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ANDERSON LAKE MINING COMPANY.

Articles of incorporation were filed last week by the Anderson Lake Mining & Milling company, with a capital stock fully paid up of $225,000,000 divided into 900,000 shares of 25 cents each. The incorporators were R. T. Ward, Oliver Harvey, J. C. Shields, Denis Murphy and F. S. Reynolds. The company was formed to take over the well known properties on McGillivray creek, near Anderson lake and about thirty-five miles from Lillooet. The former owners the Brett Bros. and John Marshall have done a large amount of development, including some 400 feet of tunnels and upraises and there is a large amount of ore in sight that averages well in free gold. A ten stamp mill, tramway etc., is nearly completed and will be in operation by the company in about a month. The board of directors being the incorporators, met in the office of Denis Murphy, at Ashcroft, last week and elected as follows: President, F. S. Reynolds; vice-president, R. T. Ward; secretary, J. H. Bremner; treasurer, W. B. Bailey.

The company is a close corporation and no stock will be offered for sale. Among the holders of the same being some of the best business men of Ashcroft and Lillooet.

After the transfer of the properties to the company, and other business was transacted Messrs. Murphy and Shields retired from the board and W. E. Brett and John Marshall were elected to fill the vacancies. Funds were provided for beginning operations.

The business arrangements in connection with beginning operations at the mine were left with the president of the company. The incorporators and other owners believe they have a very valuable property and every effort will be made to make the McGillivray creek mines a success and it will be in no sense a stock speculation, or in other words, if the company have what they think they have, a valuable mine, they will realize well in their investments, and if they should find unfortunately that the property is not as good as was hoped for and expected there will be no mourners to charge anyone with stock jobbing.—Journal,

The Liberal Convention.

The Liberal conveation which opened last Thursday at Vancouver, adjourned the following night at ten o'clock sine die. The evening session was by far the most confused that took place during the meeting. The feature of the day's session was the close vote on the reception of the Cassiar delegates. They were objected to by Premier Martin and his section of the convention on account of the delegates having not come from Cassiar, but were appointed at a meeting of electors of Cassiar held at Victoria a few days before. E. P. Davis and the anti-Martin party held that the delegates should be received, as it was absolutely impossible, on account of the limited notice given of the convention, to have delegates appointed in Cassiar itself. The sensational result was a tie, 139 votes for and against, and, amid cheers that could be heard for blocks, the chairman voted in favor of the reception of the delegates from the northern district.

E. P. Davis threw a bomb into the meeting the first thing at the evening session. He moved that "the liberals in provincial convention assembled hereby refuse to accept the government of the Hon. Joseph Martin as a representative of the liberal administration, and hereby declare that it is optional with any liberal to support or oppose the said government." Martin objected to this as out of order, but the chairman held it was proper, and Davis held the floor, but for two hours the meeting refused to allow him to speak. Pandemonium reigned and the din was terrible. The meeting did nothing more, and as no one could speak adjournment was made indefinitely. The convention opened with a riot early Friday morning and continued until the adjournment. Thirty of the outside delegates whose credentials were not upheld by the credentials committee stormed the doors and passed the policeman who attempted to guard the doors.

Late War News.

Lord Methuen commanded in the spirited little action a few miles to the South East, where he surrounded the Boers on a Kopje. Not a man escaped. Fifty four prisoners were taken as well as 60 horses and a quantity of baggage. General DeVillebois was killed. A Boer hoisted a white flag and then fired killing a British officer. The murderer was instantly shot.

Carnarvon 11.—Two thousand insurgents who were unaware that Sir Chas. Parsons had occupied Kenhardt and were on their way to that place, have been captured by the British troops.

London 11.—Lord Roberts wired under yesterdays date as follows: "The enemy has been active during the last few days. We inflicted serious loss on the Boers yesterday at Wepener."

A London despatch says: It is believed here that Lord Roberts has sent Gatacre home, having no confidence in him.

Ottawa 11.—Lord Strathcona has called for 50 more troops for service in South Africa. They will be held in reserve to fill vacancies that may occur through death or otherwise. The men will be selected from the West.

Mr. A. McDonald independent candidate for east Lillooet, left for the coast Saturday on business.

London 13.—Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, speaking at Capetown yesterday says: "The British will no longer tolerate dissimilar and antagonistic political systems in a country which nature and history have declared to be one."

In these resolute utterances he speaks for the Imperial government.

It is estimated that Lord Roberts has 214,000 effective troops, with 1,200 more afloat or under orders.

Aliwal North. 12.—News from Boer sources at Wepener says that four Boer guns have been disabled and four commandants have been killed or wounded. On Tuesday night the British made an attack, capturing a Boer gun and taking some prisoners.

Mrs. T. C. Barron, of Kansas City is anxious to get word of her husband who, she thinks, is in Vancouver. He was in Lytton a short time ago. He is known sometimes as T. C. Barron and then as Wallace Barron.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON

JUNE 9TH. HOUSE MEETS ON JULY 5TH.

Acting on orders from Ottawa the Lieutenant-governor has dissolved the house. Nominations are fixed for May 26th, the elections on June 9th and the writs returnable June 30th. The house meets July 5th.

LOCAL NEWS.

Rev. A. E. Stephenson visited Pavilion this week.

Carl Hartzel, who owns a ranch in the Pemberton section was in town this week.

Rev. Ladner of Kamloops arrived in town la t Monday and left next morning for Pavilion.

Mrs. Oswick of Pavilion was in town this week as agent for a book entitled, "The War in Africa."

The ferry at Sucker Creek is now ready for travel and Messrs. Collum & Delong will attend to business at that point.

Dunc. McDonald left for the Empire Valley section the first of the week to interview the electors in the interest of A. W. Smith.

Ronald Currie and his sister, Mrs. A. McIntosh have take possession of the Pemberton Portage ranch having purchased it from J. L. C. Knowles.

There will be a song service in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening. The Subject will be "Easter." The offertory will be in aid of missions.

Mr. M. Connors and wife arrived from the coast last Friday evening. Mr. Connors left for Cadwallader Tuesday where he will be employed in the Bend-'Or mine. Mrs. Connors will remain in town for the present.

P. Burnet, D & P. L. S, is at McGillivray Creek surveying a couple of mineral claims for a Toronto Syndicate represented in Vancouver by Mr. A. St. G. Hammersley.

The road has been changed near the bridge so as to allow the working of the auriferous gravel, by the chinamen who lease the ground through which the road passes. The road is not as good as it might be, and the grade should be put in better shape.

Premier Martin says he intends to visit every district before the elections, and we learn that he intends holding a meeting in Lillooet and also to put a candidate in the field as a supporter of the Martin government. A few around this section are a little sore on not being appointed to a cabinet pasition, but perhaps the Hon. Joseph may complete his cabinet while in the sage bush country.

Arthur F Noel is expected home from the coast to-day.

Harry Attwood left for Cadwallader the first of the week.

T. R. Mowson is in town and expects to leave for the Northwest shortly.

The names mentioned as candidates for the east riding of Lillooet have dwindled down to Archie McDonald and J. D. Prentice.

Frank Stevenson of Lytton, who has been ill for some time with rheumatism will shortly be around again after several weeks at Harrison Hot Springs.

Wm. Young one of the owners of the Lorne is in town and will return to the mine agaim in a few days. Everything is working satisfactory and a cleanup will be made shortly.

Denis Murphy, independent candidate for West Yale, against the Hon. George Washington Beebe, a member of the Martin cabinet, will shortly make a tour of that district. Denis is a sure winner.

Lillooet can boast of being a moral town and can be compared with the Zion towns started by new fangled religious fanatics. It is very seldom that one hears of a "little game" going on as is done in neighboring towns. The police here keep a sharp lookout for any wrong doers.

Dr. F. S. Reynolds, Oliver Harvey and J. H Bremner and W. E. Brett all connected with the Anderson Lake Mining Co. will arrive today from Ashcroft, and will leave tomorrow for the mine, returning Monday afternoon. The property owned by this company was recently purchased from the Brett Bros, and John Marshall.

The steamer Minnehaha, Fred H. Kinder master, is a great accommodation to the public, and since the new machinery has been put in it makes the trip to the mission in about an hour. A shed has been erected at the lake and freight can be stored for the departure of the Minnehaha. "Commodore Kinder," is always alert and is ready for any special trips.

New Cabinet Minister.

The latest addition to Martins Lime Kiln Club is Colin S. Ryder, minister of finance, and the announcement of his appointment to preside over the provincial treasury caused quite a ripple of excitement. The new ministers pedigree has been published, and it is doubtful whether he will get a prize at the grand cake walk which will take place shortly with the exit of the whole Martin cabinet. Ryder or Walworth, as he used to be called, has had a varied experience and has done business from "slinging hash," and peddling small "icktabs" to finance minister. British Columbia may well feel proud of the whole gang who are in charge of the business of the country. If there is one man with any redeeming features about him, his associates will counteract them.

LAURIER MEANS BUSINESS.

Word has been received that Lieut-Governor McInnes was advised by Sir Wilfred Lawier that his reasons for calling Jos. Martin were deemed entirely inadequate and he must either call the legislature together immediately and select a government therefrom or at once dissolve the house.

The Chinese Question.

An animated discussion took place in the Commons last week on the Comox and Cape Scott Railway bill. Mr. McInnes moved an amendment prohibiting the employment of Chinese in construction or operation.

Mr. Morrison opposed the amendment on the ground that the courts had declared such a provision unconstitutional.

Sir Adolphe Caron insisted that the government declare its policy on the subject.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the government would shortly bring down a bill on the subject of Chinese immigration. In the meantime he thought that as Canada taxed these people on entering the country, she could not well refuse them the right to work. He called upon the house to vote down the amendment.

Mr. McInnes challenged a division. This being taken the amendment was rejected by 51 to 21.

As Satan Would do It.

Following the example of the Rev. Mr. Sheldon but going to the opposite extreme, H. J. Feltus, editor of the Bloomington Star, will this week turn over his office and his paper to the devil. In an editorial he said:

"A good many newspaper readers think they can run a paper better than the editor. No doubt his satanic majesty thinks the same thing, so next week we propose to give him a trial by turning over the Star to him for one issue, and let him run it accordingly to his own notion. Suitable contributions for such paper, briefly written will be received and considered if sent in early in the week. No church notices nor reading or advertisements of a religious nature will be received for next Sunday's paper; we propose to let the devil have full sway.

W. Durban is having his lot fenced and a general improvement made.

Notice has been given by gold commissioner E. C. Senkler, of the Yukon district, that on the first of June all government placers in the Yukon district will be disposed of public auction at Dawson.

G. A. Ward was in town last Friday and left next day for Jack's Landing, where he will make his headquarters, and will conduct the ferry and stopping place at that point. He has purchased the right of the ferry from Mr. T. R. Mowson who has been in charge for the past year. "Gib." will always be ready to accommodate travelers and they may be sure of a warm welcome when they strike his place.

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Mr. Bostock's reply to the enquiries made in regard to the non-letting of the Lytton mail contract is a direct insult to the people of this community. Mr. Bostock is nothing if not verdant and he shows his simplicity in expecting us to believe that the Dominion Government would resort to such petty subterfuge, in order to ascertain the cost of carrying the mails, unless they were instigated by some powerful motive. It does not require any great degree of penetration to discover the motive. Even a liberal government does not stultify itself and appear ridiculous from pure wantoness. There is only one possible construction to be placed on the refusal of the government to let the contract and that is, it did not suit the designs of Mr. Bostock. The public would have a higher opinion of the member for Yale-Cariboo if he had the manliness to make a straightforward statement to that effect, instead of paying such a poor tribute to our intel igence, as to expect us to believe that the Dominion government is so agitated over the expense of running a mail between here and Lytton as to go through the farce of calling for tenders only to repudiate them. We are all aware that the service would be far cheaper via Lytton, at the same time we are aware that political considerations prevented its consummation.

Mr. Bostock's connection with this affair places him in a very unenviable light, better things were expected of him. When a man of his unlimited means uses his position to deprive a couple of hard-working industrious boys of the reward of their enterprise, it is time the searchlight of public opinion was turned on him, and to ask ourselves, if it is to our interest to again put him in a position which he has shown himself to narrow-minded and vindictive to fill.

As a politician Mr. Bostock has been a gigantic failure; his failure is all the more pronounced on account of the manner in which his appearance in the political arena was heralded. Even the forces of nature were supposed to participate in his advent, an earthquake was to be felt, unusual phenomena were to be apparent in the heavens, he was supposed to be possessed of all the virtues, the absence of a beard alone prevented his parasitical admirers from detecting a striking resemblance to our Saviour. His honor was his most sacred possession, it was so sensitive that the slightest suspicion of wrong doing would cause him the most acute agony. What is the result? Leaving out the great harm which can be directly traced to the misuse of his money, his whole parliamentary career consisted of a couple of measures for the purpose of coercing the Canadian Pacific Railway company in the matter of passes and townsites. The sympathetic silence with which these measures were received by the house, the sad, sad tones of Sir Wilfrid as, with his tremalo stop pulled out to its full extent, he consigned them to oblivion, would have caused a more observing man than Mr. Bostock to immediately consult a psychologist. Mr. Bostock's own personality would never have made him a factor in the province, but the lever which his money supplied, to clever, but more unscrupulous men, is directly responsible for the chaos and uncertainty which now exists. It will be our duty to prove to our readers in future issues that The Prospector is correct in its deductions.

Prospectors in the outlying districts will no doubt, appreciate the proposal of the Government—not yet, however, made public—to appoint Deputy Mining Recorders with power to receive and transmit records and affidavits, in localities far removed from the main offices. In some districts such as Cassiar and Omineca a prospector, after locating a claim would not infrequently be obliged to travel a hundred miles or even more in order to record his discovery, and in localities where the working season is of short duration, this long journey was naturally considered a hardship. The proposed appointments will, however, go far towards remedying the grievance. —Mining Record.

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

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 gevernment 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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THE WAR.

London 6— 4:50 a.m. The Boers are displaying increased activity in Natal, but there is no sign of General Buller moving yet.

Mafeking was still besieged on April 1st.

Capetown it is reported that the Hussars who were sent to the relief of the Royal Irish Rifles are also missing—although this is probably a Boer canard designed to encourage the Burghers.

Bashof 6—The prisoners captured by the British yesterday and brought in today include many Frenchmen.

Lorenzo Marquez 6—A runner reports from Swaziland that two chiefs have been killed and many natives and in one district they have been comletely killed off. The Boers are making presents to the Queen and seeking permission to pass through Swaziland armed.

Warrenton 7—The British shelled Fourteen Stre ms yesterday. The Boers responded this morning with big guns. The British began dropping lyddite into their position, finally silenceing their guns.

London— The retirement of the Irish Rifles from Rouxolle leaves Gen'l. Brabant without communication with the British forces. He has 3,000 colonials with him.

The last despatch received from Lord Roberts was dated the 6th and the last unofficial message from the front was dated the 7th.

Masern 7.—The Boers who were massed at Ladybrand last week 10,000 strong have broken up into divisions and are now raiding in Southern part of Free State.

London 10.—Preparations are being made to present any kind of surprise against Bloemfontein. Lord Kitchener is responsible for the protection of the railway while Lord Roberts is waiting for remounts and winter clothing for the troops whose uniforms are worn out.

General Brabant and Gen. Gatacre remain in their present position.

Lord Roberts will confine his operations to clearing the Free State of raiders and to relieving Mafeking, for which purpose the 8th division, now arriving at Capetown, has been ordered to Kimberley. The Boers tried to lure the Mafeking garrison out into a mined ambush, but the British engineers discovered the mine, cut the wire communication and unearthed the 250 pounds of dynamite and war gelatine.

The prisoners who were captured near Boshof by Lord Methuen have arrived at Kimberley. There are but three Dutchmen the others being French, Germans and Russians.

Aliwal North 10.—An engagement took place at Wepner yesterday. The fighting was quite heavy and was renewed this morning. Three Boer commands attacked the town and fighting lasted all day. The Boers received a severe check. Reinforcements are being hurried to both combatants.

Pietermaritzburg 10.—Heavy cannonading commenced this morning in the vicinity of Elandslate.

London 10.—Mysterious movement of troops is proceeding at Bloemfontein. No news is allowed to leak through. It is believed that Lord Roberts is making an effort to cut off the retreat of the riding Boers when the pursuing British columns will start in.

Mafeking advices state that the Boers had a fight with Kaffirs who were passing through their lines, killing 31.

Buluwogo 3.—Col Plumer engaged the Boers on March 31st, between Romithabama and Mafeking. Plumer withdrew to prevent being outflanked as the Boers were in force at three points. The British Maxims did good work and it is believed the Boers lost the heaviest.

W. H. Reed left for Horse Fly on Tuesday.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. A. McDonald is at the coast this week.

A. A. Brett went to McGillivray creek on Tuesday.

The Lytton stage arrived Wednesday evening with a full load of passengers.

The Lillooet Baseball Club will hold a social dance in Santini's hall on Monday evening. Tickets $1.

Bertie Phair returned from Victoria the first of the week to spend the Easter holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Wm. Cumming left on Tuesday 10th inst, for Vancouver to visit her son, who is attending Vogels Commercial College.

Mr. John Marshall returned from Ashcroft last Friday evening where he had been in connection with the Anderson Lake Mining Company.

R. B. Skinner left the first of the week to visit the Empire Valley section to consult the electors on political matters. He was accompanied by T. P. Reed.

Philip Bessou, book keeper for R. T. Ward, came down from McGillivray creek on Saturday and returned Tuesday taking a quantity of supplies with him.

Wm. Halymore who has been in the Bridge River for the past few weeks is in town. He is more than ever pleased with the future af Bridge River section.

Mr. John Hawley of Vancouver has been in town the past week. He is on business in connection with the Toronto & Lillooet Gold Reefs Company operating on Cayoosh creek.

Wm. C. Fraser who has been on The Prospector staff for the past three months, left for Quesnelle on Monday where he will be connected with the telegraph service to the north.

James Brett returned from Ashcroft and Vancouver Wednesday after an absence of about ten days. He was a delegate from West Lillooet to the liberal of convention held in Vancouver last Thursday.

The police are busy this week trying to trace some old lumber that was taken from the Episcopalian Church lately. The entrisic value is not much, but stealing consecrated material, is probably a serious offence.

Forty-Six Days in Lent.

"How many days are there in Lent?" was the query that came from a member of the club. "We've got a wager on it."

"Forty days," was the office boy's ready answer.

"But Ash Wednesday was Feb. 28th this year, and Easter falls on April 15th. That makes forty-six days. I bet that Lent was longer than forty days. I win don't I?"

"Wait a minute and I'll tell you," spoke up the office boy.

After putting the question to everybody in reach without getting a satisfactory answer, the general opinion was that there was something wrong with the calendar. The office boy dug up an ecclesiastical encyclopedia and found that Lent was forty fast days long, Sunday not being counted. This is why the season of Lent extends over forty-six days. The office boy is now making bets on his own occount.

"How did you and your friends manage to get through a campaign, each taking an active part, without becoming enemies?"

"Oh, there was no occasion for any violent jealousies or personal feeling. We didn't belong to the same party."

An Irish servant-girl, who had a very hard mistress, one day became angry and threatened to commit suicide. "If you do," said her mistress' "you will surly go to hell." "Well," said the girl, "if it isn't a better place than this I won't stay there."

Maude—I think I ought to tell you, Clara, that I met your fiance in the hall last night and he kissed me. Of course the hall was not very well lighted.

Clara (interrupting(—Yes he told me all about it. He said the hall was as dark as pitch or he would have never made such a fool of himself.

There was a time when swearing was almost considered a gentlemanly accomplishment. An archbishop of Canterbury of the day, however, objected to the habit, and calling on Lord Melbourne to discuss some business, thus apostrophized him: "Now my lord, it will save time if, before we begin, we assume that everybody and everything is damned."

The duke of Wellington used to tell a story of a Frenchman who, to enforce his contention that we are mere creatures of habit, exclaimed: "For example, we wash our hands, but never our feet." The "Iron Duke" probably had not heard of the English duchess of the century before, who, when some one remarked how dirty her hands were, said: "Lord that's nothing; you should see my feet!"

At a recent performance of "Faust" in an eastern city, the part of Mephistopheles was taken by a very stout man. When he come to descend into the infernal regions he was unable to do so owing to the trap door being too small to admit of his body passing through. He was stuck tight and struggled violently to get down below. Noticing his predicament and not knowing the reason of his inability to go further a little gallery god cried out: "Hurrah, boys, hell is full."

Gambling in London.

There were in 1724 in London alone 35 gambling houses. Nearly all the most respectable West End clubs were originally gambling houses as the Cocoa Tree, which is still flourishing as a club at No. 64 St James' street. One night late in the last century there was a cast in hazard, the difference of which was $900,000. That present pink of perfection, "White's," was perhaps the most appalling gambling hell in Europe. "The young men of the age," say Wolpole, "lose there $50,000, $75,000 $90,000 in an evening." The play at the club was only for rouleaux of $250 each, and generally there was $50,000 in gold on the table. The gamesters began by pulling off their embroidered clothes, and put on frieze garments or turned their coats inside out for luck. They put on pieces of leather to save their lace ruffles. To guard their eyes from the light and to prevent tumbling their hair they wore high-crowned straw hats with broad brims and sometimes masks to conceal their emotions. Almack's afterwards was known as the Goose Tree Club— a rather significant name—and Pitt was one of its most constant frequenters, and there met his adherents. Gibbon was also a member, and when the club was still Almack's, which indeed was the name of its founder and original proprietor.

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 the Provincial Legislative Assembly.

I am as many of you are doubtless aware, interested to a large extent 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 the making of roads and trails. I am convinced that in the immediate future there will be a large influx of capital into the Province, and I shall use every effort 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 ascertain 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.

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