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THE WAR IN AFRICA.

Bloemfontein 23.—Colonel Anderson's corps of the first and second Canadian regiments and the Strathcona Horse were engaged in the operations of General Pole-Carew and French. Anderson undertook to drive the Boers from their line of defence south Leeuw Kop. The Canadians sustained a heavy fire.

London 25.—Lord Roberts telegraphs that DeWetsdorp was occupied without opposition. The Boers fled at night—being alarmed at the rapidity of General French's movements.

General Pole-Carew's division reached Roode Kop yesterday. The enemy was driven back with heavy loss, leaving their dead on the ground.

Lord Roberts has begun the second act in his campaign. He has suddenly deployed an army of 40,000 men and 150 guns on the long front from Karra siding to Wepener, a distance of seventy miles. The Boers have no army on the spot large enough to attack the British army so deployed and the enemy can only escape nortward to Ladybrand. The roads are in a terrible condition, which accounts for the slow progress made by the British columns.

London 26.—It is officially announced that Wepener has been relieved, the enemy retiring last night and this morning along the Ladybrand road. They numbered between 4,000 and 5,000.

Considerable results have been attained in the relief of Wepener and in clearing the south eastern corner of the Free State of Boers, but the Boer army, whatever its strength has still to be dealt with.

The Boers have everywhere retired at the first pressure of the British advance. No attempt was made to pursue the Boers retiring from Wepener and everything now depends upon the progress of General French's cavalry. It is now a race between the Boers and the forces of Generals French and Hamilton. The relief of Wepener was accomplished by Genera' Brabant.

A Ghastly Murder.

A ghastly murder was perpetrated last week, by Chinamen, on Chief of Police Main, of Steveston. The deceased officer, in course of his duties, was searching for some stolen property among the Chinese quarters of Steveston, and as the officer did not return fears were entertained for his welfare, and a search was made, resulting in the finding of the body on Wednesday afternoon. One of the searchers, while walking along a log, noticed some freshly turned earth. Poking with his stick he felt some resistance, and calling to other members of the party near, the earth was quickly removed, and there in a shallow grave, covered with scarce six inches of loose earth, the body of the unfortunate Chief Main was discovered.

A terrible sight with many gaping wounds in head and neck, evidently made with some sharp and heavy instrument. Closer examination disclosed, too, that the legs also had been hacked and mutilated. In the grave with his master was the body of the little dog, killed too to destroy all trace.

The scene of the ghastly find is but 100 yards from the Chinamen's shacks and about two miles from Steveston.

The arrest of two of the Chinamen on suspicion and the disappearance of the of the third lent color to the suspicions which the finding of the chief's body verified.

Search of the shacks discovered some of the stolen tools Chief Main was looking for when he met his death, no doubt at the hands of the thieves.

Eight Chinese are now in the provincial jail at Westminster, charged with the murder of Alexander Main, chief of police of Steveston, or with being accessory to the crime. So bitter is the feeling in the town of Steveston against the prisoners that during the night several hundred Japanese surrounded the Steveston police station, intent upon lynching the Chinese prisoners but the officers managed to take the Chinese in safety to Westminster, a distance of eight miles. One of the prisoners, Chan Yee Chung, has confessed to the murder, stating that Yip Leck, high binder, had ordered the assault upon Main, but that the murdered officer had first been struck on the head from behind with a mattock wielded by a third Chinaman who fled, but who has since been captured. The mattock, with its iron hook, was found near the cabin, covered with blood, and a long knife was also found, with traces of blood upon its blade. From Chung's confession, aided by evidence developed by the detectives, it is now believed that when Chief Main attempted to arrest the Chinese for the theft of the stolen goods found in their shack, he was killed with the mattock and knife, being repeatedly stabbed and chopped with the hooked tool.

The Jim Jam Order.

We must congratulate the Jim Jam order on the new addition to their ranks in the person of our ex-M. P. P. We understand that the initiation ceremony was a most interesting one. After the usual opening ceremonies in the society's hall, a knock was heard at the door. "Who seeks admittance?" said the secretary. "A stranger," replied the seneschal. "Hath he any token?" asked the secretary. "These are his tokens," said the seneschal. The seneschal then produced two bottles of "Four Crown" which having been opened and sampled were pronounced satisfactory. The secretary then directed the admission of the new member who was initiated. The secretary made a most touching and eloquent speech, in the course of which he promised in the future to abstain from referring to churchyards or Chinamen, he also mentioned that although his yellow legs had been washed and repaired he had refrained from wearing them. He wished not to revive the buried memories of the past in which the yellow-legs bore a most prominent part. After a speech by a venerable member who hoped that in the present political campaign, no mention should be made of loans, the new Jim Jam delivered his maiden speech. He expressed his extreme gratification at the delicate feeling displayed by the secretary, as to the reference to loans, he felt that there would be no necessity to mention them in this contest as all appeared willing to do their duty. He referred in scathing terms to the rascally attempt which was being made to deprive him of his vested right to represent this district. The rest of the night was then devoted to the usual festivities.

OTTAWA'S BIG FIRE.

Ottawa, April 26.—Fifteen thousand people are homeless in Ottawa and Hull tonight, 3,000 dwellings and buildings destroyed, twenty million dollars in property has gone up in smoke. The fire broke out in Hull and fanned by a sixty mile an hour gale made a clean sweep including Eddy's splendid works. The fire then crossed to Booth's in Ottawa, wiped out the Chaudiere district around the Canadian Pacific station and travelled west and southerly a mile and half. Montreal and Brockville sent fire fighters, while men from Peterboro, Toronto, Hamilton and other places were sent.

Among the buildings destroyed are Eddy's paper mill, match factory, wood yard and other buildings of the company, McKay milling company on Victoria island; power house of the Ottawa Electric company; Victoria foundry; Canadian Pacific freight sheds at Chaudiere; Union station; J. R. Booth's residence; W. A. Duck's residence; a large amount of lumber at St. Louis dam belonging to Booth; Shepherd Morse & Co., and other firms was burned. Rochesterville, Mechanicsville and Hintonburgh were wiped out.

LOCAL NEWS.

Cameron & Hurley's stage was in town Thursday on a special trip.

A political meeting will be held in Lillooet on Monday evening, May 7th.

Chief Justice McColl, Mrs. McColl and two sons visited Lillooet Thursday. The chief justice is holding the spring assize through the interior.

A novel "A Woman in the Wild, Wild West," by David Dalziel a local author, arrived at The Prospector office this week. It will be on sale shortly at the bookstore.

There are a few copies of Clive-Phillips Woolley's poem "Our Testamen," in memory of the dead at Modder river, are for sale at the post office store. Price twenty-five cents. The proceeds go to the Canadian patriotic fund.

Mr. R. T. Ward arrived in town yesterday afternoon from Ashcroft and the Horsefly. He is here finishing up the business of taking the stamp mill to McGillivray creek. The Anderson Lake Mining company will now complete all the work of putting the plant in working shape, and the tramway will be completed at once. Mr. Ward will remain in town for a few days.

Mr. Archie McDonald returned from Clinton this week and announces that he will not be a candidate for East Lillooet at the coming elections. Having been numerously requested to become a candidate he acceded to the request, on the understanding that no objections would be offered to his being a non-resident, having no interests in the districts, &c. Recently such objections cropped up, and even if confident of the support of the majority of the electors, has decided to leave the field to others.

Arthur F. Noel made a trip to Lytton Wednesday and on his return left for the Bend'or mines.

Wm. Halymore is at work prospecting placer ground on the South Fork and we learn that he has some good ground.

W. J. Abercrombie has his residence fenced in and will proceed to make nice surroundings. The house will be enlarged shortly.

The Lorne mine is working away steadily and cleanups of the arrastra are being made once a week, the results being very satisfactory.

The new blacksmith shop of Uren & Mitchell, near the butcher shop, is being rapidly built and will be ready for occupancy in a very short time. The building is 24 x 40 feet with basement.

Fred Richardson came down from Cadwallader Monday evening and will remain in town several days. Work on the Alhambra is going ahead and the property improving as work proceeds. It is the intention to put a small stamp mill at work shortly.

The British Columbia Express company's stages leaving Ashcroft Mondays and Fridays will connect with steamer Charlotte at Soda creek, that steamer having commenced her regular runs for the season. Service leaving Ashcroft on Fridays will be run to Quesnelle, and way points only, until further notice.

A very neat and correct sketch map of the South Fork of Bridge river and Cadwallader creek, showing the claims on which gold bearing ledges have been discovered, has been issued by Arthur F. Noel of Lillooet. Everyone should have one of these maps showing the correct position of the mineral claims in the rich Bridge river district. The price of the map is $1. Mr. S. Gibbs was the draughtsman of this creditable work.

Hon. Joseph Martin held political meetings at Lytton and Ashcroft last week and occupied the platform until about the arrival of the train each evening not giving the opposition speakers a chance to reply. Mr. D. Murphy, the independent candidate for West Yale, held the Marting gang down easily when he got at them. Mr. Murphy's election is certain. Hon. George Washington Beebe will after June 9th put in his time chasing potato bugs and meditating on the government ownership of railways, at his cabin near Agassiz.

The sad news of the death by blood-poisoning of Mrs. Charles Haddock at Ashcroft, was received in town this week. She had been ill for some time and was taken seriously last Saturday expiring Sunday afternoon. Besides her husband and two children, her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Glencross and two brothers reside in Ashcroft to mourn her demise. The deceased was about twenty-two years of age and had resided in British Columbia the greater portion of her life. The many friends of the deceased and bereaved family in Lillooet will regret to learn of her death.

THE BEND'OR MINES.

The Bend'Or Mines Ltd., held an adjourned general annual meeting at Vancouver last week, when the following board of directors for the ensuing year was selected: Messrs. J. J. Lang, Robt. Hamilton, R. B. Skinner, J. M. Mackinnon and W. R. Robertson. Mr. W. T. Stein, C. A., was reappointed auditor for the company. Of the 404,000 shares of the company's stock issued, 314,915 shares were represented.

The annual report covering the operations of the company from its inception, October 1st, 1898, to Jan. 31st, 1900, had been received at the last meeting. At the meeting last week a report from the mine manager, Mr. George H. Gillespie, was read causing general satisfaction among the shareholders of the company. F. M. Robertson, Esq., Vancouver B.C.,

"Dear Sir: I have pleasure in reporting as follows:

Ran 10 stamps 12 days, 17 hours, 55 mins; crushed 19.5 tons of ore per day (24 hours); the ore crushed during run being as under—230 tons from lower tunnel, 20 tons from upper workings, 250 tons total rock crushed, yielding 416 ounces avoirdupois.

I consider that this result is especially gratifying when we take into consideration the fact that this ore was derived mainly from development work, the whole run being composed of rock which was mined in ordinary course of operations, not specially selected ore, but a fair average of the largest part of ore in this mine. The cleanup is certainly only a protend of what we may expect for the future. The development work done in the lower tunnel alone giving us a continuous chute of ore 200 feet in length, and is being continuously extended both in easterly and westerly directions. The west breast alone shows 30 inches of quartz aud has every appearance that we are running into a good body of ore. I might also point out that this run has been almost entirely composed of lower tunnel rock, thus clearly showing that our richest ore is in our lower levels. This in itself ought to be a pleasing feature of the run.

A result as above taken with fact of the large quantity of ore in sight of same character as that put through the mill during the run should give every person concerned confidence in the future of the Bend'Or Mines, Ltd."

The mill started up as soon as frost was out and for the broken period of March, 12 days 17 hours and 55 minutes, there were treated 250 ton ore, which it will be noticed by the manager's report was not picked rock, but just as it was raised in development work. The yield of 416 ounces avoirdupois from the amalgam plates, returned in retorted gold 380.26 ounces troy, which when smelted returned 372.17 ounces troy of refined gold, at $16.66 per ounce, amounting to $6,200.35 for the fractional run, making an average yield of $24.80 per ton for the 250 tons milled.

The tailings which are being saved for future treatment, when assayed showed an average value of $6.80 per ton, making the total return of $31.60 per ton of ore. Of the values shown by the tailings $2.72 were in free gold, which amount went over the amalgamating tables. The percentage will be greatly reduced by subsequent runs as the amalgamator was new to the ore.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1900.

To the Electors of the West Riding of Lillooet Electoral District.

GENTLEMEN: At the request of a number of influential voters I have decided to seek the honor of representing your important district in he Provincial Legislative Assembly.

I am as many of you are doubtless aware, interested to a large exent in mineral property in the district. I am therefore desirous that its resources should be developed, and consequently will be sure, if elected, to endeavor to obtain as large appropriations as possible for he making of roads and trails. I am convinced that in the immediate future there will be a large influx of capital into he tProvince, and I shall use every effor to encourage the investment of money here. I have shown my faith in the district by investing my own money, and indirectly I have been largely the means of the development of some of the best properties. As the future advancement of Lillooet and the farming community in the surrounding country is solely dependent on the mining industry: it is to your interest to be represented by some one who is directly interested in mining. Though not a permanent resident of the district, I am continually visiting the various mining camps and am therefore, well able to judge of the country's requirements. The fact that my residence is more or less in Vancouver and Victoria should rather be in your favor than otherwise as I am continually in touch with prominent business men from all parts of the Province and capitalists who visit the coast cities.

I am in favor of a very liberal expenditure of money for opening up the whole country so that the world at large can see what great natural resources we have and I will, if elected, advocate the borrowing of money for this purpose to the fullest extent. I am of the opinion that roads to open up Bridge River, the Empire Valley, Pemberton Meadows and Anderson Lake districts and the improvements of roads and trails generally, are an absolute necessity

With regard to the eight hour law: I consider that for an honest eight hours work underground, any man is entitled to a full days wage, but under certain circumstances and conditions I see no reason why men should not be free to work extra time provided they were compensated accordingly.

With regard to Alien Act: I may say that I have always opposed it even before it was passed in the house, and from my personal observation in Atlin last fall my opinion is that it was a grevious mistake.

I am opposed to the employment of Oriental labor in mines.

I consider it was a mistake to withdraw the subsidy given to physicians to induce them to reside in outlying districts in the province.

The improvement of the laws pertaining to quartz and placer mining shall always receive my most careful consideration and attention.

It is my intention, if elected to visit every part of the riding at least once a year in order to as certain the needs of my constituents so that I shall be in a position to urge their claims on the government.

It is my intention, if possible, to call on each elector in order to explain my views more fully.

Trusting that you will show your confidence in me by placing me at the head of the poll.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant
ROBERT B. SKINNER.

The date of the elections having now been definitely fixed, it is well for everyone to carefully consider how he will cast his vote. So far as is known there will only be two candidates in this constituency, Mr. A. W. Smith and Mr. R. B. Skinner. The platform of both candidates as published in their addresses, are very mueh alike, neither of them are supporters of the Martin government, Mr. Skinner being a conservative and Mr. Smith claiming that party also. In these circumstances what the electors have to consider is, which of these two men is likely to do most for the interests of the district. Mr. Smith has been the representative for a number of years, and during a great part of that time he was a supporter of and had a large influence with the then government. Did he when he had that influence, exert himself to obtain roads to Bridge river, Pemberton and Empire Valley? There is no question that he did not, in fact he always threw cold water on the proposal to make a road to Bridge river section. Has Mr. Smith always expressed confidence in the future of quartz mining in this section? He certainly has not. In fact the stagnation of the last two years has been largely due to him. How can we expect outsiders to invest in quartz properties, when the representative of the district does not believe in its future. Mr. Smith would like Lillooet to continue the Chinese village it has been in the past. He could then continue his business of buying gold from the Chinese who extract the gold by rockers. Capitalists when they come from the east and elsewhere are very likely to seek introductions to the representatives of the various constituencies. The members representing the Kootenays, the Boundary country, will certainly say all they can in favor of their section and all of them, no doubt if asked, will be most eager to dispose of mining claims in which they have invested considerable sums in development work. How much can Mr. Smith show that he has invested in developing claims? Mr. Smith's dealings in quartz claims have been limited to passing off "wild cats" on too credulous purchasers, and he in that way has done incalculable harm. He cannot show a single case in which he has made an attempt to open up a claim.

Mr. Skinner on the contrary has not only spent his own money in developing claims, but has induced others to do so. It was he that was the means of opening the McGillivray creek property on Anderson lake. He is personally interested in the development of Bridge river and will of course do all in his power to induce capital to come in. The objection that he does not reside here is a puerile one. Which of the two gentlemen is likely to do most good to the district. Mr. Skinner rustling round Vancouver and Victoria making mining deals or Mr. Smith playing solo for drinks and running to his office now and then to buy a little gold dust from a Chinaman. What good does Mr. Smith's residence here do Lillooet? He buys the bulk of his supplies at the coast and does not patroniz the local stores. Mr. Smith's sole achievement in the legislative line was to introduce some few clauses about gambling in saloons into one of the acts. He was careful so to word them that his favorite amusement of playing cards for drinks should not be interfered with. that is certainly a record for fifteen years representation, it is time we send some one to the local house who will be more than a silent member.

A bill is pending at Washington to provide for the coining of half-cent or five-mill copper coins. It is asserted by the representative who introduced the bill that there is a great demand for such coins, especially in cities where bargain counters flourish. In some of the western cities, notably Chicago, some firms have issued half-cents, which are advertisements and money at one and the same time, and are said to have become very numerous.

It is proposed to have a British Columbia building erected at the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition grounds, and to be entirely of British Columbia lumber, and filled with British Columbia exhibits. It is understood the dominion government will assist financially in the matter, and the Canadian Pacific railway will carry material for the building free of cost.

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We take up arms in conflict, and Nature is our foe.
We stand in battle order and wave our swords on high,
But the Phanton strikes too deadly—his weapons are too nigh.

The epidemic passes—'tis the common dread of all.
Her poisoned arrows strike us in an instant and we fall.
We shout a great hosanna as in battle, loud and long,
But still the fiend advances with a mystery deep and strong.

The battle rages loudly, the battle rages long—
Man's story is recorded both in history and in song.
How helpless were our fathers, how deadly was the foe!
Yet bravely fought those fathers in years of long ago.

Louder grows the battle, fiercer grows the fight;
As man grows wise in wisdom, he waxes wise in might.
Defiance strong and fearless is increasing by degrees—
But man wants yet the genius to be master of disease.

There is weeping, there is wailing, as we battle with the foe;
Our ranks are thinned by thousands and replenished as we go.
Yet onward is the war-cry, as one by one we fall;
We bow before our captors—we bow both great and small.

No choice is made by Nature in the harvest of the field;
She wields her scythe in anger and each human stalk must yield.
The highest and the lowest, and the mighty and the mean,
At eve'tide after harvest in the fallen ranks are seen.

In savagry, in culture, in colors black or white;
In pedantry, in ignorance, in the wrong and in the right;
In penury, in opulence, in humility or fame,
We join our hands in battle and our causes are the same.

In selfishness, in charity, in innocence or crime,
We stand in batte order and serve our spoken time.
In vigor and in weakness, in youth or hoary age.
We fall before our captors—we fall before their rage.

In trouble and misfortune, in merriment or mirth,
We weave the web we fight for—weave it from our birth.
In sunshine and in darkness we labor o'er our loom—
We weave the web we love best, weave it to our doom.

We fall before our captors—we fall to rise no more.
We recognize our weakness, and throw our weapons o'er.
We make a grim confession as our banners we let go—
We cannot win the battle, though invisible the foe.

—DAVID DALZIEL.

The above is copied from the Victoria Colonist and is the production of a local author.

Boers May Save Her Trouble.

A firm in Liverpool, being delighted at the idea that one of its employees was called upon to join the reserves, at once volunteered to pay half his wages to his wife in his absence, says the Post. At the end of the month the woman appeared, and the money was at once given her.

"What?" she said. "Four pounds?"

"Yes," replied the senior partner, "that is exactly half; sorry you are not satisfied."

"It isn't that I'm not satisfied. Why, for years he has told me he only got sixteen shillings altogether, and—and—if the Boers don't kill him I will."

At the recent fur sale of the Hudson's Bay company held in London, Eng., a silver fox skin was sold for the enormous price of £580 or $2,822. This is said to be the largest price ever paid for a single fox skin.

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GENTLEMEN: As the present condition of affairs in the province can not last long it will be necessary to appeal to the country by a general election and I again come before you, for the fifth time, to ask you for your suffrages, and if you do me the honor to elect me to represent you in the Legislative Assembly, I shallconsider it my duty to use my utmost endeavors to forward your interests in every possible way, and those of the whole province.

The most urgent requirements of the district at the present time are the construction of roads to the Bridge River, McGillivray Creek and Blackwater mining sections, and roads that will give better and more convenient outlets to the farmers of Pemberton Meadows, Watson Bar creek, Empire Valley and Chilcotin agricultural sections, and if elected I will do all I possibly can to have these roads constructed as soon as possible.

I believe that the district is on the eve of great prosperity, and I am in favor of the judicious expenditure of money in the construction of roads and trails so as to give easy access to all parts of the district, thus bringing its rich mining and agricultural resources within easy reach of the miners and agriculturalists. Such a policy I am certain would result in a large increase in the population and expansion of the revenue as would justify any government in the expenditure.

I do not think it would be in the best interest of the province for the government to assume the expense of constructing and operating railroads.

In order to encourage the more rapid development of the placer mining industry of the province, I think that holders of leases of hydraulic mining ground should be able to obtain a crown grant of their holdings on terms similar to those granted to holders of mineral claims.

I think that some arrangement should be made with the Dominion government so that rich mining ground, now held as Indian reserves, can be mined by white men.

I think that in order to protect white labor, the Dominion government should increase the tax on Chinese coming into the country, and that Japanese should pay the same tax as is paid by the Chinese.

I believe that eight hours should be a day's work in all underground metalliferous mines, and that neither Chinese nor Japanese should be allowed to work in such mines.

I think the act known as the Alien Act, and the Liquor License Act, 1899, should be repealed.

The amendment made to the Placer Mining Act, under the supervision of Hon. Jos. Martin during the session of 1899, which has virtually allowed the Chinese all over the province to mine on all crown lands during the past year without paying for a free miner's certificate, should be amended.

In order that those who meet with accidents in the mines or are sick from other causes should be able to obtain medical aid with the least possible delay. I think that the government should give such a subsidy as will induce a physician to reside permanently in the district.

I do not think the policy of the present government is such as will promote the best interests of the province, and is not in accordance with the well understood wishes of a majority of the people.

I shall endeavor to see you before the election takes place and explain my views on the various topics more fully to you personally, and at public meetings.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Dr. Sanson left the first of the week for Clinton and will be absent about ten days.

Mrs. Connors left Tuesday morning for the Bend'Or mines where her husband is employed.

A. Richey returned to the Big Horn ranch the first of the week after a several days visit to town.

L. G. Burns, constable, returned this week from a trip up the river and to Clinton collecting taxes.

Major Burnet and party returned from McGillivray creek Saturday where they had been surveying mineral claims.

Bertie Phair after a couple of weeks visit with his parents left Tuesday morning for Victoria to continue his studies.

Miss M. Abercrombie, sister of W. J. Abercrombie, arrived in town last Friday evening from Vancouver and will reside here in future.

T. S. Brett and family moved this week to McGillivray creek where they will reside, Mr. Brett being employed by the Anderson Lake Mining company.

James McKivor and his son William left Wednesday morning for Cadwallader where they will do some work on their mineral claims in that section.

Colonel G. T. Rives, superintendent of the Toronto & Lillooet Gold Reefs on Cayoosh creek, Mrs. Rives and Mrs. J. P. Forde spent Tuesday and Wednesday in town.

Mrs. Cumming returned home from Vancouver Monday evening after an absence of a couple weeks visiting her son William who is attending business college there.

George Doherty foreman for the Anderson Lake Mining company left the first of the week with a few men to get the mine in good shape for active work in a few weeks time.

Mr. Burwell of the firm of Garden, Hermon & Burwell, civil engineers, Vancouver, arrived in town by Fridays stage and has been engaged the past week down the river surveying.

John Mitchell who has been in charge of the blacksmith shop here for the past few months left for Clinton the first of the week, Mr. James Uren taking charge of the Lillooet shop.

O. A. Harthorne who has spent the past few months at the coast and sound cities returned Monday evening to town and left Wednesday morning for Cadwallader to continue work on his claims.

E. J. Taylor was down from Cadwallader this week for supplies and material for the Woodchuck arrastra, which will be in working shape shortly. The property is looking first class and the owners will make a good cleanup.

Strathcona Horse.

Lord Strathcona's request for fifty more troops for his contingent in South Africa, to take the places of those killed or wounded, has already been acted upon and arrangements are about completed for the required number to sail from Halifax on the new Allan liner Tunisian, sailing from Halifax for Liverpool April 22. All necessary equipment is ready. The men will be selected from western Canadians.

Dominion Elections.

The Vancouver World, last week, contains the following despatch from the federal capital:

Ottawa, April 10.—(Special)—The general elections take place about the middle of June. Word has gone forth to the liberal organizers all over the country to perfect their plans as speedily as possible. Hon. James Sutherland has charge of the work at Ottawa and keeps three trained men here constantly with him to carry out his instructions.

Premier Martin will seek election in the city of Victoria. A report to this effect was published in the Colonist last week and again this week. Who his running mates will be outside of Hon. Mr. Yates, who has already announced himself, will probably be decided at a convention.

How Luck Runs in Mining.

"At first sight it would seem that the like good luck might fall to any man, but the realty runs much the other way. The man of quick intelligence, of judgment and decision is not the man who ordinarily achieves this sudden wealth. It is the man who is too stupid to know the risks he is taking, and it is the reckless man who plunges wildly and misses no desperate chance, who seem favorites of the god of chance. Nor do all good luck stories have pleasant endings. Often after the 'pile' is made, accident, disease or death steps in to prevent its legitimate enjoyment. One man dropped dead when at the weighing of the first cleanup he found himself a rich man. There was something wrong with his heart. He had the physical strength to make the fight against bad food and water, to endure the back-breaking toil of developing and working out, and all the strain of the uncertainty that went before. The supreme moment of success was more than he could stand, and the use of the gold passed from him with it acquirement. A certain James Meade lay down with typoid fever in an outlying camp just as he was starting for home with the accummulations of the year, and he and his bag of dust entered Dawson together on a litter. It took six men to bring him in—and he paid each man $15 a day. Once in Dawson Meade began to grow better, and when his sailing day came he walked to the boat. He reached the wharf and fell dead as he was about to go aboard."—Ainslee's Magazine.

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To the Electors of the West Riding of Lillooet Electoral District.

GENTLEMEN: At the request of a number of influential voters I have decided to seek the honor of representing your important district in he Provincial Legislative Assembly.

I am as many of you are doubtless aware, interested to a large exent in mineral prop erty in the district. I am therefore desirous that its resources should be developed, and consequently will be sure, if elected, to endeavor to obtain as large appropriations as possible for he making of roads and trails. I am convinced that in the immediate future there will be a large influx of capital into he tProvince, and I shall use every effor to encourage the investment of money here. I have shown my faith in the district by investing my own money, and indirectly I have been largely the means of the development of some of the best properties. As the future advancement of Lillooet and the farming community in the surrounding country is solely dependent on the mining industry: it is to your interest to be represented by some one who is directly interested in mining. Though not a permanent resident of the district, I am continually visiting the various mining camps and am therefore, well able to judge of the country's requirements. The fact that my residence is more or less in Vancouver and Victoria should rather be in your favor than otherwise as I am continually in touch with prominent business men from all parts of the Province and capitalists who visit the coast cities.

I am in favor of a very liberal expenditure of money for opening up the whole country so that the world at large can see what great natural resources we have and I will, if elected, advocate the borrowing of money for this purpose to the fullest extent. I am of the opinion that roads to open up Bridge River, the Empire Valley, Pemberton Meadows and Anderson Lake districts and the improvements of roads and trails generally, are an absolute necessity

With regard to the eight hour law: I consider that for an honest eight hours work underground, any man is entitled to a full days wage, but under certain circumstances and conditions I see no reason why men should not be free to work extra time provided they were compensated accordingly.

With regard to Alien Act: I may say that I have always opposed it even before it was passed in the house, and from my personal observation in Atlin last fall my opinion is that it was a grevious mistake.

I am opposed to the employment of Oriental labor in mines.

I consider it was a mistake to withdraw the subsidy given to physicians to induce them to reside in outlying districts in the province.

The improvement of the laws pertaining to quartz and placer mining shall always receive my most careful consideration and attention.

It is my intention, if elected to visit every part of the riding at least once a year in order to as certain the needs of my constituents so that I shall be in a position to urge their claims on the government.

It is my intention, if possible, to call on each elector in order to explain my views more fully.

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