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### CAYOOSH CREEK SECTION.

At no other period of its history has Lillooet been at such a pronounced basis of prosperity than at the present time, when in spite of dull times and wars alarms, we have an even start with any other mining section in this province. There has already been erected one ten stamp mill at Cadwallader camp which has shown to excellent satisfaction, that the investor need not be wary of putting his money in a country which has proved itself as rich as the last years clean ups at the Bend'Or and Lorne mines.

Also there are two more mills in process of erection, one at the well known Ample mine and another at the recently discovered McGillivray creek. This brings forward two new fields for the prospector, ready to be investigated, tried and proved, by him getting out and exploring and developing thoroughly a country which has hitherto only been rushed over.

The former one, Cayoosh creek, which I am personally well acquainted with, having put in a whole season upon the creek itself and its numerous tributaries, whose waters are fed by a vast extent of snow-capped summits, which are more than worthy of notice, not only for their beauty and magnificence, but more on account of their geological structure which when seen will at once attract the attention of the intelligent prospector and without doubt give encouragement for further investigation.

I make reference more particularly to the upper Cayoosh, for one does not find the formation so uniform and "in place" until the granite formation of Copper creek (four miles from Cache, left bank) is passed, and the true slates of the Cascade range shows up in well defined belts. Going further up stream the formation again changes at Boulder creek (ten miles from Cache, right bank) where some good specimens of galena have been found, also at the head of this tributary there are numerous dykes of quartzite running very true and for a long distance. Two of them lying parallel crop out again eight miles away at the head of Bear creek and still holding their strike.

Apart from this there are numerous quartz veins all over and not in kidneys but in good healthy and well defined ledges. These require prospecting with pan and mortar and in many places a little sinking would show up a fortune where lots of men who call themselves prospectors would throw it up as a barren lead because they could not see the stuff they wanted sticking out of it.

The upper Cayoosh is not as precipitious as the lower part, say the first twelve miles, the mountains having an easy slope and stretching far back and a wagon road could be made more than half the way by cutting down the trees of black pine that cover the benches on the banks of creek. There is a good government trail and also fine bridge for the first twelve miles above the Cache

The peculiar part of this back country is that the formations are seldom the same on each side of the creek, for instance: At Boulder creek there is is about a mile of granite on the right bank, whilst on the left bank and directly opposite, slate is the prominent formation, and again four miles further at Bear creek, a beautiful of tilted slates show up on the right whilst on the left at Goat creek, granite is predominant and so on up to Duffy lake, the headwaters of this stream.

Close to the lake I noticed a belt of highly mineralized diorite, which I think is the continuance of the Blackwater diorite, for if one takes the map of this district and draws a line from Duffy lake to Blackwater lake, it will be found to exactly agree with a line drawn from Bear creek (twenty-four miles from Lillooet) across to McGillivray creek and on to Cadwallader, this giving you two parallel lines, which is in my opinion (based on observation of the country) proves the continuance of gold bearing leads of this section, both base and free milling lying parallel with each other.

All that is requred is diligent prospecting upon the numerous leads that are in this upper Cayoosh, which can be had just for the staking. Any prospector who reads this can be fully assured of he facts that I state by taking a run into this portion of the district this coming season and I feel sure they will be repaid for their trouble. To go out and just stake off claims is practically useless, for as I repeat the precious metals are seldom found sticking out at the top in full view, waiting for the fellow who is looking for something easy. If a man wants something to stay with, he can get it in this section. Every success is to be wished for the Ample company and it will only be a short time before there are still more mills in this district, which will help to increase the population as well as the notoriety of the country.

JAS. H. S. ROWBOTTOM.

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Mr. Wm. Halymore is expected to return to Lillooet this week.

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The Clinton annual ball will be held on Thursday and Friday nights, February 22nd and 23rd.

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Miss Crease, of Lytton, while walking on the railway track hear there on Thursday was struck by a freight train and instantly killed. Miss Crease who was about 70 years of age, is a sister of Sir H. P. Crease.

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C. M. Glenn and Fred O. Richardson accompanied by Mr. I. Walker returned via Lytton Tuesday evening from California and Pennsylvania where they had been spending the winter. They will remain in town for some time and will then go to the Bridge river section.

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### A Social Dance.

The dance given last evening by D. Fraser and Geo. D. Bell, proprietors of Excelsior House was a grand success. The large new dining room was just right for the occasion and the dancers thoroughly enjoyed themselves gliding over the smooth floor to the music of the Lillooet orchestra. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock and continued well on in the morning. About midnight the tables were set and contained all the delicacies of the season. The sumptuous repast has perhaps never been equalled in Lillooet and great credit is due Mrs. Riley for the manner in which it was prepared and served. During the dinner a few appropriate speeches were indulged, in and the whole evening was pleasantly spent, one and all in their praises of the hospitality received.

### LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

(From Our Victoria Correspondent.)

Victoria, February 9.—The week just closed finds the position of the government unimproved—weaker indeed if one may judge from the thoroughness displayed in attacking measures that are in any way open to controversy; while the practical accomplishments of the five parliamentary days ending Friday's exciting scenes may be recorded in very few words. The Coal Mines Regulation bill is still in abeyance although the government has time and again expressed determination to push it through; the liquor license law has been so amended as to partially correct the fatal blunders of last session and meet halfway the well founded agitation against its manifold unfairness.

The government has presented a measure for the repeal of the act excluding aliens from participation in the development of the provincial placers—and this in the face of strong endorsation of the principle of conserving natural resources for British subjects contained in a memorandum from the lieutenant-governor to his cabinet. So direct a rejection of the vice-regal wishes and judgment is perhaps unparalleled in constitutional history, or so feeble an attempt to evade this element of the responsibility involved as that put forward by Premier Semlin in his statement that the "suggestions" contained in the memorandum referred to, were not those of Lieutant-Governor McInnes, but of Mr. Thomas McInnis in his private capacity. As a matter of fact this statement is contradicted by the document itself, for it was written at "Government House," expressly directed to "My Executive Council," and signed by his honor the lieutenant governor. Very few will be prepared therefore to accept Premier Semlin's weak attempt to escape invited consequences—least of all the lieutenant-governor who is closely watching the dying struggles of the administration and may at any moment intervene to put out its misery a government which no one can deny has lost control of the political situation.

In no way is the failure of the present government to meet the necessities of the country more apparent than in the fact that virtually all the legislation thus far carried through, has been in the direction of nullifying the hasty and injudiciously conceived laws of last session, going back to the statutes as they existed during the Turner regime. The liquor license law is a pertinent illustration. First of all it has been so amended as to nullify the most flagrant errors of 1899, pointed out at the time of their enactment by the members of the opposition; then finding that even their own followers were prepared to vote with the opposition for yet further reform, particularly in the direction of reducing the rural license fees to a just basis, the finance minister presented amendments lowering the rural fee from $110 per annum to $80, and introducing the following graduated scale:

"For a wholesale license, $200 for one year; for a hotel license in a locality of upwards of 150 inhabitants not counting Chinese, Indians and Japanese, $200 for a year; for a hotel license in a locality of upwards of 50 and not exceeding 150 exclusive of Chinese, Japanese and Indians, $150 per year; and for a hotel license in a locality of 50 inhabitants or ess, $80 for one year"

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### THE WAR BULLETIN.

London 10.—A special despatch from Spearman's camp dated yesterday, says that owing to the Boer crossfire and the impossibility of entrenching Vaalkrantz, General Buller's forces withdrew.

It is believed General Buller is carrying out a succession of feints to keep the Boers occupied while other movements are being conducted elsewhere.

General Buller is once more south of the Tugela and General Macdonald is back at Modder river, A Spearman's camp despatch says Buller's movement is merely temporary—owing to determination to change tactics and operations will be resumed soon. Casualties mostly slight wounds.

All quiet at Modder river. It is beheved Gen. Methuen who has been considerable reinforced is contemplating a move against the Boers.

Modder River 10.—Lord Roberts has arrived here. He was enthusiastically cheered by the troops.

London.—War office has just issued following from general commanding at Capetown: "Clements report from Rensburg that on Friday Boers tried to turn his right flank but were beaten off Position maintained and casualties small.

Kimberley reports Boers apparently increased and have brought artillery previously used against Mafeking.

Frere Camp 11.—All quiet today British troops resting and Boers inactive.

London.—A Durban despatch says that Boer raids into Zululand are becoming frequent and the natives are liable to take a hand in the game and fight the Boers.

London 14.—Despatch from Rensburg dated the 13th says there has been hard fighting for two days at Colesberg, the Boers making great efforts to outflank the British left. The fighting at the outposts has been very severe during the last few days. On account of Eastern flank being threatened it was considered necessary for the out posts to withdraw to Rensburg.

A private telegram says Gen. Wood has moved up from Southward and seized Zout pans Drift, 40 miles south of Kimberley which he now holds. This is an important position.

A Mafeking despatch says Col. Lord Roberts promising relief in a few weeks. The garrison is game and plenty of food.

London 14.—It is officially announced that British cavalry division under General French, on Monday seized crossing on Riet River at Kekils Drift. on which 6th and 7th divisions are now camped.

Advices from Gaberones dated 4th says, artillery duel between Plumer's forces and 5,000 Boers continued all that day when British dropped two shell into the Boer fort. Boer guns have since been silent. Plumers advance checked by floods.

London 14.—General French has forced passage at Clifs drift and occupied the hills north of the river, capturing three of the enemies laargers with the supplies

General Gordon has seized Rondoval drift and a second drift between that and Clifs drift, together with two more laagers.

General Frenchs performance were brilliant and owing to rapidity of movement met slight opposition and small lesses.

London 15.—For the first time since war began the British army is inside the Boer frontier. Lord Roberts with 40,000 infantry, 7,000 cavalry and 150 guns has turned operating on Free State territory. A battle has not yet been fought but a large tactical advantage has been gained the relief of Kimberley within measureable reach and the way to Bloomfontein easy.

Durban despatch says a column of Colonial Scouts, after forced march, arrived at Eshowe Zululand, thus heading off Boer force making for that place.

London 16.—The war office reports that General French reached Kimberley Thursday evening. Following is Lord Robert's message to war office:—

"General French, with a force of artillery, cavalry and mounted infantry, reached Kimberley this evening, Thursday.

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### For Lillooet Roads.

A Lillooet Prospectors appeal to Mr. Semlin's government, with apologies to Mr. Rudyard Kipling.

When you've finished off Joe Martin, and made Turner bite the dust,
And the Chinese questions settled all complete,
You will pay some small attention to this mountain tract I trust,
And the tired man with sore and blistered feet.

He's not dressed in quite the fashion, he has many faults no doubt,
But he finds the ore that make the province richer,
And after he has found it, when he wants to take it out,
If he asks a road, he's called a chronic kicker.

Toiling, sweating, scrambling over the rocks and stones,
At night on the rough hard ground, resting his weary bones.
Tramping along in the hot sun, all the livelong day,
Give him a road for your credit sake, and don't delay.

He doesn't want a sidewalk, or a nice asphalted street,
Or a private car to ride in at his leisure,
A rather small expenditure would give him quite a treat,
And his heavy toll become almost a pleasure.
If you want to test the matter, and the real truth to seek
Get your pack and grub, and go with him tomorrow.
I'm very much mistaken if in less than half a week,
You wont vote a road, although you have borrow.

Up and down, down and up, over morass and slide,
Sometimes his grub gives out, and then he is sorely tried,
Chilled with the wind, soaked with the rain, still he is blithe and gay,
Give him a road for your credit sake, and don't, don't delay.

You don't forget to tax him, your collector takes good care
That the money's paid as soon as it falls due,
And now he wants a little back, if you only do whats fair
When an election comes he's sure to stand by you,
He's not at all vindictive, but its his opinion still
That in your frantic haste to save expense
The province and its people lose, full many a dollar bill
While you are proudly boasting, that you have saved five cents.

Stamping, kicking, bucking, the loaded cayuse go,
Now they are down in the vale, now they are up in the snow,
A wagon could carry ten times as much, and only half to pay,
So give him a road for your credit sake and don't, don't delay.

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In reference to Indian affairs in this district we learn that the Indian department or local Indian agent nas refused to allow the building of wharf and warehouse at the foot of Seaton lake. A wharf at this place is a necessity and would be a great convenience to public, and it is hoped that the matter will be attended to at once allowing the construction of the wharf to proceed. The land at both ends of the lake is taken up with reservations, outside of these places there is no available landing, although for years boats have landed at the reservatfon, and may continue to do so, but what is wanted is to erect a wharf and wharehouse to receive and store freight. The past year considerable freight has been moved up the lake and this season the quantity has increased and will continue to do so with the opening up of new Bridge river and McGillivray creek camps. Freight cannot be left at the landings very safely as it would be at the mercy of not over-scrupulous parties. The construction of a wharf would not interfere with the reserve or any one that may camp there. As a rule there are no Indians living on this ground and is often for days uninhabited. If the Indians needed the reserve, or would put it to any use, there might then be some objection for prohibiting the building of the wharf. It is to the interest of the public that a suitable place for freight be arranged at the landing and also open the reserve for the good of the general pubilc. The Indians themselves have no objection to a wharf, and we do not see why the Indian agent should have, but perhaps when the matter is placed before the head of the Indian department it may receive some consideration.

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Considerable interest is manifested in the new law which takes effect May 1, by which a number of persons are exempt from attending court as jurymen The exemptions are: members of parliament, persons over 60 years of age, government officials, civil servants, judges, magistrates, clergymen, lawyers, law students, doctors, chemists, army and naval officers on full pay, clerks, collectors and assessors of municipalities, pilots, seamen, school teachers, editors, reporters, printers, railroad men, miners, telegraph operators, militiamen, firemen and policemen. The selection of jurors devolves on the registrar of the supreme court, the government agent and a justice of the peace.

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The Semlin government is hanging together by still the majority of one—and if necessary the speakers vote. Defeat may come at any time and is daily expected by the government. It is reported that the appropriations for the interior districts are large, which indicates a general election is imminent. But it is not bait of this kind that will catch the votes of these districts as they are perfectly aware that the government in power is incompetent and is not responsible for its actions. Individual members of the government have made them come to time as by refusing any it would mean defeat. This is stable government

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LOST.—Tenders for the mail service to be established between Lillooet and Lytton, forwarded to the post office department the first week in January. Any information will be thankfully received by the residents of this section or the tenderers.

### LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

(Continued from fourth page.)

"Ottawa, February 8, 1900.

"Hon. C. A. Semlin, premier, Victoria:

"With reference to your government's offer of a contingent for service in South Africa, and in view of the possibility of similar offers being made by other provinces, the government has deemed it advisable to establish uniform conditions applicable to all such offers, and I am therefore to say that the government will cooperate with provincial governments in like manner as in the case Lord Strathcona's contingent, the military department assisting to the full strength of its machinery and officers in the work of organizing such contingents, all other costs and charges until landed in South Africa to be borne by the province making the offer. WILERID LAURIER."

It is not likely that the suggestion therein contained will be accepted and the province assume the cost of sending its men through to Capetown-although the opposition was prompt in giving guarantee of its support in any such patriotic proposal. Indeed, the government's fervid loyalty appears to have cooled remarkably, and its actions have every appearance of being influenced by a desire to drop the subject, British Columbia having gained a little cheap advertising as in the Pacific cable bluff.

Out of a clear sky and a most innocent looking resolution a veritable thunderbolt dropped into the placid arena of parliamentary debate this afternoon, and the long looked for duel of personalities between Finance Minister Cotton and his supplanted ex-colleague "Fighting Joe Martin," was on in bitter earnest. The subject of debate was Mr Helgesen's resolution of recommendation to the federal government that the naturalization of Chinese and Japanese should be restricted or prohibited,-but the question technically before the house had nothing to do with the dramatic episode that filled the lobby with the buzz of excited conversation just as soon as the incident in chief had closed, and Mr. McPhillips proceeded to debate the negative amendment he had offered to the Cariboo member's resolution, this amendment being that it would be unwise to trench upon any subject likely to embarrass Great Britain's friendly relations with Japan. Mr. Martin had debated the resolution, holding that while it was of a class of which he generally disapproved, inasmuch as the legislature should restrict itself to the business constitutionally referred to it by the B. N. A. act, in such burning questions as that treating Chinese and Japanese competition it was well for British Columbia to lose no opportunity of pressing the views and wishes of the province forward, in the hope of eventually educating the whole of Canada to a comprehensive knowledge of the facts and their relation to the working out of British Columbia's destiny. In illustration he cited the experience of Manitoba on the railway question, during his tenure as attorney-general of the prairie province; the people of the Dominion at first had not understood, but the insistence of the united province on its position, had finally won for Manitoba the sympathy and support of the eastern provinces, and victory at length crowned the provincial campaign of agitation and education.

While he was speaking Hon. Mr. Cotton swung carelessly in his chair, and when he came to speak observed that he failed to see wherein this affected the question before the house, and that it was not difficult to comprehend how Manitobians regarded Mr. Martin's career and actions in view of the manner of that gentleman's departure from the scene.

Such an opening was apparently just what Mr. Martin had longed for in order that he might bring his heaviest artillery to bear upon his ex-colleague, for inducing him to repeat his remark (the purport of which only he had at first caugh), he accused the finance minister of introducing cowardly tactics in the the debate, and inducihg Mr. Clifford (his right-hand neighbor) to propose a verbal amendment, based his retort upon this motion. He deprecated personalities in politics, declared that he had never voluntarily descended to this method of warfare, but asserted that now he had been attacked he proposed to reply in kind and show no mercy. He had left Manitoba under no cloud of dishonor; he had frequently revisited the province coming to British Columbia in 1897; he still had large property interests there; he was at liberty to go and come in that province as freely as in British Columbia; he never had any creditors from Manitoba seeking him in British Columbia for satisfaction; he had to recourse to locking his clamorous creditors in a room while he escaped from them by freight train between two suns; he could go back to Manitoba when he chose and without fear of arrest; he never had been capiased: he defied the minister of finance to say as much with regard to his experience in Colorado, from which state he had come to British Columbia.

Mr. Cotton attempted to plead that the tenor of his interjections had been misunderstood by Mr. Martin, but Mr. Martin would not admit it—he was direct in his allegations of cowardice on Hon. Mr. Cotton's part and so persisted in his declaration that Hon. Mr. Cotton's creditors had been after him since his arrival in British Columbia, that he (Cotton) had defrauded honest men in Colorado, and that he dared not go back to that state. On several occasions the speaker threatened to "name the member" for defiance of the chair. Ultimately being restricted to the discussion of the amendment to the resolution, Mr. Martin announced that he would move for a select committee of inquiry into the "criminal conduct" of the ministe of finance during his residence in Colorado with an intimation that he had personally investigated the subject and would be prepared to substantiate his charges.

The Helgesen resolution carried, an amendment proposed by Mr. Helmcken being negatived on the declaration by the premier that the government had already moved in the same direction, namely, to induce the federal government to introduce restrictive legislation on the lines of the Natal act, as suggested by the colonial secretary, Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, in correspondence to the governor-general on the subject of disallowance.


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And a man's shut away from from good God's light,
From the blush of dawn to the hush of night;
Where a child's merry laugh, or a bird's low trill,
Never can fall like a light, ripping rill
To sing to the miner of cheer in his home
And ring in his heart like an old love tone.
A drill makes the music that rings in his ears,
But a candle's the charmer to drive away fears,
Down deep underground where grim shadows are thick—
Here's to you always, my old candlestick!

Aye, many's the time we have had here at night
When darkness was playing tag with the light,
Where the flecked clouds of quartz and the glint of gold
Spun themselves into dreams that cannot be told.
You're a weapon of war for the skulking foe—
My one friend that sticks, wherever I go.
Yes, grimy the hands are that swing the old pick,
But while there's yet life to our post we will stick.
The swing of the hammer, the ring of the drill,
Are ear to the soul of the miner still;
But mem'ries that stir me, and prove to the quick,
Are all twined about you, my old candlestick.

—L. Clare Davis, Stockton, Cal.

### A Discovery of Canada.

We have made greater strides than Canada, but Canada is now moving along the same lines to populousness and prosperity, and is showing remarkable progress. Canada is highly favored under its union with Great Britain. She has all the powerful protection of the crown and it does not cost her a penny. Canada regulates her trade with Great Britain just as independently as she does with any other nation, and provides her own legislature. She has really protection and independence coexisting. Our facilities for putting Canada's products in all markets reached by our steamship lines are excellent, and Canada avail of these advantages in no small degree. Canada is a wonderful country in minerals, in lumber, in fisheries, in stock raising, in agriculture, in furs, and the development in the fields has scarcely begun, and the territory is as yet sparsely settled, but population is seeking its boundaries largely, and the coming year must show a material increase.—New York Stockholder.

### One Good Turn Deserves Another.

General Russell A. Alger is quoted as saying:—'It is understood that it is unpatriotic for any American citizen to seek to stir up division among the American people as to pro-Boer and anti-Boer, and as to pro-English and anti-English. The English government and the English people kept their hands off and their mouths closed in 1898, when we were fighting with Spain, and I believe this country ought to be as decent in 1900 as England was two years ago."

### Manitoba Politics.

The recount of ballots cast at the recent Winnipeg by-election was concluded on Monday and A. W. Puttee, labor candidate, was declared elected by 8 majority over E. D. Martin, brother of Joseph Martin, M. P. P., who was at first declared elected by 49 majority. The final figures give Mr. Puttee 2,431 and Mr. Martin 2,423

For the benefit of those who are curious to know what pay the volunteers for the Strathcona Horse will receive, it may be said that until the corps arrive in South Africa mounted police pay will prevail, which is as follows: Private 50 cents per diem, corporal 85 cents, sergeant $1, sergeant-major $1.50. On arriving in Africa the line cavalry scale be paid, which is: Private one shilling and two pence, corporal two shillings, sergeant two shillings and 8 pence, troop sergeant-major three shillings and 10 pence, squadron sergeant-major four shillings and four pence. This may be supplemented by a grant from the Canadian government sufficient to bring the pay up to that paid by the Canadian militia, which is about the same as the mounted police rate.

A very sensible order recently issued by General Buller to his men reads as follows: "A flag of truce will mean nothing unless the enemy halt, lay down their arms and throw up their hands immediately." This means that the British have at last discovered that the Boer ideas of military honor are about as crude as their personal habits are, not to put too fine a point upon it, dirty.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, under whose department is the control of Indian affairs, announces ehat a government school for Indian children in British Columbia is to be established at Mission. Mr. Aulay Morrison, M. P. for New Westminster district, has been making strong representations to the government in connection with the matter.


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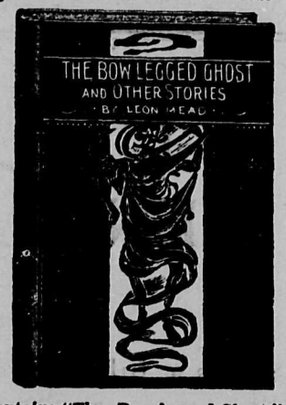


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## LOCAL ITEMS.

Wm. and Albert Brett came down from McGillivray the first of the week.

Dr. Sanson returned to town Friday evening after an absence of several days on professional business.

Wm. Young, M. Coughlin and Wm. Ferguson left town last Saturday morning for Bridge River, to remain a few weeks.

Mr. Fred H. Nelson who has been running the Cargile house at Ashcroft will take over the Hat Creek house about the first of March.

Mr. P. Barnhart of the Cosmopolitan hotel, Kamloops, has taken over the Grand Pacific hotel of the same place and will hereafter conduct both houses.

Mr. C. E. Robson, of the firm of Anthony & Robson, general merchants, Lytton, and Mr. D. Rabbitt of Enderby, spent a day in town this week on business.

R. A. Hume and W. J. Stockand returned from McGillivray Creek Tuesday evening after an absence of about a week prospecting claims and looking over that section.

T. S. Brett has moved his family into D. Sutherland's house near the Church of England. Their infant child that has been ill of late, is very little better although there is a chance of its recovery.

The concert which was advertised for Wednesday evening the 14th, in Santini's hall, was postponed and will be held on Tuesday evening 20th. All tickets purchased will be good for the concert Tuesday evening.

The machinery for the McGillivray Creek mill is about all at the mouth of the creek and is being taken up the mountain to the mine. The mill building will be completed this week and everything will be in readiness to instal the machinery.

R. T. Ward left last Sunday for Ashcroft and will go to the coast where he expects to meet California parties, who will return with him and look over the Brett property with the view of taking up the bond which Mr. Ward has on the property. They will probably arrive in Lillooet about the end of next week.

A week ago last Tuesday Mr. Arthur Martley sent by an Indian, a horse for a party in Lillooet. On arriving in town and not finding the party for whom the horse was intended, the Indian tied the animal up in his stable where the horse remained for eight days without food or water. Mr. Martley on his arrival in town on Wednesday of this week found his horse still tied in the stable and in a very precarious condition.

Last Thursday over one hundred "rough riders" were examined at Kamloops by Sergeant Wilson of the Northwest Mounted police. The medical examination also the riding and shooting was very strict. About a dozen were selected and left last Sunday for the east where they will join the rest who have already gone. From this section those were accepted were James Fisher, P. Oldham, A. Radwell, Hat creek, Lord Edward Seymour and C. R. Wilson of Chilocoten. John Robson of Lytton left last week for Calgary and was successful in passing. Two well known men here, Henry Cargile and A. C. Minty were unsuccessful on account of height and not being a crack shot.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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The member for West Lillooet announced that his reason for bringing forward this amendment was that by appointing the government agents and stipendiary magistrates, or some other proper persons, as liquor license inspectors, better results would be obtained. These gentlemen were not, in the exercise of their duties, brought into so close contact with those engaged in the liquor traffic as provincial constables, and in that respect were in a much better poiition to act as inspectors. As he read the act, it conferred no police power upon inspectors; their only duties were in connection with the examination of premises when a license was applied for, and reporting to the commissioners the fitness of the premises and the applicants for license privileges, and as to any complaints that might have been made to them. As inspectors they had no right to enter licensed premises to perform any police duty, or make complaint any more than any other citizen. He therefore could not agree with those members of the house who apparently concluded that the duties of an inspector required to be performed by a police officer.

Among other general business of the week, the rejection of Mr. Joseph Martin's bill for the legalization of champerty, took a prominent place; this being a measure in the direction of permitting legal practitioners to go shares with clients on the profits of cases won, a system which it was agreed by a majority of the house, would work havoc with mining and other property rights, result in the demoralization of the profession of law and put a premium upon professional blackmailing.

A national and international note was sounded in the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Chilcat Pass Railway, Mr. Joseph Martin warning the government and the house against hasty chartering of northern roads, lest unintentional conflict should be occasioned with the federal policy incidental to the settlement of the Alaskan boundary question.

Another interesting debate of the unbusinesslike week arose upon the resolution which Captain Irving moved, seconded by Mr Ellison, that "In the opinion of this house it is a menace to parliamentary institutions for the speaker to attend party caucuses."

In the course of this debate the premier alone was prepared to acquiesce in the practice sought to be condemned, holding it to be unobjectionable and not calculated to injuriously affect the impartiality of the speaker or the confidence in him of the united house. Even Mr, Speaker Forster himself tacitly confessed it to be in his opinion an undesirable practice, for while he admitted that he had attended some caucuses, he also intimated that he had ceased to do so—and it was largely upon this declaration apparently, that the resolution was allowed to be negatived, the principle enunciated being undoubtedly approved by the house, and in accordance with the practice in all British parliamentary bodies. In the course of the debate upon this resolution Colonel Baker took issue most emphatically with the premier, holding that for the speaker to attend a party caucus was not only unseemly, but in violation of the spirit if not the letter of his oath.

Another matter of concern for both sides of the house is the government's continued apathy in connection with the offer of British Columbia troops for South Africa. Day after day passes and the only information that can be drawn from Premier Semlin is that the matter of the B. C. offer is still being considered. Late this afternoon he read to the house the following telegram:

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