisshin and Kasuga are taking part in the present movement off Vladivostock. The navy department expects to receive despatches tomorrow from Genson, where it was planned that the fleet should call after the operation involving an attack upon the Russian squadron had been concluded. The Japanese are quite confident in the ability of their squadron to signally defeat the Russian ships and laughingly say that the big Russian cruisers, which stand unusually high out of the water, will make excellent targets.

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Synopsis of Regulations for disposal of Mineral on Dominion Lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miner's certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1500x1500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded, within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locater may upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the minister of the interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty on the sales not exceeding five per cent.

Placer Mining. Manitoba and the N.W.T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, $5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan river claims for either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the minister of the interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark; and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan river, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental $100 per mile for first year, and $10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek of gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 200 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1500 feet altogether. No royalty shall be charged on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, $10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of $2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least $200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Hydraulic Mining, Yukon Territory.—Locations suitable for hydraulic mining, having a frontage of from one to five miles, and a depth of one mile or more, may be leased for twenty years, provided the ground has been prospected by the applicant or his agent; is found to be unsuitable for placer mining; and does not include within its boundaries any mining claims already granted. A rental of $150 for each mile of frontage, and royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent on the value of the gold shipped from the Territory are charged. Operations must be commenced within one year from the date of the lease, and not less than $5,000 must be expended annually. The lease excludes all base metals, quartz and coal, and provides for the withdrawal of unoperated land for agricultural or building purposes.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion Lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected, an area of 640 acres. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well and such other land as may be determined, will be sold to the discovery at the rate of $1.00 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by order-in-council.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Sept. 1903.

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London, March 9.—Lead £12.

NELSON'S NEWS OF THE DAY

T. G. Procter is in east Kootenay on a business visit and is expected to return about the end of the week.

Dr. E. C. Arthur, provincial grand master of the Odd Fellows, returned last evening from an official visit to the Odd Fellows lodges at Kamloops.

At the mining recorder's office on Wednesday Albert Jenezewsky recorded the Illinois mineral claim on the east slope of the north fork of Summit creek.

William Tuttle, of the Royal hotel, Fernie, accompanied by Mrs. Tuttle, passed through Nelson last evening en route for home, after enjoying a brief holiday in Whatcom and other coast cities.

An informal smoker and progressive whist party was held in the Broken Hill block on Tuesday evening which was attended by about 40 young gentlemen of this city. Andy Larsen won the first prize, and A. Watson the booby prize.

C. A. Waterman & Co., auctioneers, will offer for sale today at 2 p.m., under instructions from Mrs. T. M. Ward, all of the household furniture at the residence, corner of Victoria and Josephine streets. The goods will be on view this morning.

H. M. Stevens of the Highlander mine Ainsworth, is at the Hume. The property has been closed down since September last and Mr. Stevenson, who has been awaiting instructions at Kaslo, could not say positively when work would be again resumed.

S. F. Parrish, superintendent of the Le Roi mine at Rossland, is reported to be dangerously ill at Spokane. A few days since Mr. Parrish submitted to an operation for the removal of a growth from his nose. Since then complications which indicate blood poisoning have set in and it is feared that he may not recover.

The Chinese cook at the Kaslo hotel in Kaslo is afflicted by war in the far east and will remain in durance vile for the next three months in consequence. On Tuesday night Mr. Papworth, one of the hotel proprietors, undertook to give the cook some instructions, a duty that usually falls on another of the hotel proprietors. Ah Chine, being in a Russo-Japanese state of mind, resented the intrusion of Mr. Papworth, first with a fork and then with a cleaver that were lying handy on the kitchen table. The proprietor withdrew from the combat with a badly damaged headpiece and yesterday gold commissioner Chipman sent the Chinese warrior up for three months hard labor.

Tonight the comedy, "Finnigan's Fortune" will be the attraction at the Nelson opera house. The play has been carefully rehearsed for several days past, and an artistic production is assured by Aaron Johnson and the talented members of his company. The play abounds in humorous scenes and incidents and is one calculated to drive care away. Between acts various specialties will be given. Professor Warriner will give two mandolin solos, professor Hepburn will give recitations, and the members of the company will also entertain with specialties. There will be a full orchestra of eight pieces and the determination is to make the performance a notable one, and one which the audience will heartily enjoy from the rise to the fall of the curtain.

The board of trade monthly meeting will be held at the rooms at 8 o'clock this evening.

At 6.30 last evening the department was called to the corner of Baker and Kootenay streets to what proved to be a fire in Fraternity hall. The paper decorations around the electric light fixtures had caught fire through the heat from the wires or through getting too close to the glass light bulbs. The flames spread along the decorations. The burning paper decorations were pulled down and the flames trampled out. The damage was nominal.

PUPILS GAVE A WATCH.

Professor Hepburn's Birthday Party—A Presentation.

Fraternity hall was filled to overflowing last even'ng with friends of professor Hepburn, the occasion being the celebration of his birthday. It was the professor's treat; he resolved to give his pupils a good time, and so he invited them to a birthday dance and told them to bring their friends. The responses to the invitation were numerous, over 200 coming. There was an orchestra of five pieces on hand and the way they played the latest terpsichorean creations would have made a wooden man dance. Those present could not under such circumstances help dancing.

At 11 o'clock professor Hepburn was called to the front of the hall and presented by Mrs. H. Stephens with a handsome gold watch. F. W. Swannell made the presentation speech in what his oldest friends declare was one of the neatest talks he has made for months.

Professor Hepburn in replying, was palpably astonished and frankly acknowledged a News reporter had approached him and asked him about some presentation but he thought he was joking and had not the slightest idea that anything was to be given him.

Refreshments were then served, after which the dancing was resumed and kept up until 1.30 o'clock this morning.

COURT OF REVISION.

Commissioner W. A. Jowett sat from 11 to nearly 6 o'clock yesterday hearing the appeal of the S. F. & N. railway against the provincial assessment made by assessor Renwick against the 500,000 acres of wild lands held by the company in this district. A. H. MacNeill, K. C., appeared for the appellants and John Elliot for the government. Three witnesses were examined, Edgar Charles, E. A. Rolf, and T. H. Rotherham. The hearing will be continued this morning at 10 o'clock.

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KID McCOY AND PLACKE.

New York, March 9.—Kid McCoy is matched to fight Henry John Joseph Placke, the Hollander, who has just arrived here. The bout, which is limited to six rounds, will take place in Philadelphia the night of April 1st. Placke weighs 250 pounds and measures 6 ft. 5 1-2 in. in height.

ARCHBISHOP MACHRAY DEAD.

Winnipeg, March 9.—Archbishop Machray, primate of all Canada, who has been seriously ill for several days, died this evening from pneumonia, in his 73rd year.

STANLEY CUP CONTEST.

Ottawa, March 9.—The first Stanley cup match between the Brandons and the Ottawas resulted in a win for the Ottawas by the score of 6 goals to 3.

TAKING TO THE TIMBER

Springfield Negroes Are Seeking Safety in the Woods.

Springfields, Ohio, March 9.—The situation tonight was considered very threatening. Martial law practically existed in the downtown district, and the burned portions of the town, formerly occupied by negro resorts. Ten companies of the Ohio national guards are on picket duty and seven more companies are expected. The saloons closed this afternoon and many other lines of business were suspended. It is estimated that fully 25,000 people thronged the streets visiting the scenes of the lynching and fire. Mayor Bowlus has finally consented to close the remaining negro saloons, hotels and lodging houses which are under the ban of the mob and has ordered the proprietors in every instance to move out all intoxicating drinks and in some cases the fixtures, including gambling apparatus.

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